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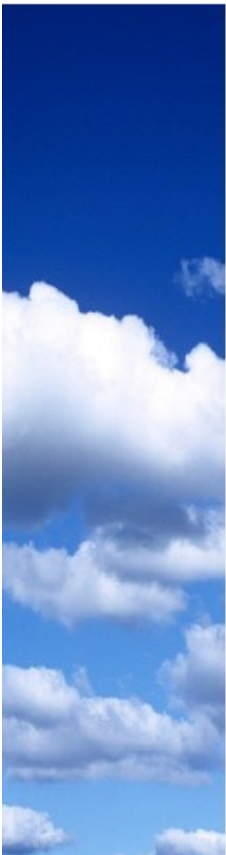
Elwha News

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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. The project includes the preliminary engineering report and environmental assessment in the predevelopment phase for the Lower Elwha Valley Water System. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted to Melissa Voltz (Melissa.Voltz@elwha.org) in the Planning Department.





Tribal Operations Officer Update

Happy New Year!

Flu, COVID, and RSV vaccinations, Oh My!

Now is the prime time to schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider for your flu and COVID vaccines, and find out if you meet the criteria for the new RSV vaccine. All of these illnesses are preventable or less severe if you've been recently vaccinated, and help keep our community strong and healthy through the long dark winter season. Call the clinic to schedule an appointment with your provider 360-452-6252.

USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative

The food items in the Christmas holiday boxes were brought to you by a new two-year USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative (LFPA) managed and administered by the Tribes Executive Office, to purchase local (within 400 miles) nutrient rich, healthy and traditional foods for our local LEKT community.

Have you completed the ACP application for internet assistance?

If you live on the lower/tower areas, and you receive the free internet from



Native Network, keep a lookout for a letter in the mail.

The tribe will no longer be subsidizing the internet service, but resources are available through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), and will be sending registration information to your homes. To complete the ACP application scan the QR code. If you live outside the lower/tower and receive internet from other providers, you can also benefit from the ACP program. Follow the QR

code to find out if you qualify for internet assistance.

Lower Elwha Camp Crier Mobile App

The Camp Crier app went through a big update this last month and a lot of bugs have been worked out. If you haven't already done so, please update your app



Tribal Operation Officer Update & Heritage Center

through the app store or google play store. This app helps LEKT keep our community and members up to date on important info and community updates.

\$250 for 2023-2024 COVID Vaccines!

The COVID vaccine support program has increased the amount for the 2023-2024 COVID vaccines. Adults can now receive \$250 check for their vaccine, and youth receive \$150 Walmart gift card.

Adults online form found
by scanning the QR code



Youth online form
found by scanning
the QR code



- Tia Skerbeck, Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer

RESUME & COVER LETTER WORKSHOP

2024 DATES COMING SOON!

Elwha Klallam Heritage Center

Scan to Sign Up!





Wellness

AIHC Tribal and Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition



ELDERS ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SEVERE RSV ILLNESS

Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or **RSV**, is a common virus that affects the lungs and breathing passages

- ✓ RSV vaccine is available to adults 60 and over
- ✓ It can PROTECT against severe illness
- ✓ Talk to your doctor to see if vaccination is right for you

RSV can be dangerous for Elders

Adults who are 60 years or older are at highest risk, especially:

- Adults who have chronic heart or lung disease
- Adults who have weakened immune systems

RSV can lead to serious conditions

- Pneumonia (infection of the lungs)
- Hospitalization
- More severe symptoms for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- More severe symptoms for people with congestive heart failure

Everyday preventive measures help protect against respiratory viruses

- Wash hands often
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Stay home when sick

**EACH YEAR
RSV
causes serious
illness in older adults**

**65 years and
older**

**60,000–160,000
hospitalizations**

**6,000–10,000
deaths**

Source: www.cdc.gov/rsv

American Indian Health Commission
Tribal/Urban Indian Health Immunizations Coalition
<https://aihc-wa.com/immunizations>

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FLU VACCINE GET THE FACTS



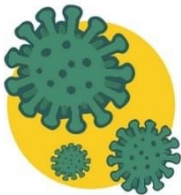
YOUR BEST PROTECTION AGAINST FLU

Millions of people get flu every year, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands or tens of thousands of people die. A flu vaccine is the best way to help prevent flu and its potentially serious complications.

Remember that flu vaccine not only protects you, but it also can help protect those around you.

Call your Tribal Health Clinic with any questions.

FLU VACCINE REDUCES YOUR RISK OF FLU



CDC estimates that flu has resulted in 9 million – 41 million illnesses, 140,000 – 710,000 hospitalizations and 12,000 – 52,000 deaths annually between 2010 and 2020.³

40-
60%

Recent studies show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% among the overall population during seasons when most circulating flu viruses are well-matched to the flu vaccine.



Since 2004, when pediatric flu deaths became nationally notifiable, the number of pediatric flu deaths reported to CDC each year prior to the COVID-19 pandemic ranged from 37 (2011-2012 season) to 199 deaths (2019-2020 season.)

FLU VACCINATION ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR SOME

Flu vaccination is especially important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious complications from flu, including children younger than 5, pregnant people, adults 65 and older, and people with certain chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma.

SOURCE:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/professionals/vaccination/flu-vaccine-get-the-facts-2022.pdf>

American Indian Health Commission
Tribal/Urban Indian Health Immunizations Coalition
<https://aihc-wa.com/immunizations>

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FOR WELLNESS**



Wellness

WSDOT PRESENTS

WHAT TO CARRY IN YOUR CAR

Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or emergency road closure

Know before you go
[wsdot.com/traffic](https://www.wsdot.com/traffic)

- full tank of gas
- first aid kit
- cellphone charger
- flashlight
- water/snacks
- ice scraper/snow brush
- boots/gloves/warm clothes
- music/games
- jumper cables
- flares
- tire chains



Emergency Management

Winter Driving Tips

Whether it's snow, sleet or ice, winter weather can cause extremely dangerous road conditions. Preparing yourself – and your vehicle – for winter weather is key.

Driving in Winter Weather

The Basics

Slow down. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, increase your following distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

Don't crowd a snow plow or travel beside the truck. Snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently. If you find yourself behind a snow plow, stay far enough behind it and use caution if you pass the plow.

What to Do in an Emergency

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car, and your surroundings.

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Let your car be seen. Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.



- Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any snow and run your car only sporadically — just long enough to stay warm. Don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.



Emergency Management

Winter Driving Tips

Changes You May Notice

Tires

As the outside temperature drops, so does tire inflation pressure. Make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, which is in your owner's manual and on a label located on the driver's side door frame. Do not inflate your tires to the pressure listed on the tire itself. That number is the maximum pressure the tire can hold, not the recommended pressure for the your vehicle.

Some other tips:

- Inspect your tires at least once a month and before long road trips.
- It's best to check the tires when they're cold, meaning that they have not been driven on for at least three hours.
- Check each tire's age. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend replacing tires every six years regardless of use.

An inspection is not just about checking tire pressure and age. Remember to check:

- for any damage or conditions that may need attention;
- the tread and sidewalls for any cuts, punctures, bulges, scrapes, cracks, or bumps. The tread should be at least 2/32 of an inch or greater on all tires; and
- your spare tire.

If you find tire damage, take your vehicle to a tire service professional.

Consider installing snow tires, but before buying new tires, visit [NHTSA.gov/Tires](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Tires) to review tire safety ratings. The Uniform Tire Quality Grading System (UTQGS) lets you compare tire treadwear, traction performance, and temperature resistance.

Car Seats

In colder weather, parents typically dress their children in winter coats. But it's important to know that heavy coats can interfere with the proper harness fit on a child in a car seat. When your child will be secured in a car seat, pick thin, warm layers, and place blankets or coats around your child after the harness is snug and secure for extra warmth.

Also, make sure car seats and booster seats are properly installed and that any children riding with you are in the right seat for their ages and sizes. Go to [NHTSA.gov/CarSeat](https://www.nhtsa.gov/CarSeat) to see NHTSA's child passenger safety recommendations to find the right seat for your child's age and size, and check out NHTSA's Child Car Seat Inspection Station Locator to find a free car seat inspection site near you, or to get information on virtual inspections.





Emergency Management

Winter Driving Tips

Changes You May Notice *continued*

Batteries

When the temperature drops, so does battery power. In cold weather, gasoline and diesel engines take more battery power to start, and electric and hybrid-electric vehicles' driving range can be reduced. Have a mechanic check your battery, charging system, belts, and for any other needed repairs or replacements.

Safety Technologies

Familiarize yourself with the safety technologies on your vehicle and how they perform in wintry conditions. Know whether your vehicle has an antilock brake system and learn how to use it properly. Antilock brake systems prevent your wheels from locking up during braking. If you have antilock brakes, apply firm, continuous pressure to the brake pedal. If you don't have antilock brakes, you may need to pump your brakes if you feel your wheels starting to lock up. For more information on driver assistance technologies, visit [NHTSA.gov/DriverAssistTech](https://www.nhtsa.gov/DriverAssistTech).

Floor Mats

Due to slushy winter conditions, you might consider switching out your usual floor mats for thicker material or rubbery ones. Improperly installed floor mats in your vehicle could interfere with the operation of the accelerator or brake pedal, increasing the risk of a crash. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for mat installation and use retention clips to secure the mats. Always use mats that are the correct size and fit for your vehicle.



Preparing Your Vehicle

Lights

Check your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers and interior lights. Be sure to also check your trailer brake lights and turn signals, if necessary.

Windshield Wipers

You can quickly go through a lot of windshield wiper fluid in a single snowstorm. Make sure your vehicle's reservoir is full of high-quality "winter" fluid with de-icer before winter weather hits. Make sure defrosters and all windshield wipers work and replace any worn blades. Consider installing heavy-duty winter wipers if you live in an area that gets a lot of snow and ice.



Cooling System

Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle, and that it meets the manufacturer's specifications. See your vehicle owner's manual for recommendations. Check the cooling system for leaks, test the coolant, and drain or replace the old coolant.

You may also want to visit your mechanic for a tune-up and ask them to check for leaks, badly worn hoses, or other needed parts, repairs, and replacements.



Emergency Management

Winter Driving Tips

Before You Go

Stock Your Vehicle

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, and supplies you might need in an emergency, including:

- a snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper;
- abrasive material (sand or kitty litter), in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow;
- jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices (flares and emergency markers);
- blankets for protection from the cold; and
- a cell phone and charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine.



Gas Up or Plug It In

Keep your gas tank close to full whenever possible.

Similarly in [electric and hybrid-electric vehicles](#), it is important keep your battery charged and to minimize the drain on the battery. In general, batteries with liquid electrolyte have reduced energy storage and delivery capabilities at lower temperatures, which is why most all vehicle batteries use battery power for self-heating in low temperatures. Minimize battery drain due to heating by keeping your electric vehicle as warm as possible during freezing temperatures. A common way to do this is plugging your vehicle in at night during the winter – keeping the battery in its optimal temperature ranges.

Plan Your Route

Before heading out, make sure to check the weather, road conditions and traffic. Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go—even if you use a GPS—and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time. On longer trips, plan enough time to stop to stretch, get something to eat, check your phone, and change drivers or rest if you feel drowsy.

Year-Round Safety

Check for Recalls

Go to [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Recalls) and enter your vehicle identification number (VIN) to quickly learn if your vehicle has a critical safety issue that has not been repaired, and how to get that repair done for free. You can also download NHTSA's SaferCar app ([NHTSA.gov/app](https://www.nhtsa.gov/app)) and enter your vehicle and equipment information. If a recall is issued, you'll get an alert on your phone.

Avoid Risky Driving Behaviors

You know the rules: Do not text or drive distracted; obey posted speed limits; and always drive sober. Both alcohol and drugs can impair safe and responsible driving by affecting things such as coordination, judgment, perception, and reaction time. And remember: always wear your seat belt.





Nutrition & Diabetes

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

KLALLAM STRONG: NUTRITION & DIABETES NEWSLETTER

Dawn Travelstead, RD, MS, CDE, Lower Elwha Health Clinic

In this issue:

- Healthy Winter
- Eating sequence



Winter Health Tips

Benefits of Eating Carbs Last!

Do you get tired after eating carbs or is your blood sugar high after a meal? Here is a way to help.

Food sequencing is an approach to describe how you can lower your blood sugar after meal spikes.

Eating carbs last helps not only sugar spikes, but may help you feel full longer after a meal.

How does this work?

Carbs turn to sugar soon after eating, the more processed the carb, the faster the sugar conversion. Adding fiber to the carb does slow the sugar release down.

Better way to eat your carbs!

Eat your vegetables and protein first. This is the best way to help control blood sugar after meal spikes. This is good even if you don't have diabetes.

The pancreas that controls blood sugar is an organ that can wear out and lose function, so be kind to it!



Keeping Healthy This Winter!

1. **Get enough sleep.** Research shows that people who only get 5-6 hours of sleep have a 30% chance of catching a virus.
2. **Don't drink sugary beverages.** High sugar intake compromises your immune system.
3. **Omega oils.** Eat more salmon, trout, and tuna. The oils help strengthen your immune system.
4. **Get a handle on stress.** Stress weakens the immune system. Add exercise daily or meditation.
5. **Eat the rainbow.** The more color to your diet, the more it improves your immune system. Remember ROYGBIV: red/orange/yellow/green/blue/indigo/violet. (I used to work in pediatrics)
6. **Keep a healthy gut.** Add probiotics to your diet: yogurt, kefir, miso, even sauerkraut.

7. Take a vitamin D supplement.

Don't forget to schedule your diabetes quarterly.

If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500.

Did you know?





Language & Culture

Language and Culture

1/9	5 pm-7 pm	Drum Group at Dining Hall
1/16	5 pm-7pm	Drum making for Canoe Journey giveaway
1/21	10am-3pm	Cedar Weaving/Graduation Caps at Culture Bld.
1/22	1 pm– 6 pm	Cedar Weaving/Graduation Caps at Culture Bld.
1/23	5 pm-7 pm	Drum Group at Dining hall
1/28	10am-2 pm	Craft making @ Heritage Center
1/29	2 pm– 6pm	Cedar Weaving/Graduation Caps at Culture Bld.
1/30	2 pm-6 pm	Cedar Weaving/Graduation Caps at Culture Bld.

For more info, contact Harmony Arakawa at 360.452.8471 x7322 or 564.215.1445



Language & Culture



Klallam Language Department Middle School Program Bi-Monthly Update

Delivered by Jonathan J. Arakawa, Klallam Language Teacher

The 2023-24 school year has been productive. We hit the ground running to support our students and continue our important work. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the work accomplished thus far for the Klallam Language Department's Middle School Program regarding curriculum development and implementation.

Per our October Update, we have piloted curriculum in Social Studies, Science, and English at Stevens Middle School. **We completed the following since September:**

- **Social Studies** – Two presentations have been delivered this semester. One in 7th grade Washington State History covering the 'History of the Klallam People'. Another in 8th grade Civics covering 'Tribal Sovereignty'.
- **Science** – We have strengthened existing tribal curriculum in two 8th grade science units. The units include Ecosystems and Geology where we integrate Klallam stories to connect to scientific evidence. *Kudos to Jessica Elofson for carrying out this work for 2-decades with the science teachers!*
- **English Language Arts** – Klallam stories and lessons about oral traditions have been shared in both 7th and 8th grade English classes. We are currently discussing expansion of our efforts to have a possible 'Native Storytelling Week'. It is nowhere near final stages for implementation. *Watch for updates!*

This year, we planned to increase our tribal presence at Stevens. These plans are now in action. **We have executed the following:**

- **Monthly Traits in Klallam** – In collaboration with Principal Melissa McBride, the school's monthly traits were translated into the Klallam language. The Klallam translations are shared at monthly assemblies.
- **Klallam Welcome Song at Assemblies** – Following the 30+ year lead of Dry Creek Elementary, the Klallam Welcome Song will now be shared at Stevens' monthly assemblies. Stevens held its monthly assembly on October 6th, and Klallam Welcome Song was sung where 30+ students joined us to sing!
- **Local Tribal History shared during Morning Announcements** – In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, I compiled a list of local tribal history facts for Stevens' daily announcements. 16+ bullet points with tribal history and a "Did You Know?" segment was shared to educate students and staff about our Klallam people. The list was very comprehensive.

Watch for more updates about our work! If you have questions, please reach out via email, Jonathan.Arakawa@elwha.org or phone, 360-452-8471, ext. 7395.



Language & Culture



Klallam Language Department Staff attend Youth Workers Summit

December 4-5, 2023, Blyn, WA — The Klallam Language Department recently participated in a dynamic one and a half-day Youth Workers Summit alongside dedicated youth workers from Jamestown, Port Gamble, and Suquamish. Representatives from Elwha and the department, included Harmony Arakawa, Jonathan Arakawa, Karrin Francis, and Mariah Francis. The summit, planned by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Youth Services Department, was hosted at the 7 Cedars Casino Resort in Blyn, WA. It was strategically chosen as a central location for the participating communities. The event was skillfully facilitated by esteemed trainer, Jeri Brunoe, from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs of Oregon, whose extensive experience spans over 30 years of dedicated work in Indian Country.

The summit provided a platform for youth workers to exchange valuable information, share innovative ideas, and fortify collaborative efforts in serving Native youth. It offered a unique opportunity for participants to gain insight into the initiatives undertaken by other communities for their youth, fostering a spirit of collaboration with a shared mission. Reflecting on the experience, the Klallam Language Department staff expressed their gratitude, stating, "We are grateful for the invaluable time and space that has allowed us to strengthen our ties and cultivate partnerships with Jamestown, Port Gamble, and Suquamish. This summit has illuminated areas for improvement within our department and services. We are eager to bring the newfound ideas back to our community and integrate them into our work."

The attendees, now known as the "Professional Aunties and Uncles (PAU) Team," are planning to meet routinely to sustain connections, explore opportunities for collective action, and devise strategies to engage and uplift the youth in their respective communities.



Art Therapy Groups

Engage your mind, body and spirit in creative therapeutic expression alongside others as part of a group

Art therapy can:

**IMPROVE
COGNITIVE
FUNCTIONS**

**RAISE
SELF-ESTEEM**

**BUILD
EMOTIONAL
RESILIENCE**

**BUILD
SOCIAL
SKILLS**

6 weeks – first group starting January 18

Small group size

No art experience needed

Open to adults and children ages 11 and up

Meets at the Gathering Place at the Upper

Currently open to AI/AN participants

Facilitated by Kristina Cain

Questions/registration:

kristina.cain@elwha.org

Or call/text 360-797-8588

Read more about this, scan here:





Public Works

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN Update

I am happy to announce the Transit Shelter on the corner of Spokwes Road and Lower Elwha Road was completed in December, 2023. Public Works and Facilities worked together to complete the construction and installation. Special thank you to Warren Stevens for overseeing the project and securing a local contractor to install the concrete pad, which drastically reduced the overall cost. I hope you enjoy the new shelter and, if you have any suggestions for future improvements you would like to propose, contact me at Susan.Matthews@elwha.org or (360)452-8471*7468.



BEFORE



AFTER



DIGITAL LITERACY

CLASSES AVAILABLE

Essential Computer Skills

- Basic Computer Skills
- Internet Basics
- Using Email
- Windows
- Mac OS

Essential Software Skill

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Google Docs

Using Technology in Daily Life

- Social Media
- Information Literacy
- Career Search Skills
- Accessing Telehealth Appointments
- Your Digital Footprint
- Supporting K-12 Distance



Proctored exams, assessments and certificates are available upon request.

Heritage Center - Wednesdays, 10am & 5pm

To register: Chrissi.Ducotey@elwha.org

360-417-8545 x2902



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Vocational Rehab

Employment Services For Natives With Disabilities

**ENROLLED NATIVE AMERICANS WITH
DOCUMENTED DISABILITIES MAY BE
ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES AND
FUNDING TOWARD VOCATIONAL AND
EDUCATIONAL GOALS.**

For more information:

Elwha Klallam Heritage Center - 401 E First St Port Angeles
(360)417-8545 x2910 - Jim.Allen@Elwha.org

Lower Elwha Klallam Social Services
(360)452-8471 x7457 - Jeremy.Acosta@Elwha.org

www.facebook.com/LEKTVR



Vocational Rehab & Housing

TVR would like to congratulate Amy Reed and her business

The Everclean State on being featured on the CIE (Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship) newsletter for November.

Check out her story at the link below, or scan the QR code to read.

<https://www.cie-nw.org/blog/everclean-state>



REMINDER

If you have a Ductless Heat Pump in your home – please remember to clean the filters of your heat pump every month.

This is a MAINTENANCE DUTY required to keep your unit working and providing the heat and cool that it is supposed to.

KEEPING THE FILTERS CLEAN IS IMPORTANT



Food Bank

Happy
NEW YEAR
2024

ELWHA FOOD BANK

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW
YEAR AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
JANUARY PEOPLE.

The Elwha food bank would like to thank Lola
Moses for the food drive she did for the Elwha
Food Bank

The food bank is here to help you in time of
need to distribute food for a 2 to 3 day
emergency supply of food.

I am more than happy to prepackage for you, all
you need to do is call or email me and I will have
prepackaged bags ready for you to pick up.

To the Upper Elwha area.

Please call, email or submit a smart form for
delivery.

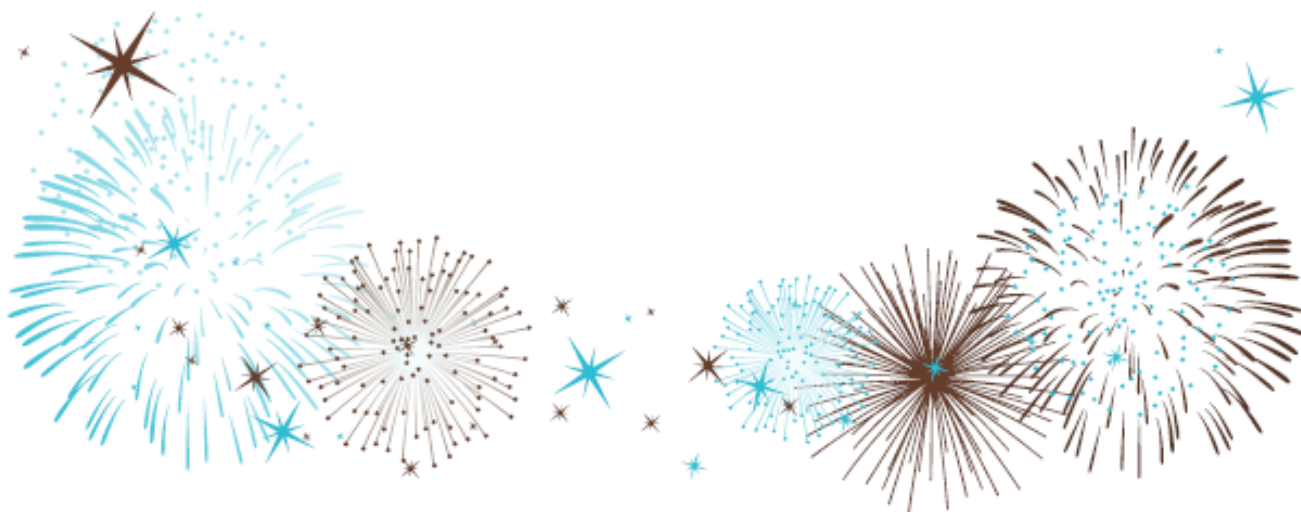
(360)452-8471 ext. 7690

Dorene.charles@elwha.org

Happy new year from

Dorene Charles

Lower Elwha Food Bank Coordinator





1910 Shaker Church Announcement



LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

ʔəʔtɬwə nəxʷsɬayəm "Strong People"

2851 Lower Elwha Road
Port Angeles, WA 98363

Phone: 360,452,8471
Fax: 360,452,3428

LEKT Facility Reservation Agreement

Please complete and return this application to the above address. The LEKT facility reservation application and policies and procedures can be accessed on www.elwha.org. When applications are received, they will be reviewed and you will be contacted to confirm your reservation. Your reservation will be placed on the LEKT facility reservation calendar. You must be 18 years or older and a member of the LEKT Community to reserve facilities.

Name/Organization Responsible: Jonathan Arakawa, Lower Elwha 1910 Shaker Church

Phone number: 360-565-6957 Email: jonathan_arakawa@outlook.com

Purpose of the Event: Monthly Church Opening

Date of the Event: January 19, 20, 21, 2024 Time: from 8 AM to 12 AM

Estimated Attendance:

Please check the LEKT Tribal facility you are requesting to reserve:

- ☐ Tribal Center Dining Hall, 2851 Lower Elwha Rd.
 - Weekdays 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 - Weekends-Holidays 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- ☐ Tribal Center Kitchen, 2851 Lower Elwha Rd.
 - Weekdays 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 - Weekends-Holidays 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM



Community News

Birthday Jam for Elvira Rose

▪ Join us for a night of good medicine, Lots of laughter, Arlenes Famous Fry bread, & of course celebrating Miss Elvira Rose

▪ Dinner will be served in the dining hall & Jam session to follow, in the gym.

▪ Elwha Tribal Center
2851 Lower Elwha Road,
Port Angeles, WA, 98363

-SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS-

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS ALL OF THE FUN AND GOOD MEDICINE.

Contact: Arlene "Pebbs" Wheeler @ 360-460-5842

4:00 pm
Saturday
Jan. 27th, 2024



Wishing my beautiful granddaughter Elvira Rose Tinoco a very happy birthday. I love you.
Love always
Grandma
Dorene

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO Ryan Charles-Elofson for being put on the Housing Board!
Love from Mom

To Teyah Cross-Elofson

For BMX!!! You are a winner!!
Love from Granny

To Jaxxon

Happy #2 Years Old!

Love from Granny



Elwha Girls Basketball Team #1



Happy Birthday Jaidyn!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEPHEW! I hope you have an amazing birthday Lukas! It's so awesome turn into your own human.
Love Aunty Teva.





Enterprise



LOWER ELWHA FOOD AND FUEL

NUMBER : (360) 452-5550

HOURS : 4:30PM - 10:00 PM



KWITSEN GRILL

NUMBER : (360) 912-7532

HOURS : 11:00AM - 7:00PM



CEDAR BOX SMOKE SHOP

NUMBER : (360) 452-9250

HOURS : 6:00AM - 7:00PM



ELWHA PEAKS

NUMBER : (360) 912-7533

HOURS : 8:00AM - 10:00PM

WANNA VEND? FOLLOW ALL SITES ON

Are you interested in vending your merchandise in our parking lot?

We would like to invite anyone who is interested to sell here in our lot!
If interested, please get in contact with our management to submit a request to set up, as soon as possible. Get your product seen by the thousands who pull through this lot, everyday!

CONTACT : MARKETING@ELWHAINC.COM



LEPD

2023 Service Record for L & O	Nov.
911 Hang-Up	2
Alarm/Alarm Check	3
Animal Calls	1
Assault	2
Business Check	140
Citizen Assist	6
Citizen Contact	5
Civil	6
Community Oriented Policing	4
CPS/APS	1
Courtesy Transport	1
Disabled Vehicle	2
Disturbance	2
Drug Violation	1
DUI	1
Exclusion	1
Firework Violation	1
Fishing/Forest Violations	1
Follow Up	7
Found/Recovered/Lost Property	3

Frequent Patrol Request	46
Junk Vehicle	1
Malicious Mischief	2
Mental/ITA	1
Other Agency Assist	32
Prisoner Transport	4
Report of Open Door/Window	17
Sex Offense/Monitor	2
Stone Garden	15
Suicide/Suicidal	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Traffic Control/Emphasis/Hazard	5
Traffic Stops	21
Trespass	4
Unwanted Person	1
Vehicle Accidents	2
Weapons Discharge/Violation	1
Welfare Check	6
Warrant Attempts/Arrests	3
Warrants-Non-Tribal	3
Total	362





Tribal Directory

Tribal Center

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360.452.8471

Executive Director

Tonya Greene, Ext. 7469

Tribal Operations Officer

Tia Skerbeck, Ext. 7420

CFO Froilan Sarmiento, Ext. 7463

Accounting

2851 Lower Elwha Road
Rachelle Wheeler, Grants
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