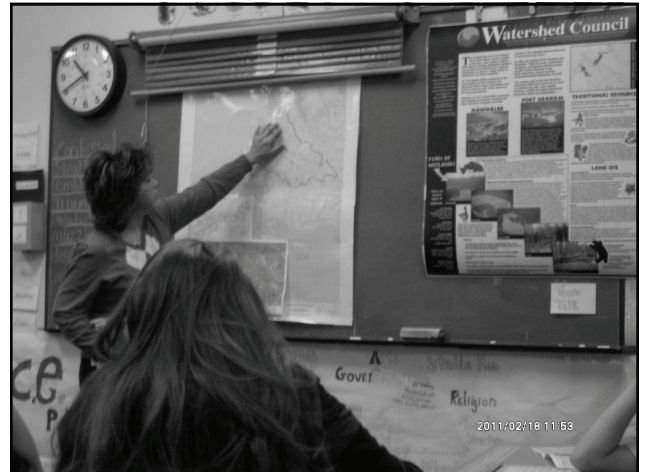


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WATERSHED PRESENTATION

Violet Yeaton, Environmental Planner, was invited to Ms. Baysinger's Science class at the Port Graham School to present information on watersheds. The students received brochures on our watershed and information about the watershed council. Violet explained what a watershed is, and why the watershed area is important to our community. The students also watched a video on our watershed which showed members (and some parents) of our community discussing the concerns of the watershed council.

ALASKA FORUM ON THE ENVIRONMENT

During February 7-11, Violet and Sherry attended the AFE Convention in Anchorage, which was held at the Dena'ina Convention Center. They attended sessions that provided information on climate change, energy environmental regulations, cleanup and remediation, fish & wildlife, solid waste and special programs for Alaskan youth. Each morning they watched keynote speakers and then headed to breakout sessions held in different rooms of the center. It was also a great opportunity to talk with people from other communities in Alaska about what kind of environmental issues they have been addressing.



FROM THE DESK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

Camai Paluwik,

I am hopeful that everyone is enjoying these long winter days!! On the "lighter" note, the days are getting longer (gaining 6 minutes a day, which is about 1hr a week), which tells me; spring is just right around the corner.

The PGVC Environmental Program has been busy submitting grants and attending trainings these past quarters of the FY11 IGAP grant. Sherry and I attended the EPA IGAP training in Anchorage in December. There were 5 full days of IGAP sessions which covered everything about GAP Online, which are the electronic submissions of the EPA grant application. The EPA staff also executed talking circles to get input from Alaska Villages to talk about, "How To Make Your Environmental Program More Effective in Your Community". There were some excellent recommendations and exchange of ideas.

We also just recently attended the Alaska Forum on the Environment, which focuses on all Environmental issues statewide. This is the second largest conference in Alaska, with about 1200 participants in attendance. We were very busy attending sessions on Solid Waste, Climate Change to name a few of the sessions we attended. The Alaska Forum on the Environment Conference celebrated its 13th year, which is attended by Tribes around Alaska and lower 48, Federal Agencies and Industries around the state. The focus is to promote effective cooperation, communication and education on environmental issues around the State. It provided the groups participating and excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and information.

On a more local note, we continue to monitor the separation of #1 & #2 plastics, aluminum cans, household batteries, electronic waste and used oil. All of the designated areas for this sort of waste is clearly marked and is located in between the two trailers at the dumpsite. I would personally like to thank everyone that has taken the extra effort to place their separated waste in the proper designated areas. It is greatly appreciated and this really creates pride in our community.

We have many great activities planned for this spring, such as participating in the local health fair (we will keep you posted on exact dates), presentations at the school on Environmental education issues, monthly Environmental Health Committee meetings and our annual village clean up. Our doors are always open, if you have ideas on how we can improve our program, please do not hesitate to give us a call or drop by. Qu yana!

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SPEED LIMIT

15 MPH on all roads, except for the back road starting from Wayne Norman's intersection to the first street light before Duncan Heights Subdivision is **20 MPH**. REMEMBER- Pedestrians have the right of way!

STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP STOP

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANIMAL CARCASSES IN THE LANDFILL and PLEASE remove plastic/wrapping, etc. from waste before disposing of it on the back beach



Activities will be scheduled the week of April 18-22, 2011...watch for updates in March.

Cleaning Up a Broken CFL

What to Do if a Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulb or Fluorescent Tube Light Bulb Breaks in Your Home

These tips also apply to other mercury-containing bulbs, including:

- Other fluorescent bulbs, including linear, U-tube and circline fluorescent tubes, bug zappers, tanning bulbs, black lights, germicidal bulbs, high output bulbs, and cold-cathode fluorescent bulbs;
- High intensity discharge bulbs, which include metal halide, ceramic metal halide, high pressure sodium, and mercury vapor;
- Mercury short-arc bulbs; and
- Neon bulbs.

Fluorescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. When a fluorescent bulb breaks in your home, some of this mercury is released as mercury vapor. The broken bulb can continue to release mercury vapor until it is cleaned up and removed from the residence. To minimize exposure to mercury vapor, EPA recommends that residents follow the cleanup and disposal steps described below.

This page presents only the most important steps to reduce exposure to mercury vapor from a broken bulb.

Before cleanup

Have people and pets leave the room.

Air out the room for 5-10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoor environment.

Shut off the central forced air heating/air-conditioning system, if you have one.

Collect materials needed to clean up broken bulb.

During cleanup

Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder.

Place cleanup materials in a sealable container.

After cleanup

Promptly place all bulb debris and cleanup materials outdoors in a trash container or protected area until materials can be disposed of properly. Avoid leaving any bulb fragments or cleanup materials indoors.

If practical, continue to air out the room where the bulb was broken and leave the heating/air conditioning system shut off for several hours.



Hazardous Waste Alternatives



AIR FRESHENER: Simmer cinnamon and cloves; ventilate! **BRASS POLISH:** Worcestershire Sauce **CAR BATTERY CORROSION:** Baking soda and water. **CARPET/UPHOLSTERY CLEANER:** Club Soda **COFFEE CUP STAIN REMOVAL:** Moist Salt **COFFEEPOT CLEANER:** Vinegar and Water **COPPER CLEANER:** Lemon juice and salt **DRAIN CLEANER:** Plunge-follow with 1/2 cup baking soda and 1/2 cup vinegar-let sit 15 minutes then add 2 quarts boiling water **FURNITURE POLISH:** 1 cup vinegar to 1 pint mineral oil **GENERAL CLEANER:** 1 teaspoon liquid soap plus 1 teaspoon borax plus one squeeze of lemon in quart of warm water **GLASS CLEANER:** 2 tablespoons vinegar to 1 quart warm water **LINOLEUM FLOOR CLEANER:** 1 cup white vinegar plus 2 gallons water **MOSQUITO REPELLENT:** Burn citronella candles, citronella oil **PORCELAIN STAIN REMOVAL:** Baking Soda **RUSTY BOLT REMOVAL:** Carbonated Beverage **SCOURING POWDER:** Baking soda **STAINLESS STEEL POLISH:** Mineral oil





PLEASE REMEMBER
to drive **SLOW**
in the village
to prevent
DUST CLOUDS
THANK YOU!



**The Port Graham
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

has 2 openings for members
And would like to fill these positions
as soon as possible

*The EHC members meet once a month
to talk about environmental issues in
our community and are paid a stipend*



Please submit your letters of intent to:

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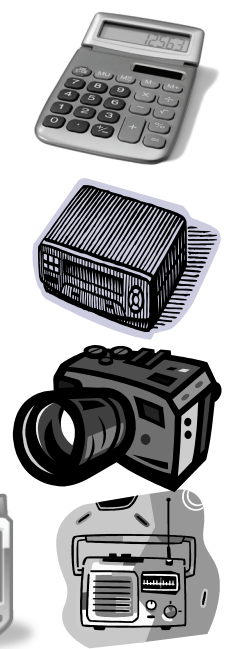
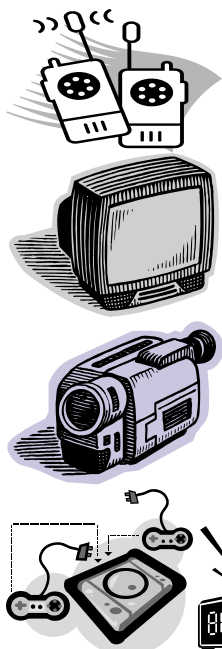


**Please continue to put
ELECTRONICS**

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**So we can ship them out of the village
this spring!**

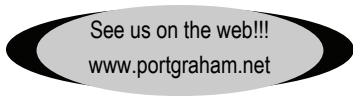


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LOCAL BOX HOLDER

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- **John Moonin**/Member
- **Port Graham High School Students**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR **CLOTH/CANVAS BAGS** WHEN YOU SHOP!



Thank You!

HEY! if you have any extra cloth bags, you can donate them to the stores (and they, in turn, can loan them out when needed, instead of using paper bags)