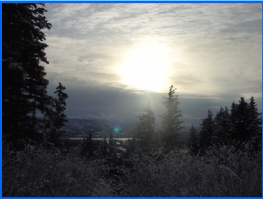




Native Village of Port Lions Quarterly Newsletter

October / November / December 2007



Administrator's Report



Hello Everyone,

It is with great regret that I inform the membership of Mr. Wayne Lukin's resignation as Administrator of The Native Village of Port Lions. I would like to thank Wayne for all his hard work and dedication he has so generously given our community over the past several years. He will be missed in the Tribal Office by all of us.

On December 10, 2007 the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council hired me as the new Tribal Administrator. We have tried to make the transition as smoothly as possible.

Latest up-dates for this quarter:

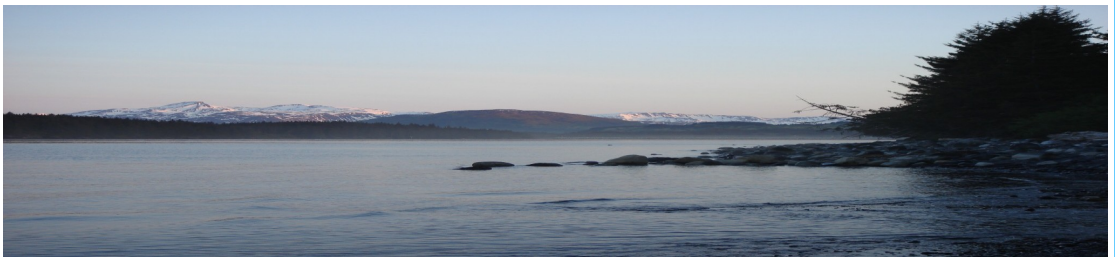
- Annual Meeting- Held November 3, 2007. Council Member Ms. Charlene Kewans seat expired this year; we would like thank Charlene for her many years of Service to the Native Village of Port Lions. Election Results Ms. Sara Squartsoff was elected to a three year term on the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council, "Congratulations Sara".
- The Bear Rehabilitation project is nearing completion with a few odds & ends left to do.
- Port Lions Business Management L.L.C., The Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council has been busy working on getting this up and running, hopefully in the very near future we will make progress with this endeavor.
- The Native Village of Port Lions is in the process of being audited. December 18th – 21st, 2007, auditors from Mikunda Cottrell were here.

I would like to encourage membership to become involved with your organization by filling vacant seat(s) on the following committee's:

Community Assistance – 1 seat vacant
 Economic Development Committee – 1 seat vacant
 Finance Committee – 2 seats vacant
 Personnel Committee – 1 seat vacant

If you are interested please stop by or call the Tribal Office.

Susan Boskofsky,
NVPL Administrator



Special points of interest:

- New Administrator
- Membership Accomplishments
- Gym Program Schedule
- Environmental Recycling

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Tribal Services Coordinator



Tribal Family Services Coordinator
Jessica Ursin
October—December 2007

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Family Activities had a Halloween Costume Party on October 30, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M. the day before Halloween. Treats and fun were for everyone. Our Thanks to KANA who sent over a very large box of craft supplies, filled with Basketry Supplies, Red, Black, and White Rabbit Furs, Beads, Gourds, Raffia, Dried Grass, samples of Woven Baskets, and Red Wood Strips.



Sharmaine Kewan
and
Derek Bartleson



Rena Kewan
and
Tia Bartleson

A Sledding or Skating party is scheduled during this Christmas Break. It will be so much fun with everyone home for Christmas. Food and Soda's will be provided. I'll keep everyone posted on the date, time, place, and which activity due to weather conditions. Also, Family Activity has extra skates.



More ICWA training to stay in compliance with BIA which is so important for Indian Child Welfare Cases. The troubles children go through are so devastating. There are so many hurdles you can't even imagine that would break your heart. Being an ICWA worker and speaking on behalf of the children is sometimes their only chance.

Also I have attended the 17th Annual Tribal Services Conference, Human Services ~ Indian Child Welfare Act In Anchorage. Twenty nine year old ICWA is a Federal Law passed in 1978. Some of the subjects were very touching such as healing from abuse, emotional and physical! Children are taught to be quiet and forget about things, don't talk about it. Lives are ruined because of this. Another subject was filling the space. How your presence fills a room when you walk in. Is your presence going to be uncontrolled, etc. or pleasant and respectful? These are the traits you are remembered by and labeled. PROPOSED REVISION of 25 CFR PART 23.11 had been introduced at this Conference by Presenters Chief, BIA Human Services from Washington D.C. and a Social Worker from the Western Region in Albuquerque, NM. Why is the revision being proposed? For reasons of:

- Accountability – opportunity to establish a national database.
- Volume - A large number of notices are received by some BIA regions.
- Response Time – Improve the response time to ICWA notices, and finally streamline the process and potentially eliminate the duplication of ICWA notices.

Well, you know the ICWA workers were appalled with these proposed changes as to why change something that wasn't broken, in desperation to spend more money. Thanks to our BIA Alaska Human Services Director Gloria Gorman, ICWA is thriving here in Alaska. Our children are not just a paper in a file drawer; they are our children that we love. The Indian Child Welfare Act is not about money or bureaucracy and that is what this proposed revision is essentially about. The whole afternoon was spent on this one subject matter. All the ICWA workers either spoke publicly or wrote their comments and turned in a form for the ICWA Consultation meeting. Response time would take longer with weather and such mail delivered from Albuquerque. Also, they'd like to promote the maintenance and preservation of Indian and Alaska Native Families and Culture. The best people that know their culture is the people who lives there. How can they maintain or preserve our culture they know nothing about! One day is like forever with children. We'll see what happens!

Grants Coordinator



Good things happen when you plan ahead. Port Lions has a solid Community Plan, and Tribal Council and employees updated the Tribe's Strategic Plan in September of this year. The Tribal Strategic Plan is aligned with the Port Lions Community Plan, but it also speaks to the Tribe's own Mission Statement. The result is a list of accomplishments from 2007 that we can all be proud of:

The Native Village of Port Lions successfully survived the first single audit in many years – and we are in the process of finishing another one this month!

The Native Village of Port Lions worked with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to complete the new health clinic in May.

The Kodiak Island Housing Authority (Housing) continued to support the Kodiak Archipelago Rural Regional Leadership Forum (the Forum), and the Native Village of Port Lions has participated since it began in October of 2005. The Forum is an organization where all the rural communities on Kodiak Island gather to work on issues that are unique to village life. We are happy to report relationships with the Borough, School District, Chamber of Commerce and many other regional groups are greatly improved due to the efforts of Housing employees and Forum participants!

The Kodiak Area Native Association coordinated a visit from the Alaska Commission on Aging to Port Lions to observe our Title VI Senior Meals Program. The Commissioners happened to visit on John Pestrikoff's 97th birthday, so they joined us for a pot-luck Birthday Celebration. JP seemed to really enjoy his birthday! The Commission will advocate for our elders' needs based on their observations in Port Lions.

The Native Village of Port Lions has worked with Housing for a number of years to support Youth Activities with some of our NAHASDA funds. This year Tribal Council developed a plan for distributing these funds to AFN travel, a variety of school sports, Culture Week, the Youth Center and the Gym Program. They also developed a list of requirements that participating Youth must follow in order to access the funds.

We successfully applied for and negotiated a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Indian Reservation Roads Tribal Shares Contract. We also signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Port Lions to assist with roads maintenance. The Tribal Shares Contract allows the Tribe to plan for future construction projects, while supporting maintenance of BIA approved roads at the same time.

The Native Village of Port Lions successfully closed our FY 2005/2006 EPA Indian General Assistance Program grant. This is the grant that supports our Environmental Department. We applied for and received a four-year award for FY 2007-2010. There are twelve work components in the current grant, including recycling, solid waste, air quality, underground storage tank removal, household hazardous waste, oil spill response readiness, and community education.

This week we are closing our first US Fish & Wildlife Tribal Wildlife Grant for habitat preservation. This is the grant that allowed the chain-link and electric fence installation at the landfill. We know it will take some time for bear and humans to get used to having a fence around the dump, but the long-term benefit to the community and bear population is worth the effort. The City of Port Lions and The Native Village of Port Lions are committed to working together to make the landfill safe and efficient for our residents.

In 2007 the Tribe continued its local-hire policy for both temporary and permanent jobs. This is one way we support the Port Lions economy and economic development.

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In 2008 we are looking forward to some exciting opportunities to serve our membership and community. Employees and Council are targeting specific items from our Strategic Plan to try and complete in 2008:

We strongly support the improvement and/or replacement of the Port Lions dock, and we also support much needed improvements to our state roads.

The Native Village of Port Lions hopes to implement an Elder Transportation Program with door-to-door van service for our older adults to attend senior meals, go to the clinic, participate in community events and get to the airstrip and ferry dock when they need to.

The Tribe is interested in obtaining another Tribal Wildlife Grant for habitat preservation. We are exploring a small fish hatchery or orange hawkweed removal.

We hope to increase local-hire job opportunities and our number of permanent employees through development of Port Lions Business Management Services 8(a) contracts and sub-contracts.

The Native Village of Port Lions has been nominated for an Honoring Nations grant from Harvard University for our work in solid waste management. If awarded, these funds could help complete an access road around the landfill fence.

The City and Tribe are dedicated to providing quality roads for our community and will work together to address remaining drainage and pot-hole issues. Snow removal, brush removal and dust control will continue throughout the year, as needed. Once the Tribal Transportation Coordinator position is filled we will begin the process of updating our roads inventory.

The Tribe is excited about the possibility of providing training opportunities for technology and heavy equipment (CDL). With the assistance of the BIA, we hope to use Tribal funds to provide adult education in these areas.

The BIA has been undergoing many changes in recent years. As with all federal agencies, the BIA has been making changes to improve efficiency and decrease spending. They are currently in the process of moving their Regional office out of Juneau and consolidating all their offices in Anchorage. We will continue to monitor change within BIA throughout 2008.

We want to hear from Membership! There is great opportunity for you to improve the Tribe's Strategic Planning process by sharing ideas with Tribal Council and/or employees. You can email us at nvopl@starband.net or call the office Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to noon and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MANY BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

Dorinda Kewan
Grants Coordinator



Environmental Specialist

This quarter has been quite hectic with all the runs to Kodiak with loads of recyclables and also the trainings and conferences Adrian and I have been attending. Back in September I attended the 10th Annual Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network in Spokane, WA. There were many great speakers as well as information given to us.

In October, Adrian and I loaded up the Tribal truck with lead acid batteries that we were shipping out of Port Lions via Lazy Bay. We were very lucky to have the KIHA crew out at the boat harbor to help us load onto the barge. We thank you all again for your help.

I also had attended the Annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. There too were many great presenters and speakers. Katherine Ellenak from Ouzinkie was the Master of Ceremonies and she did a wonderful job. I attended session from educational outreach to disaster preparedness, which to be honest is a lot to comprehend in just a few days, but it was well worth the trip for all the new information and activities I can share.

In November, I attended training on air quality. There I gained more information as well as resources from other communities that have successfully started their air quality programs.

Also in November, Adrian and I attended the Annual Providers Conference. This year's conference was of quite interest to me, because we both took the session on the Incident Command System. If you do not know what this is, it is just simply the steps and procedures to take in the preparation of an emergency as well as what to do when it happens.

Finally, we had Larry Zirkle from Total Reclaim in Anchorage come out to Port Lions to teach Adrian and I how to properly remove refrigerants from the refrigeration units we have out at the car dump. Once it warms up, we will be removing all refrigerants and soon be barging them out.

I just want to remind all of you if you have any questions as to what we are accepting for recycling, or where to bring an item, please feel free to contact Adrian or myself and we will be more than happy to assist you. We have posted new flyers that list what we do accept, but we do understand you still may have questions. From the Environmental department we wish you and your family Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Amanda Squartsoff, Environmental Specialist

Environmental Assistant

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I have been on the IGAP Team since the end of October. So far I have learned quite a bit in my new position as IGAP Assistant. The Annual Tribal Service Providers Conference was great, I got to attend some pretty interesting sessions in which I learned about a Global Information System, which can be used to map out just about anything and everything in a community. I also attended session and received certification on National Incident Management System, which should prove useful when we collaborate with the City of Port Lions to create a Village Response Team. Those were the two most beneficial sessions that I had the opportunity of attending. All of that leave in anticipation for next years Providers Conference. Amanda and I have recently been trained and certified to remove Freon from refrigerators and freezers, which we will be doing as soon as spring rolls around. Well this is it for now, I hope you enjoyed your holidays.

Adrian Francis, IGAP Assistant & Family Activities Coordinator



Environmental Department

RECYCLING PROGRAM INFORMATION

- If you have any questions as to what we accept and/or where to drop off an item, please feel free to call Amanda or Adrian at the Environmental Office during regular Business hours Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- Starting January 2, 2007, office hours will change to Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- We also accept white appliances at the car dump. Examples of these include:

Washing Machines
Dryers

Freezers
Refrigerators

We are now accepting the following items:

Ink Cartridges
Household Batteries
Plastic (#1 & 2)
Aluminum Cans
Newspapers
Magazines
Office Paper
Catalogs
Cardboard
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Lead Acid Batteries
Aerosol Cans
Antifreeze
Oil Based and Latex Paints
Mini Propane Tanks
Plastic Grocery Bags

Computers & Parts
Televisions
Speakers
Scanners
Fax Machines
Radios
VCRs
Stereos
Telephones
DVD Players
Cell Phones
Electronic Games, CD
DVDs, CDs
Scales, Cameras
Cords, Wires
& Much More!



Membership Accomplishments



“Happy Retirement to Cookie”

Margaret “Cookie” Nelson retired from the Port Lions School as School Secretary and Teachers Aide after almost three decades of service! She will be greatly missed!

KIBSD Employees with Cookie / Left to Right: Karly Gundersen, Betty O'Dell, Larry Ledoux, “Cookie,” Trina Squartsoff, Phil Johnson



CONGRATULATIONS KINGS



The Port Lions Kings Mixed VI traveled to New Halen for Regionals' on November 27-30th. After winning against King Cove in their first round the Kings lost to New Halen in four games to bring home the **Second Place Trophy.**

Top to Bottom: Jeremy Kewan, Madison Strong, Katie Strong, Chelsea Robustellini, Larry Shugak, Anna Nelson, DJ Kewan, Greg Lukin, Randy Boskofsky, Brandon Bartleson, Cierra Robustellini



Kodiak High School 2006 graduate Shane Knagin graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California on January 5, 2007. He graduated in the honor platoon of Charlie Company. Lance Corporal Knagin returned to Camp Pendleton, California for additional Marine combat training. After graduating, he continued onto Military Occupational Specialty School in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri where he received the honored graduate certificate and a promotion to Lance Corporal. He has reported to duty in Iwakuni, Japan as a heavy equipment operator. He is the son of Father Alexei and Enid Knagin

~N8V~

**We would like to wish
the Seattle based
Band “N8V”
from Port Lions
continued success!
Christopher Lukin
Raymond Wagner
Jesse Eggemeyer**

Miscellaneous Information

Family Activity Gym Program Winter Hours

<u>Monday 6:00 - 9:00</u>	6:00 – 7:00 Preschool – 3 rd Grade 7:00 – 8:00 4 th – 7 th Grade 8:00 – 9:00 8 th Grade – Adult
<u>Tuesday 6:00 – 9:00</u>	6:00 – 7:00 Preschool – 3 rd Grade 7:00 – 8:00 4 th – 7 th Grade 8:00 – 9:00 8 th Grade – Adult
<u>Wednesday 6:00 – 9:00</u>	6:00 – 7:00 Preschool – 3 rd Grade 7:00 – 8:00 4 th – 7 th Grade 8:00 – 9:00 8 th Grade – Adult
<u>Thursday 6:00 – 9:00</u>	6:00 – 7:00 Preschool – 3 rd Grade 7:00 – 8:00 4 th – 7 th Grade 8:00 – 9:00 8 th Grade – Adult
<u>Friday 6:00 – 9:00</u>	6:00 – 7:00 Preschool – 3 rd Grade 7:00 – 8:00 4 th – 7 th Grade 8:00 – 9:00 8 th Grade – Adult

Condolences

The Native Village of Port Lions would like to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the following Tribal Members:
Ms. Feodosia (Faye) Haakanson
Mr. Jacob Lukin
Ms. Irene Squartsoff

We would also like to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of one of our community members:
Ms. Dodie (Grandma) Sullivan



The Port Lions Tribal Office has several incorrect addresses for the following members, please update as soon as possible as it would ensure that you are receiving the correspondence being addressed to you:

Agnot, Bennita	Garner, Arnold
Ardinger, David Jr	Gundersen, Karly
Block, Celeste	Haakanson, Walter
Boskofsky, Dennis	Harris, Marvin
Boskofsky, Dimitri	Hegna, Shauna
Boskofsky, Kenneth	Knagin, Shane
Brandal, Jeffery	Mitchell, Melanie
Brandal, Scott	Moore, Gabrielle
Cain, Byron	Naumoff, Edward Jr
Cain, Carol	Naumoff, Edward Sr
Ceron, Dana	Palmer, Susan
Erickson, Ilene	Sherod, Karie
Fearn, Patrick	Spracher, Alonda
Flemming, Barbara	Spracher, Jason

From your Senior Cook:

Everything is going great with the
Title VI Program.

I would like to encourage and welcome more of
you to join the few that eat here.
Once again please call if you will be out of town
or wish to have your meal delivered.

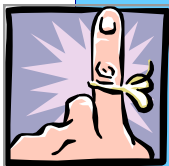
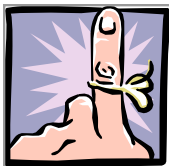
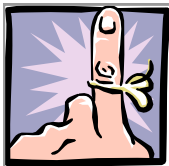
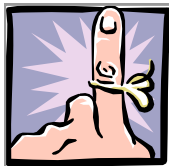
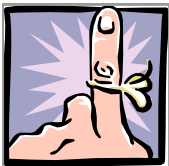
Thank you.

Charlene Kewan
-Title VI Senior Cook-



SENIOR MEAL
SCHEDULE

Meals are served on
Mondays, Tuesdays, and
Wednesdays @
4:00pm



If you would like to submit a "Membership Accomplishment" in the next Quarterly
Newsletter, please list name and accomplishment and cut out and mail to: Native
Village of Port Lions, P.O. Box 69, Port Lions, AK 99550

Community Values

- Humor and Faith
- Strong infrastructure and resources
- Good strong working relationships
- Improved local education, jobs, training programs and economic opportunities
- Maintain good health
- Community caring, trust, and respect
- Maintain rural status and Accessibility
- Beautiful, healthy, clean Environment
- Traditional way of life while encouraging progress
- Pride in our culture, heritage, history and language
- Protect subsistence



NOTICE NEW TRIBAL OFFICE HOURS as of 1-2-07

Monday-Friday
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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