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Port Graham Environ-
mental News Letter

Camai,

It's great to be back in Port Graham. I am looking forward to working with our new Environmental Technician, Naomi McMullen and our Environmental Health Committee Members.

On April 17th we got the opportunity to properly dispose of the village E-Waste (Electronic waste). Thank you to Tracie Merrill and Michael Opheim for helping us organize the event and

also big thanks to Rick Yeaton for getting all the e-waste together and wrapped up for its trip to Homer.

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We had our Earth Day Event scheduled on April 22nd and would like to thank our presenters Catie Bursch from Kachemak Bay Research Reserve , Dominic Hondolero and Kris Holderied from the NOAA Kasitsna Bay Laboratory.

On May 7th, 2015 we will be having our Village Clean-Up day and encourage everyone to come out and participate with the community by picking up trash and joining our lunch afterwards. Yellow trash bags will be available to anyone who would like to clean their yards, please leave them on the side of the road for pick up.

Farwell

This month we said good bye to our beloved employee, Violet Yeaton. She has moved on to greater adventures in Anchorage, Alaska. She has been with us for over 12 years and has made such an impact in our village and environment. We hope the best for her and her future endeavors and also we will miss you Violet Yeaton! Love, your family here at Port Graham Village/Council.



Environmental Health Committee Members

- Stella Meganack
- Harrietta McGhan
- Jennie Kamluck
- Dannielle Malchoff
- Melinda Kamluck
- Lydia McMullen

E-Waste



On April 17th we were fortunate enough to have Seldovia contact us and let us know about the E-waste removal. They sent us 2 large totes to collect all the electronics that were no longer being used in the community. This helps us so much because we cant have all these sit around in our dump, we are helping the environment by sending it to Total Reclaim in Anchorage (which is the only electronic recycling business in Alaska) to be recycled properly and safely.

We removed 4 pallets worth of unused and broken electronics that were just sitting in people homes and the dump. Hopefully soon we will get to be apart of this amazing project again to help get rid of electronics the correct way. Thank you to Rick Yeaton for helping us collect all the electronics and getting them wrapped up to ship out. And thank you again to Tracie Merrill and Michael Opheim for this opportunity.

Environmental Health Committee

Thank you to the Environmental Health Committee members for continuing to come to the meetings we greatly appreciate your thoughts about how to make our community and environment safer and healthier. Both, Naomi and I are grateful to be working with such amazing people and hope to be able to keep up the great work Violet has started. We have had 2 meetings since Violet has left for her new adventures. Our Earth day event was quite a hit and I want to thank you all again for being able to make it. Qu yana.

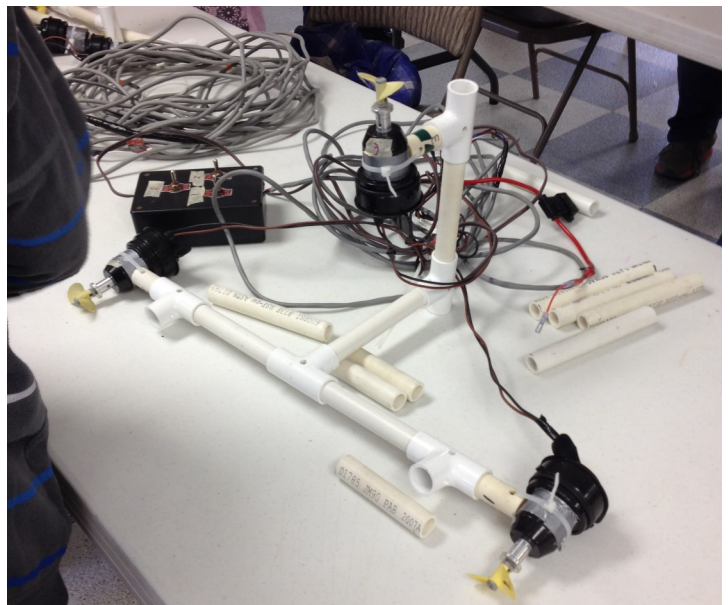
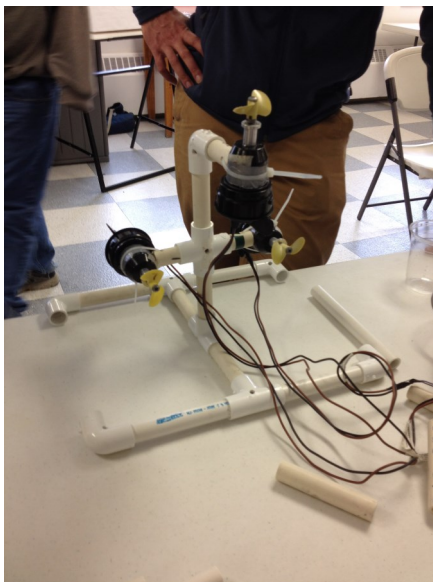


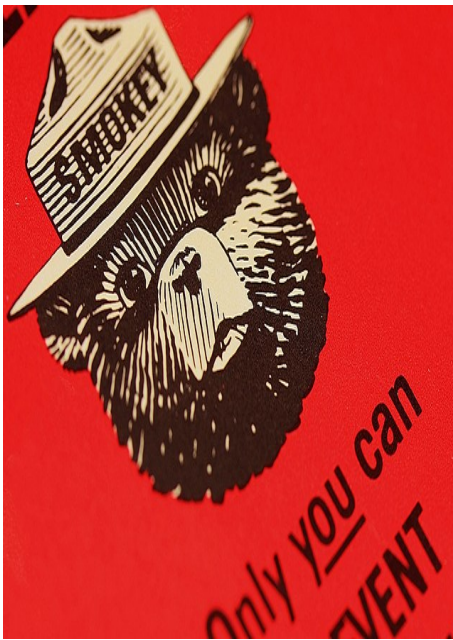
Earth Day

Our earth day event we had at the local community center was very successful. We had our presenters, Dominic Hondolero and Kris Holderied from the NOAA Kasitsna Bay Laboratory show the students and community how NOAA does sea floor mapping plus showed an amazing detailed seafloor map of Port Graham Bay and The Kachemak Bay. They brought over some cold water driving gear and showed underwater pictures of the Kachemak Bay and the Aleutian Islands. For their hands on activities they were able to demonstrate how to build underwater remotely controlled vehicles.

We also had Catie Bursch from Kachemak Bay Research Reserve come over and do a presentation on Sea Squirts; "Plant or Animal? More than a sack of water". The community also got to look at some phytoplankton under a microscope she had went and got from the beach.

We want to thank our wonderful volunteer cook Melvin Malchoff for making hot dogs and burgers for the community and students who attended, also a big thank you to Melinda Kamluck for bringing beans, fruit, and crab legs to the event.





Burn Permits:

According to the Division of Forestry burning permits are required for most areas from April 1 to August 31 for all open burning except fires for cooking, warming, or signaling and burn barrels that have been set up to approved standards. Permits may be required in September if fire season is extended due to dry weather conditions. Do not plan to burn during dry, windy conditions. The Division of Forestry will institute a burning suspension during high fire danger periods, however, when burning is allowed,

the permittee is responsible for evaluating the wind conditions at his/her site prior to or during burning. **If you are burning and the wind comes up, put out the fire immediately.**

You can get a burn permit by going to the following website:

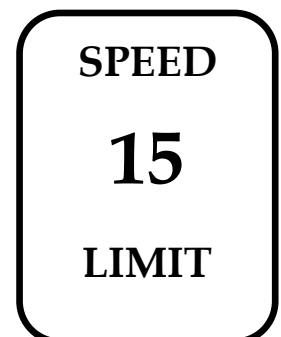
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/> or stop by our environmental office and we will help you attain one.

SPEED LIMIT IN EFFECT :

Our community has a high amount of residents with asthma or some type of respiratory illness. Elders and children are more prone to respiratory problems. It is important to go by the speed limit we have here in our community to help prevent these illnesses. We have ordered our Calcium Chloride to apply to the roads and we are still waiting for our shipment to arrive from the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Please respect our community members by reducing your speed limit when passing them on the roadway. Especially during our dusty season here in Port Graham.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



Inert waste Removal Coming Soon:

In conjunction with Kenai Peninsula Borough Solid Waste Program we will be preparing to remove our Inert-Waste(s) from Port Graham. This is so that we can reduce the amount of waste being placed in our dump-site. There are different areas where to place your garbage/waste. Please contact myself or Naomi if you have any questions about where to dispose of your waste.

REMINDER: CLEAN UP DAY IN PORT GRAHAM

SCHEDULE: May 7, 2015

START: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Anyone that would like to volunteer, please meet at the community center at 9:30am. We will provide lunch for everyone participating.

If you are cleaning your yard and need it picked up, leave trash in yellow trash bag or larger items on side of road for pick up.

Yellow trash bags are available to community members for cleaning their yards.

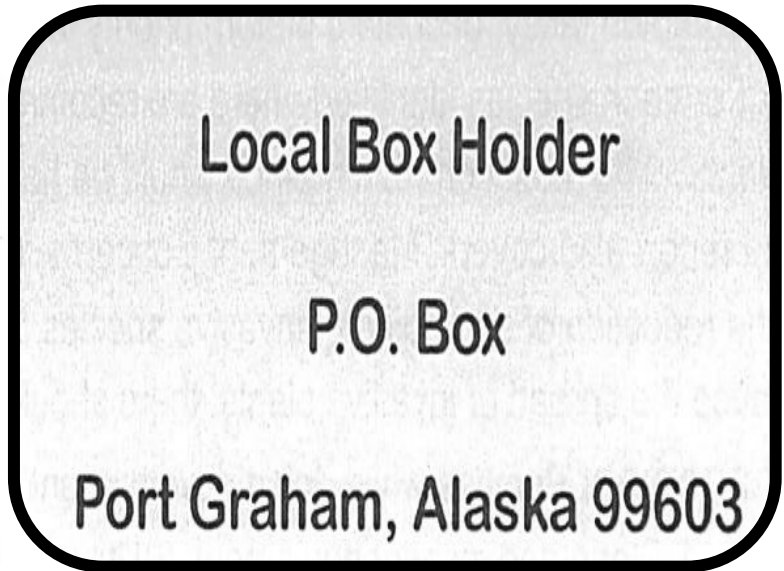


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*Preserving the Village character,
maintain Village control, provide
opportunities to enhance the
quality of life in the Village, and to
protect the environment and
subsistence based culture.*



Earth Day Maze

Help the sunshine make the sprout grow.

