

# THE PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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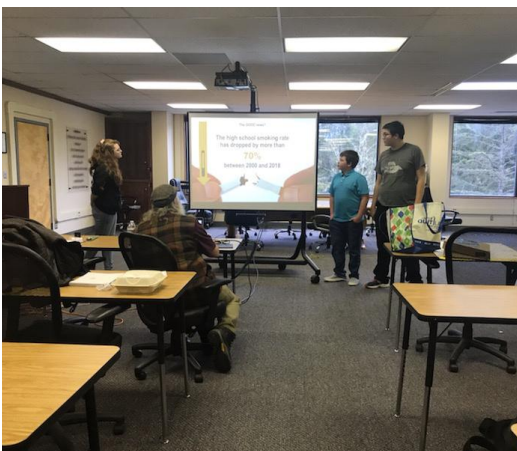
Congratulations to our Class of 2020 Seniors! From Left to Right: Adam Ware, Nina McCay, Heather Berkley, Kate Bissett, and Gunnar Payne.

## PETERSBURG'S TEEN AMBASSADORS



Charlie Ess from RuralCap in Anchorage stopped by to train 3 talented teens to become Teen Ambassadors! Research has shown that engaging young people in tobacco control issues is a strategy in changing social norms and preventing the initiation of tobacco use. The YEAH Teen Ambassadors strive to educate the community on the impacts of tobacco, and support tobacco free areas. They empower their peers to make a difference in their communities. Thank you to teens Adam Perry, Devon Guthrie and Rebecca Fisher for their hard work and dedication towards this project!

Interested in becoming a Teen Ambassador? Call Tori at 772-3636 or email [tpce@piatribal.org](mailto:tpce@piatribal.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **POSTPONED**

A DAY AT THE MOVIES / TAKING DOWN TOBACCO

### **TBD**

FORMLINE DESIGN CLASS

### **POSTPONED**

HEALTH FAIR FUN RUN/WALK

MARCH 18, 2020

2020 CENSUS EVENT

Stop by PIA between the hours of 11-2 or 4-6 to fill out the 2020 Census Questionnaire and take home a free boxed lunch. Lunch will be catered by the Salty Pantry!

APRIL 6, MAY 4, & JUNE 1, 2020

PIA COUNCIL MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Council Meeting from 6-8pm in the PIA Conference Room.

JUNE 18, 2020

TRIBAL WELLNESS COLLABORATIVE

We invite you to the Tribal Wellness Collaborative Meeting, where we discuss one common goal: to enhance the health and wellness of the native community. 3:30pm in the PIA Conference Room.

## CLOSURES

The Petersburg Indian Association will be closed on the following dates:

March 30, April 10, May 22 and May 25.

\*\*Please note that there will be NO transit service during these dates.

# Tribal Transportation Program (TTP)



*Ron Ware, PIA Paratransit driver assists passenger Morgan Falter onto the bus.*

The PIA Paratransit bus continues operation daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This bus service is offered to the general public age 60 years or older and persons with disabilities. The service area for the bus is between Sandy Beach Park and Scow Bay Loop Road. The service is free to the rider and caregiver. Call or text a day in advance to schedule your ride at 907-650-7788 or email us at: [transit@piatribal.org](mailto:transit@piatribal.org).



This summer and fall there will be construction of a new sidewalk along 12th street, Howkan street and 13th street. The sidewalk will be from Haugen Street to Tlingit and Haida Housing (intersection of Howkan and 13th street). This project will address pedestrian safety issues in a high traffic area.

TTP maintenance has been working on trail maintenance of the Hungry Point gravel trail and snow removal around fire hydrants. This spring TTP will be blading Forest Service roads and after completion will begin construction of the Mountain View Manor boardwalk.

## Tribal Comprehensive Plan Update

The plan addresses five priorities identified by the Tribe, which include childcare, culture revitalization, affordable housing, job training and education, and drug and alcohol treatment. Staff has been holding community meetings, talking with community organizations and reaching out directly to Tribal Citizens to get their input. The goal is to create a document that will guide the Tribe for years to come!

## Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)



We will be collecting clean, stripped Seine and Gill net, floating line and old buoys to be recycled.

Have questions or need more info? Please call 907-772-3636 and ask for Brandon.





# Education



Have you been thinking of your future? Trying to plan for a steady career? PIA has funding available for Tribal Members who want to further their education with a program that will give you a certificate. Become a medical assistant, plumber, welder, mechanic, nurse, etc. Contact us to apply!

## Attention Seniors!



The PIA scholarship applications are due on **April 24th, 2020**.

Petersburg Indian Association supports and encourages students of Alaska Native and American Native descent through gaining the skills and knowledge they need for a bright future through college or vocational/technical training opportunities. Student selection will be based upon the application packet indicating why they would like to be considered for this scholarship. To apply or for more information, please contact Kara at 772-3636, [ga@piatribal.org](mailto:ga@piatribal.org), or stop by the office.

APRIL IS  
NATIONAL  
CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION  
MONTH



**National Child Abuse Prevention Month** recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

# NOTICES

2020 STEP TO BE TOBACCO FREE  
PEDOMETER CHALLENGE

## LOGO CONTEST

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

### PAST WINNERS:



### GUIDELINES:

\*All community members welcome to enter  
\*Logo must include the words "Step to Be Tobacco Free"

\*Design should have a tobacco-free and Tribal theme

\*Designs may have a max. of 3 colors

\*Winning artist gets a sweatshirt with their design printed on it

\*The winning logo will be featured on t-shirts of event participants, in the newspaper, and on social media

The winner will be announced on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020. Entries should be emailed to [tpc@piatribal.org](mailto:tpc@piatribal.org)

For more information:  
Tori at 772-3636



## The PIA BASIC NEEDS PROJECT

DIKÉEX' WOOC HAYILSHÁAT  
(HOLD EACH OTHER UP)

\*Available for enrolled PIA Members starting on January 7, 2020

How it works: For a suggested donation of \$5.00, you fill out an application and take home \$25+ (actual amount depends on household size) worth of items!

Examples of items available: diapers, infant formula, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, and more.

Fill out your application today!

Questions? Contact Tori @ 772-3636

In collaboration with ANB/ANS and the Arts Council, we were able to host the 2020 Elizabeth Peratrovich Day Celebration. The day started with a parade and ended with song, dance, food and celebration. A big thank you to the Wrangell dance group who came to participate in the festivities!



Native households are at risk of being under counted in the 2020 Census. Alaska Natives have been under counted for decades. Many programs that benefit the Native community are funded based on census-driven data. It is vital that Native households participate in the census.

An under count of our state in 2020 means Alaska will not receive its full share of federal funding for the next 10 years. In the face of increasing state and local budget constraints, we cannot afford an under count in 2020.

The Native American or Alaska Native in the home must be listed as head of household. Failure to do so will result in less funding for your community and programs such as Head Start, WIC, TANF, and SNAP!

For more information, go to [alaskacounts.org](http://alaskacounts.org) or contact Barb at 772-3636.



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