



THE S'KLALLAM VIEW

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

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Tribal Elections

Positions Open:

Chairman: *Currently held by Jeromy Sullivan*

Council II: *Currently held by Francine Swift*

Council III: *Currently held by Chad Sullivan*

Council IV: *Vacant - One Year Term*

Date of Elections

Regular elections of members of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Council will be held on Monday, July 11, 2011.

Eligible Voters

Only members who are over the age of eighteen (18) years and who have registered to vote shall be eligible to vote.

Registration Voters – deadline July 11, 2011

A person may register to vote at any time, including election day, by completing a registration card and filing it with the Election Committee. If a person does not vote for three (3) consecutive years, his or her registration shall expire and the person shall be required to re-register prior to voting.

Absentee Voters – deadline July 9, 2011

All persons wishing to vote by absentee shall submit to the Election

Committee, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Saturday immediately preceding election day, a written application for a ballot. Persons voting by absentee ballot shall mail or deliver their ballots to the Election Committee no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Saturday immediately preceding election day.

Notice of Intent to Run - deadline June 10, 2011

All candidates for tribal office must be members and eligible voters of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. At least thirty (30) days prior to each regular election, any person desiring to be a candidate must either file a written statement with the Election Committee declaring his intention to run for a particular office or be nominated for an office by the General Council at a special meeting called for that purpose. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) office in each annual election.

The New Probation Department

Accountability in the Community Court: The New Probation Department

In the last year the Tribal Community Court has created a new probation department, with Ed Barnhart working as our adult probation officer. Recently we have been able to add a female officer, Tribal member Brenda Smith. Not only does Probation have new staff, it has some new programs as well.

First — Probation helps monitor defendants after their arrest and before trial. Often, especially if the alleged offense is drug or alcohol related, the defendant is released (on personal recognizance or bail) and ordered not to use any non-prescribed drugs or drink alcohol. In the past no one monitored that. Now the probation staff are available to do random observed UA's for these folks. People on pre trial release are not presumed to have done the alleged crime so they are not on probation but they are required to be clean and sober so are asked to meet with probation officers to provide UA's. Positive UA's will be reported to the court as will not coming in to do the required UA's. Either may result in the defendant going to jail.

Second — Defendants are usually placed on probation after they accept a plea bargain and plead guilty. The deal usually suspends some jail time and/or fines. If the defendant completes probation the suspended jail and fines go away. If they have probation violations (like not meeting with the probation officers, treatment providers or positive

UA's) the defendant may be ordered to do some short stints in jail to get their attention and to hopefully refocus them on changing their behavior.

What's new? Research shows that jail time is not very effective in changing behavior but immediate and certain consequences, even short jail stays, can be. As a result, probation will be working on imposing immediate consequences for violations, most likely a day or two in jail and/or community service hours that must be completed immediately. Probation is now requiring regular UA's and check ins, and there will be immediate sanctions for positive UA's and missed appointments. For example 1-3 jail days and/or community service, and if the community service is not done in a matter of days, jail may be imposed.

Third — Probation will begin to prepare pre-sentence reports to help our judge in determining the appropriate sentence for a defendant. This is an opportunity for our judge and prosecutor to get input from the community about the individual so probation will be gathering that input from Tribal agencies and family members.

Probation's job is to help the Tribe hold defendant's accountable. Defendants will be strongly encouraged to change their behavior, and supported in those efforts, so they can successfully complete their probation and move on with their lives.

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The launch of PortGambleBay.com!

We're proud to announce the launch of PortGambleBay.com!

This site was prepared to educate the general public about the efforts underway to protect and restore Port Gamble Bay. It is also intended to provide background on the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's historical and cultural connections to the Bay and the town of Port Gamble.

We invite you and your family and friends to explore the site and let us know what you think. Please send any comments on this new website to ginger@quinnbrein.com.

There are a number of exciting things underway in the campaign for Port Gamble Bay. Watch this space in the coming months for updates and announcements!

Port Gamble Bay is not just part of our home, it is a part of our culture, our way of life that should be enjoyed by the generations to follow.



Professional Fireworks Show

10 pm July 2nd

at Point Julia

Due to safety parameters parking space at the beach will be limited and access will be closed from 9 pm until show is over.

NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS ALLOWED



WIC is a proven, cost effective public health program

By: Kahti DeWilde, RD, CD, WIC Program Coordinator

What is WIC?

WIC – the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children – is a community-based public health nutrition program that promotes healthy habits early when they make the most powerful difference in the lifelong health of a child.

Who does WIC serve?

Families eligible for WIC have a limited income and a medical or nutrition need. WIC clients are:

- Pregnant, breastfeeding and post-partum women
- Children under age 5

What does WIC provide?

- Education on nutrition and physical activity
- Breastfeeding support
- Nutritious foods
- Referrals to preventive health and social services

What foods are provided by WIC?

- A variety of foods high in calcium, iron, protein, folic acid, and vitamin A, C, and D:
- Milk and cheese
Low-sugar/high-iron cereals
- Peanut butter
High-vitamin C fruit juices
- Eggs
- Dried beans, peas, lentils
- Carrots
- Infant formula when needed
- Tuna

Now families participating in WIC can use checks to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain breads and tortillas, tofu, and soy beverages – more healthy options! The WIC

Farmers Nutrition Program makes locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables available to WIC families.

How does WIC make a difference?

Reduces premature births and infant mortality
Increases breastfeeding and immunization rates
Reduces child abuse and neglect
Supports healthy development and early learning
Helps prevent chronic health problems like diabetes, asthma and childhood obesity.

Supporting breastfeeding is WIC's top priority

Breastfeeding is best for babies and all pregnant women and new mothers in WIC are encouraged to breastfeed. Almost 85 percent of WIC moms do – more every year. Trained staff and peer counselors support them through the beginning stages, and offer breast pumps to help mothers who return to school or work continue breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding lowers baby's risk of infections, diarrhea, SIDS, obesity, diabetes, asthma, and childhood leukemia.

Each breastfed baby saves \$450 to 41450 per year in medical costs.

For every 1,000 newborns who are not breastfed, there are 2,033 more doctor visits, and 212 more hospital days compared to babies breastfed for three months.

Helping mothers to breastfeed is an important obesity prevention effort. Breastfed children are less likely to suffer from childhood obesity.

Breastfeeding also strengthens the bond between mother and baby.

If you have any questions regarding the WIC Program, or would like to enroll, please call 360-297-9635 for an appointment.

Around the Reservation . . .

Congratulations to

Carol Fulton

Congratulations to Carol Fulton and Robert Atkins on the birth of their son. Robert Johnny Clark Atkins was born May 9, weighing in at an even 8 pounds and measuring 19 and a half inches long.



Bill Jones

Congratulations are in order for Bill Jones. Bill just passed the water operator certification exam Level I with an excellent score of 86. Bill is now recognized by the State of Washington and EPA as a Certified Water Operator. Way to go Bill!

Jarod Woodruff

Thursday evening, April 28th, Critter Ridders and Bird Electric of North Kitsap Little League faced off against each other in what would become one of the most memorable games of one player's life. The Critter Ridders pitching coach, Mike Jones, sent 12-year-old Jarod DeCoteau to the mound. Each opposing batter was promptly sent back to the bench as Jarod struck them out, one after another, as he proceeded on to an impressive no-hitter. The second batter of the second inning was able to wrangle a base-on-balls out of the relentless pitcher. That walk turned out to be the only thing standing between Jarod and a perfect game.



Coach Steve Kriss was thrilled with Jarod's accomplishment, only the second no-hitter by one of his players in his 23 years of coaching.

Jarod is the son of Jonelle DeCoteau and Rick Woodruff. He resides with his mother in Little Boston and attends Kingston Middle School.

Around the Reservation . . .

Welcome Home Duane

Duane D. Aikman III, a member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, comes from a long line of hard working people. The Aikman family has worked collectively as commercial fisherman for generations. Duane takes part in traditional clambakes, and helps with harvesting crab, shrimp, oysters and clams.

Duane also comes from of the southern band of Blackfeet (Omskapii Pikunii) located on 1.5 million acres in Northwest Montana near Glacier National Park. His traditional name is Elk Running (Ponoka Muh-ka). He has attended workshops across Canada and Montana where he shared traditional stories and performed a combination of traditional and contemporary music. Duane recognizes the significance of learning his Coastal and Plains heritage.

Currently enrolled in Polson Middle School, in Polson, Montana, Duane holds a 3.2 GPA that earned him honor roll status each consecutive quarter of the 2010-11 school year. He participates in football and basketball. He volunteered for the Lake County Relay for Life and the Boys and Girls Club by helping to raise money for cancer research. Duane is an outstanding student, friend and family member who will be missed as he returns to Washington for the 2011-2012 school year.

Please take time to welcome Duane home to Little Boston and congratulate him for another great year of academics, athletics and personal accomplishment.



News & Updates

Third Annual Bite of Boston>>>

The Third Annual Bite of Boston was held in the tribal kitchen on March 18th. It was a huge success raising over \$1000 for the Tribal Food Bank. There were sixteen booths sponsored by various tribal programs. Workers prepared and sold everything from salads to delicious desserts and even full meals including turkey dinners, sweet and sour pork, Thai plates, and pork tacos. The Accounting Department assisted by selling the tickets.

The Tribal Legal Department just edged out the Family Assistance Program by taking in the most tickets. Thank you to all the programs who gave their time and effort and to those who attended and sampled the food. Not only did employees and community members enjoy some delicious food, but your support made it possible to purchase more food for the Tribal Food Bank and ultimately feed more families in need.

Got Asthma?>>>

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Asthma Home Visit Program

In Washington, Native Americans and Alaska Natives have the highest rates of asthma. In our

community 1 in 4 children and 13% of adults currently have asthma.

The Port Gamble S'Klallam clinic was awarded a 4 year grant to start an asthma home visit program.

Who does the program serve?

- Adults & children who are diagnosed with asthma
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal members and their partners who live on the reservation.

What does the program offer?

- An opportunity to improve your or your child's asthma
- Five home visits, about 1 hour in length each
- Ideas about how to make small changes in your home that can reduce asthma symptoms
- An asthma action plan
- Time with a nurse to talk about asthma medications and their proper use

When does the program begin?

- In March 2011 asthma home visits will begin
- Gifts will be given at each visit

Sign-up now, space is limited:

**Call the Clinic at
(360)-297-2840**

April Calendar>>>

April - Time for Horsetail

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

- April 7 – Allstars
- Tuesday, April 12 - Tribal Council Meeting
- Thursday, April 14 – Law & Order Committee Meeting
- Friday, April 15 - Point No Point Treaty Day (observed)
- Tuesday, April 26 - Tribal Council Finance Meeting
- Wednesday, April 27 - Utility Board Meeting
- Tuesday, April 19 – Lot Committee Meeting

Asthma Home Visit Staff:

Staci Gunnell, Tammy Sullivan, & Mary Trevathan

