

THE PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2019 EDITION



PIA Paratransit Inaugural Ride: Driver Victor Trautman, Barb Erickson, Driver Ron Ware, Brenda Louise, Donna Martinsen, Mary Ann Rainey, Brenda Norheim, and Driver Mika Hasbrouck.

PIA PARATRANSIT BUS SERVICE BEGINS



On December 2, 2019, the Tribal Transportation Program began taking passengers on our brand new Paratransit Bus. All elders 60 years of age and older and those with disabilities are invited to ride the bus. It is free of charge to the passenger and their caregiver. It is required that you call a day ahead of time to schedule your ride. The van is available 7 days a week from 9am to 4pm. The service area stretches from Scow Bay Loop Road to Sandy Beach Park.

PIA
PETERSBURG
PARATRANSIT

Call 907-650-7788 for a reservation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 6, 2020

PIA ELECTION

JANUARY 7, 2020

PIA BASIC NEEDS PROJECT

JANUARY 13, 2020

PIA COUNCIL MEETING

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

6-8pm in the PIA Conference Room

CLOSURES

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

December 21-29, January 1, February 14 and 17, and March 30.

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Fill out your application today!

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TRIBAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

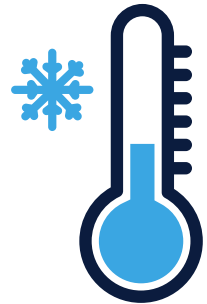
The past couple of months have consisted of research and focus group meetings. The five areas of importance, as identified by Tribal Citizens in previous sessions include the following: culture, education/job training, housing, childcare, and drug/alcohol treatment.

In December, there was a Tribal Visioning Meeting held at PIA to discuss what the tribe was looking to accomplish in years to come. Housing and education were the hot topics, with many members wanting to create more unity between the school and PIA.

HOUSING

Below are some tips to keep your home warm, without breaking the bank in heating & repair costs costs.

- *Disconnect your water hose outside and be sure to turn the water spigot off.
- *Make sure you know where your water shut off valve is in case pipes do break.
- *The places where walls meet floor or ceiling and where doors and windows open are places where heat can leak out. Be proactive, and keep your weather stripping and caulk handy as the temperatures drop in case you find air leaks.
- *Make sure windows are well sealed.
- *When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from any faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.



- *Apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
 - The program provides a one-time benefit to eligible households to assist with home energy heating costs. The amount of the benefit is determined by household income, household size, fuel type, and geographic location.
 - If you are legally disabled or over age 60, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) will process your Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) application beginning November 1, 2019. Applications for the general public will be processed beginning December 1, 2019 through May 15, 2020.
 - Applications are available on the THRHA website and at the PIA Office. Savann Guthrie, housing assistant, can assist with the application process.

INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IGAP)



Sealife Compost Tea is available for sale at the PIA Office. The purpose of the tea is to promote healthy and lush plants and plant growth. This tea is made locally by the PIA IGAP Program with all-natural materials. This tea is for plants and not for human consumption. Cost: \$12.00 plus tax per box. 1 box contains 12 individual tea bags.



Tobacco Prevention and Control

In October, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (TPC) was invited to attend the Beat The Odds Race Against Cancer. TPC provided information on lung and various other cancers in relation to tobacco use. The program also celebrated the 1 year Anniversary of the Smokefree Air Law at the gym with bounce houses! In November, TPC teamed up with WAVE and assisted with Let Me Run. Let Me Run inspires boys through the power of running to be courageous enough to be themselves, to build healthy relationships, and to live an active lifestyle.

In November, TPC had the Great American Smokeout Art Contest. The winners were chosen for their outstanding skills and dedication to the theme: Day One!

TPC hosted the first meeting of the Tribal Wellness Collaborative, founded by the TPC Director, Tori Shay. The group focuses on increasing the health and wellness of the native community in Petersburg by improving outreach, opportunities, and accessibility. The next meeting will be in January 2020.

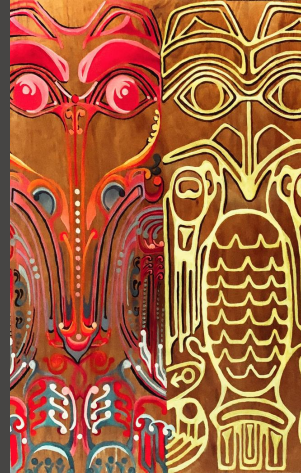
The program has begun recruiting for our Teen Ambassador Program that we are working on with RuralCap out of Anchorage. The Teen Ambassadors work towards a tobacco-free Alaska by interacting with their peer groups. The kids are taught critical thinking, leadership skills, presentation and public speaking skills, and lots of base knowledge about tobacco and e-cigarettes.



TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM



- The TTP Program will be funding the construction of the new sidewalk from Haugen Drive up to Tlingit & Haida subdivision. This project hopes to address the safety issues of having pedestrians share the road with cars in a high traffic location. Rainforest Contracting has been contracted to complete the project during 2020.
- TTP maintenance will be removing snow from around fire hydrants this winter and working on trail maintenance and construction.



Native households are at risk of being under counted. 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 following 10 years. In the face of increasing state and local budget constraints, we cannot afford an under count in 2020.

Identify yourself as Head of Household first. Include all other nationalities after this one important fact: That a Native American or Alaska Native is Head of Household.

For more information, go to alaskacounts.org or contact Barb at 772-3636.

Johnson O'Malley Program

In August, JOM hosted their 2nd annual Culture Camp! This years Community Culture Camp featured drum and paddle making, harvesting and processing traditional foods. The adult portion of this camp demonstrated traditional food preparation, song and dance, storytelling, canning and more.

Thank you to our Tribal Council, PIA's Tobacco Prevention and Control, and SEARHC for your financial contributions. Thank you to all who volunteered and made this camp possible!



NOTICES



NOTICE OF PIA'S WINTER HOURS

We will be open from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays. These hours will be in place from December 2019-March 2020.

**From December 2019-
March 2020, PIA will
be open Monday
through Friday from
8am to 4:30pm.**

With funding from the SEARHC Healthy is Here grant, PIA was able to purchase goods and supplies for the benefit of our Tribal Citizens. This program was designed to fill the gap in what local services do not cover. It is full of non-food items relating to cleanliness and hygiene. There is a \$5 donation for use of the service, and that money goes directly back into replenishing the stock. Monetary donations, without use of the service, are welcome to help replenish the stock for our tribal members. For more information or to fill out an application, please contact Tori at the PIA Office or call 772-3636. This service begins on January 7, 2020.

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Notice of PIA Election

There shall be an election for the Petersburg Indian Association Tribal Council to be held January, 6th 2020. Voting will take place at the John Hanson Hall, from 8am-7pm on Election Day.

The following seats will be up for election:

Council Chair (President):	1 – One Year Term
Council Member:	3 – Two Year Term
Council Member:	1- One Year Term
JOM Parent Committee Member:	2 – Two Year Term

Declarations of candidacy will officially close on December 30, 2019 at 3:00pm.

Any eligible Tribal Members wishing to run as a write-in candidate must submit a letter of intent by 3:00pm on January 2, 2020.

A complete list of candidates will be posted January 3, 2020 on piatribal.org, PIA's Facebook page, and announced on KFSK radio.

For declaration of candidacy or letter of intent forms, an absentee ballot, questions or to enroll with PIA, please contact Tina Kerr at the PIA office at 772-3636 or by email at pielection@piatribal.org.

The 2020 PIA Election will take place on January 6, 2020 at the John Hanson Hall from 8am to 7pm. Enrolled Tribal Members are able to vote or run for a Council Seat. Your Declaration of Candidacy must be turned in by December 30, 2019 at 3:00pm. Stay tuned for a complete list of candidates and be sure to stop by on the 6th to vote!

Council Members:

**Cris Morrison
Brenda Norheim
Maryann Rainey
Kayla Perry
Joe Stewart
Heather Conn**

Department Directors:

**Tracy Welch
Tribal Administrator**

**Angela Davis
Accountant/Housing Manager**

**Kara Wesebaum
ICWA/Social Services**

**Tori Shay
TPC Director**

**Brandon Thynes
IGAP Director**

**Susan Harai
TTP Director**

**Collin Martens
ANA Director**

**Guylynn Etcher
JOM Director**

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