

THE PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2019 EDITION



Congratulations to the 2019 Graduating Students: Alyssa Guthrie, Avery Herrman-Sakamoto, Holli Davis, Avery Skeek, Tayla Heppe, Matthew Espeseth, and George Skeek.

Shawls made by Council Member Maryann Rainey

Photo by Susan Harai

EXCITING CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP



The Petersburg Indian Association is excited to announce the appointment of new Tribal Council President Cris Morrison. Cris has served on the Council for two years. She is Tlingit and has been a Petersburg resident all her life. Cris and her husband have three children and three grandchildren who also reside in Petersburg. We look forward to her guidance and leadership in her new role.



Former Council President, Tracy Welch, has stepped down from her Council Seat and has taken on the role of our Tribal Administrator. Tracy has been on the Tribal Council since the 2017 Election, and Tribal President since August of 2017. Tracy is proud to call herself a Turtle Mountain Chippewa. She is a licensed attorney in the state of Oregon. She received her undergrad education at The University of Notre Dame and received her law degree at the University of Oregon. Tracy grew up in Petersburg, and has spent 28 years of her life commercial fishing. We are very pleased to welcome her to the PIA Staff!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 15, 2019

BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

if you have signed up for a free backpack, please attend the distribution.

6pm in the PIA Conference Room

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

PIA COUNCIL MEETING

Please join us on the first Monday of every month (excluding holidays) for our monthly Council Meeting.

6pm in the PIA Conference Room

CLOSURES

The Petersburg Indian Association will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays:

September 2, October 14 & 18th

BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION NIGHT!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 p.m.

AVAILABLE ONLY TO THOSE WHO
SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS!



WORKING NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CAREER PATHS

The Working Natural Resource Management Career Paths Program is a grant that PIA received to employ Tribal Youth to learn about the different career paths available in the Natural Resource Management field in Petersburg. This was a 6 week paid program where 3 youth and their supervisor explored different career paths with various organizations in Petersburg. Some examples of the activities were land surveys, archaeology, Fish Pass Repair, Stock Assessments, commercial fisheries and business side of fisheries.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to the following people and organizations:

Joni Johnson, Carin Christensen, Eric Castro, Jane Smith, Gina Esposito, George Bissett, Ken Thynes, Rob Smith, Eric Johnson, Joey Boggs, and the United States Forest Service. Jeff Meucci, Jeff Rice, Erik Larson, Lito Skeek, Alisa Jestel, Joe Stratman, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

We would also like to thank Loren Thompson from the hatchery, Sunny Rice from the Alaska Marine Advisory Program, Brandon Thynes and Nick Romano from PIA, Christina Sargent from the Community Garden, Cody Litster from the Alaska State Troopers, Jarod Cook from NOAA, Leigh Engle and Danny Khor from the Sitka Tribe, Lori Roberts from Icicle Seafoods, and Dave Ohmer from Trident.

HOUSING

A LETTER FROM OUR NEW HOUSING ASSISTANT

Hello, my name is Savann Guthrie and I am the new Housing Assistant at PIA. I started work on April 1, 2019 and I am loving my new job. Part of my job is to help Angela Davis in administration of the Eagle Raven Apartments along with the day to day running of the complexes.

The part I'm most excited about is being able to assist our elders and others in applying for the different grants that we have to get work done on their homes and help them with heating.

At the end of April 2019 we had the Healthy Homes Grant application that was due. I personally was able to assist, with Angela's help, our tribal elders and families to apply for this grant. We are very excited to see what the future holds.

The learning curve for my new job is huge, but I'm eager to stretch my brain and learn new things. In my short time here, I have found that grants and housing issues can be confusing, frustrating and complicated. I may not always have the answers if you come in or call, but I vow to do my best to get answers for you. My office is located right behind the main reception area. My hours starting September 1, 2019 will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm with a lunch break from 1pm-2pm. You can reach me via e-mail at housingassistant@piatribal.org or at the PIA office at 772-3636.

I look forward to getting to you know you better and helping you with housing issues. Gunalcheesh for this opportunity.

INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IGAP)



Noctiluca is a dinoflagellate that can be bioluminescent at night.



On July 3rd during the first clam survey done with Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) and the PIA Natural Resource Management Team we found a dead octopus at 5.5 mile Mitkof Hwy.

Tobacco Prevention and Control

It has been a busy couple of months for TPC! We had a presence at the Mayfest and 4th of July celebrations downtown. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to chat and learn about our mission. We were able to attend the Early Childhood Development Fair in April to talk about the dangers that secondhand smoke poses to kids. We were grateful to be able to participate in Girls on the Run and the Circle of Life Run with WAVE. Our responsibility was the sign making table, where families could make signs to cheer on their runner!

Our coloring program with the Petersburg Police Department continues with rave reviews from their staff and higher up in the state correctional departments. Earth Day was celebrated with a cigarette butt pickup at several locations including Sandy Beach, the Ferry Terminal and Eagles Roost Park. On top of that, we have held monthly cigarette butt pickups at locations like the airport trail, downtown, PIA, the hospital and Hammer and Wikan. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

The Step to Be Tobacco Free Pedometer Challenge and Logo Contest were a great success! We had a great turnout of over 140 participants. The winning logo was created by Jolys Lopez and Althea Malone. Our winners for the Pedometer Challenge include Damon Bradford, Lucy Peterson, Devon and Alyssa Guthrie, Darla Mattingly, Rachel Cramer, Barry Bracken and the Kerr Family. Thank you to all of our participants for making this contest a continued success.

For the month of July, we started a community wide coloring contest. Participants were awarded with a free 12 punch pass to Parks and Rec! The product of their creativity can be seen in our window. Stop by and check them out!



TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), is a Federal Highway program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs by a program agreement with PIA. The program addresses the needs of PIA's shared transportation facilities: road, trail, harbor, bike path, sidewalk, and termini shelters through maintenance and construction projects. PIA has partnerships with the Petersburg Borough, State of Alaska, and the US Forest Service to carry out PIA's transportation objectives. The purpose of the program is to provide safe and adequate transportation access to and within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and Alaska Native Village communities.



In the spring the PIA TTP crew finished up improving the Hungry Point Gravel Trail

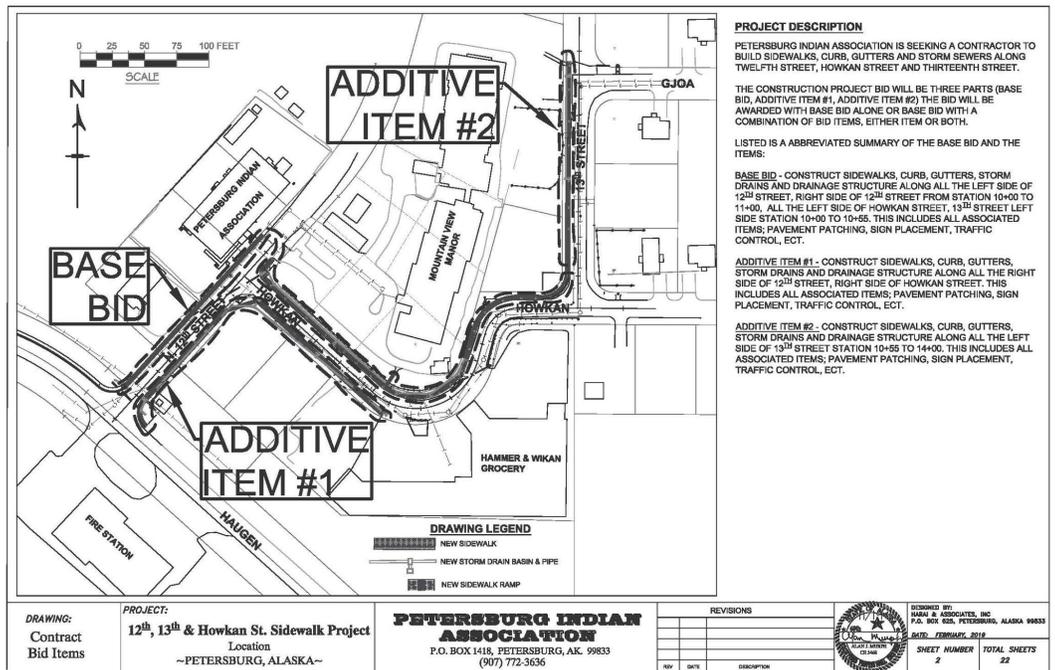


Mountain View Manor Boardwalk materials have arrived. Construction to begin this fall.



Summer work on the US Forest Service Grading and Brushing project.

12th St, 13th St, Howkan St, Sidewalk Plan. PIA will bid out this project state wide this fall.



Johnson O'Malley Program

The JOM Program has been busy planning for the 2019 Culture Camp! This years Community Culture Camp will feature drum making, paddle making, rattle making, song and dance, traditional food and more for youth. The adult portion of this camp will demonstrate traditional food preparation, song and dance, storytelling, canning and more.

JOM helped to provide shawls for the 2019 Graduating Students. The shawls were made by Maryann Rainey, PIA Council Member.



Culture on Display



Our culture was well presented by the Petersburg dance group in the 4th of July Parade.

This mural was created by Sam Wood and restored by Janine Gibbons. Restoration made possible by the "Healthy is Here" Grant from the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. The mural hangs on the side of the Alps building, a beautiful addition to downtown Petersburg.



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