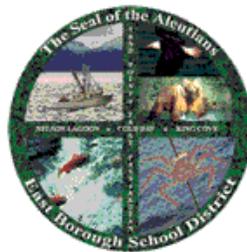
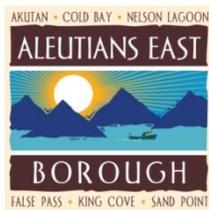


In the Loop



Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

The New Boeing 737 Max 9 Conducts Crosswind Landing Checks in Cold Bay

The Boeing 737 Max 9, the newest member of the Max family, conducted crosswind landing checks in Cold Bay earlier this month, an airport possessing unique features necessary to test the aircraft in extreme winds.

“Very high crosswinds in particular are hard to find, since airports tend to build runways lined up into the prevailing wind direction,” said Mike Bryan, Boeing test pilot. “In Cold Bay, while the other aircraft were landing on Runway 26, we used Runway 15, with a direct crosswind of about 35 knots and gusts of more than 50 knots. As a test pilot, these are wind conditions that are hard to find, and I really enjoy the challenges of such a unique environment.”

The 737 Max 9 made its inaugural flight on April 13, 2017 after taking off from Renton Field and

landing at Boeing Field in Seattle, Washington. The larger aircraft can accommodate 220 passengers, offers increased fuel economy and a range of more than 4,000 miles, compared to about 3,400 miles for its predecessor.

“As a pilot, one thing I really like about the 737 Max 9 are improvements such as the large displays in the flight deck,” said Bryan. “These are the same displays we incorporate in our latest aircraft like the 787 and the KC-46 Tanker. They are great improvements for pilot situational awareness and workload.”

Bryan said the landing checks in Cold Bay on Oct. 5, 2017 went very well. Because the test aircraft is heavily instrumented, they were able to obtain a wealth of data from their takeoffs and landings.



The Boeing 737 Max 9, the newest member of the Max family, performed crosswind landing checks in Cold Bay on Oct. 5th. Photo by Hap Kremer.

“The winds came as predicted, and we performed a mix of manual landings, autoland approaches and takeoffs with very high crosswinds,” he said. “We are already actively reviewing the data and applying what we learned from the Cold Bay conditions,” he said. This data will then be included in our final submission to the FAA for their approval of this new variant of the 737 Max for in service operations with numerous airlines around the world.”

Bryan said the tower operator in Cold Bay was very helpful in coordinating their approaches and taxi requirements to get the test conditions done.

“We really appreciated the local support,” he said.

“We were also happy to provide the ARFF (Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting) support, in case it’s needed,” said Harold “Hap” Kremer, Cold Bay Airport Manager. “We look forward to having the opportunity to see the up-and-coming lineup of aircrafts – a sneak preview, if you will. We’re hoping to see more of these test flights here.”

Bryan is no stranger to Cold Bay. This was the test pilot's fourth trip to the community.

"Each trip has been a unique experience," he said. "My first trip was in October 2006 when we flew a modified 777 to check out our new 787 Dreamliner flight control laws. We had very similar high crosswinds from the southwest."



Alaska DOT employees in Cold Bay staged the ARFF truck nearby during the Max 9 crosswind landing checks, in case it was needed. Photo by Russell Ruta.

Bryan said at that time, several local residents turned up to check out the new aircraft and take a group photo with the Boeing team.

"We are all fellow aviation enthusiasts here," said Kremer. "A large majority of our community existence is because of this airfield."

"As a test pilot, I travel the world," he said, "and it's always a pleasure to connect with fellow aviation enthusiasts from cities both large and small."

NOAA to Offer Fishermen Option for Electronic Monitoring in 2018

Submitted by NOAA

Beginning in 2018, Alaska fishermen, some of whom may not have the space on their vessel or life raft capacity for a NOAA Fisheries observer, will have the option to use an electronic monitoring (EM) system instead.

NOAA Fisheries is integrating EM into the North Pacific Observer Program for the 2018 fishing year. An EM system uses cameras and associated sensors to passively record and monitor fishing activities—work traditionally accomplished by human observers placed onboard commercial fishing vessels to collect data.

Information collected by observers while aboard commercial fishing vessels is crucial to sustainable management of Alaska's multi-billion-dollar fishing industry. NOAA Fisheries restructured the North Pacific Observer Program in 2013 for the first time, to place fisheries observers on small boats between 40 and 60 feet, and boats harvesting halibut in Alaska.

Some small boat owners and operators identified unique issues with carrying an observer. They advocated for the choice to use an EM system instead of carrying an observer.

Boat owners worked with NOAA Fisheries and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to develop the EM technology that works best in Alaska for collecting fishery data. The EM systems developed can effectively identify almost all species or species groupings required for management. NOAA Fisheries would use EM to collect catch and bycatch data from vessels while fishing.

Under NOAA's final rule, EM technology will only be available to owners and operators of fixed gear (hook and line, and pot gear) vessels in the "partial coverage category" of the observer program, in which the agency places observers on randomly selected vessels (not vessels in the full coverage category, which requires observers on all vessels).

Participation in EM is voluntary, and a vessel owner must request to participate in EM for 2018 using the Observer Declare and Deploy System (ODDS) <http://odds.afsc.noaa.gov> by **November 1, 2017**. If meeting eligibility criteria, the vessel would be placed in the EM selection pool and NOAA Fisheries would randomly select trips among participating vessels to use an EM system. Vessel owners and operators who do not volunteer for EM would remain subject to observer coverage.

Vessel owners and operators that volunteer would have responsibilities to make sure the EM system is working and to send the video storage devices back to NOAA Fisheries for review.

**For more information, visit NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional website: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/>
Contact: Julie Speegle, 907-586-7032**

King Cove City Council Appoints Student Body President as Council Honorary Member

Getting young people interested and engaged in local government today will help them on the road to becoming the leaders of tomorrow. That's the idea behind appointing the high school student council president to King Cove's City Council as an honorary (advisory) council member.

King Cove Mayor Henry Mack said within many municipalities, it's common to see mature individuals filling council seats. He presented the idea to the King Cove City Council to encourage the involvement of young people in city government and get them motivated.

"We need to get them started and energized to become our future leaders," said Mayor Mack. "I think the high school is a good place to start. We wanted to encourage someone from the student council to sit in and see how city government works.



Pictured from left to right: Elaina Mack, Student Council Treasurer; Christine Aichele, Student Council Secretary; Dylan Larsen, Student Council Vice President; and Emmaly Brandell (Student Council President). Photo courtesy: Fanny Jo Newton.

King Cove School Student Council President Emmaly Brandell will start filling that role as the primary (honorary) seat holder during the council's next meeting in November. Three other students: Dylan Larsen, Student Council Vice President; Christine Aichele, Student Council Secretary; and Elaina Mack, Student Council Treasurer; will serve as alternates when Brandell is unavailable.

"We want to know what the younger people are thinking," said Mayor Mack. "We don't hear enough of it. "I think we need to learn from our young people, and they need to learn from us."

Mayor Mack said when he first presented the idea to the council, members had questions such as would the honorary council member have a vote and would it count?

“It’s symbolic, and wouldn’t count. It’s an advisory vote, which wouldn’t change the overall outcome of the council vote,” said Mayor Mack. “However, we want the (student) honorary council members to share their thoughts and give us their perspectives. Their input is important.”

“We are very excited to be presented with the opportunity to have our student council members sit on the King Cove City Council and get experience in the processes of our city government,” said Fanny Jo Newton, Student Council Advisor at the King Cove School and Language Arts Teacher. “It’s also important to have an opportunity to present a voice for the student body on community issues.”

"I hope that this experience will help me become more confident as a leader since I am the Student Body President," said Emmaly Brandell. "I also hope it will help me gain leadership skills so I can take what we learn and apply it to our Student Council."

Sand Point Students Launch Socktober to Help Homeless of Anchorage

Response to Donation Drive has been Tremendous



Sand Point 5th/6th Grade Teacher Kyle Settles and his class launched Socktober, a donation drive to help Anchorage’s homeless. Photo courtesy: Kyle Settles.

Sand Point fifth and sixth grade students are doing their part to help Anchorage’s homeless by collecting the least collected items – socks. With that in mind, they launched a donation drive called Socktober, and so far, it appears to be a resounding success.

“Our goal in the class was to be able to raise awareness of the problem in Anchorage and support them as much as we can,” said Kyle Settles, Sand Point 5th/6th grade teacher.

Students are collecting socks, in addition to clothes and canned goods so they can donate those items to Bean’s Café in Anchorage. A bin has been set up at the Sand Point School and at the AC Store.

They're also collecting money, and have set up a "Go Fund Me" page for those who would like to donate. The class has made a great deal of progress so far, and the donations have far surpassed the class's goal.

"We began with a goal of raising \$300, and within 24 hours, we shattered that goal!" Settles said. "We have been running Socktober for close to three weeks and have collected 6 large boxes of clothes, one full box of food and nearly \$1,100. The kids are besides themselves!"

Settles is confident this donation drive will be a positive experience for the kids.

"We've been focusing on empathy, and trying to understand what people are going through," he said. "I'm hoping this pushes them toward being more empathetic. They've all been to Anchorage and I think they've seen the problem firsthand. For someone seeing this for the first time, it's alarming, and it's a very rough existence. Being able to help the homeless will be a very rewarding experience for the kids."

If you'd like to donate any amount online, visit:

<https://www.gofundme.com/get-these-kids-moving>

St. Herman's Church Bell Tower Awaits Dedication in King Cove



A view of the church and bell tower after the cupola and cross were installed. Photo courtesy: St. Herman Church.

After a substantial amount of work done in August, the construction on the Elders' Bell Tower at St. Herman's Church in King Cove is just about wrapped up. A few tasks remain, such as sealing and painting of the exterior, installation of rail caps on the perimeter of the walls, hand rails for the stairs, carpentry work on the second level interior and improvements to the guard rail. A plaque will also be made for the dedication. At this point, the church is excited that the biggest job is complete.

“The tower is solid and expressive, and looks beautiful against the backdrop of a stunning Aleutian landscape,” said Reverend Andrei Tepper, Rector of St. Herman Orthodox Church of King Cove.



The crew used a man-lift to install the cupola and cross.
Photo courtesy: St. Herman Church.

The tower provides a home for the historic Belkofski bronze bells, originally cast in San Francisco in the 1880s. Tepper said hearing the bells played is an amazing experience.

“It is a joy for our elders, and indeed for our whole community, to hear the beautiful sound of the church bells ringing out once again.”

A highlight of the recent construction was when the impressive cedar cupola and cross, completely made of driftwood from the beaches near Kodiak, were raised and set on top of the bell tower. Elders were among those who watched as the workers skillfully accomplished this task.

The final stage of the project will be the consecration by Bishop David and the dedication

to the community’s elders. This is expected to occur within the first half of next year.

“We are blessed with a tower both beautiful and strong,” said Tepper. “Already this fall, the tower has been tested with wind gusts close to 80 miles per hour.”

An earlier grant from the Rasmuson Foundation of \$24,422 helped the church to raise the Elders’ Bell Tower in the summer of 2016. Local donations, including those from the Aleut Corporation, the Belkofski Tribe and APIA also helped to fund the project. In-kind donations from PenAir and Grant Aviation, paid for workers to travel. In addition, the King Cove Corporation provided housing, while Peter Pan Seafoods provided meals.

Recently the Rasmuson Foundation awarded the parish a new grant for \$22,060 to go towards the cost of completing the project. Tepper is requesting additional



The cupola and cross were made completely of cedar driftwood from beaches near Kodiak.
Photo courtesy: St. Herman Church.



Belkofski elders and families gathered to watch the cross raised to the top of the tower. Photo courtesy: St. Herman Church.

donations to help complete the Elders' Bell Tower project and continue the work of preserving this unique inheritance at St. Herman Church in King Cove.

"The many generous donations that have come in from donors all over the state and country have helped us to get close to our goal," Tepper said. "We look forward to dedicating the tower in the months ahead."

The completed construction has special meaning for many King Cove residents and parishioners, including Irene Christiansen, who grew up and lived in

Belkofski for many years.

"We are mighty pleased to have it done because we have been waiting for a long time," Christiansen said. "We are feeling very safe when we see it up there, and we're looking forward to the dedication to all the elders who came before us. A big thanks to all the people that helped us with donations. We appreciate it very much."

Sand Point Kids Delight Audience at Talent Show



Whitney, Vivian, Summer and Azia performed at the Sand Point School's talent show as the "Wannabe" Spice Girls. Photo by Karen Walls, Walls Photography.

A talent show at the Sand Point School earlier this month "wowed" the audience, while one amusing act had people practically rolling in the aisles. There were ten acts on October 10th, including 17 students. The show was a fundraiser for the Class of 2022.

“There was singing and dancing,” said Jerri Nyberg, talent show organizer and High School SPED Teacher. “There was also a waterless synchronized swimming act, which was hilarious!”

This act included fifth graders Keeley Dushkin, Keira Galovin, Ava Holmberg, Thekla Nielsen and Summer Walls.

The talented performers entertained about 70 audience members.

“There were several singing acts that were amazing,” said Nyberg. “Stand outs were one preschooler, Lyra Rosette; a kindergartner, Willow Jackson; as well as a high school senior, Melrose Ceballos; who were singing. To have an opportunity to hear these voices was priceless!”

The show raised \$680, which will be used for graduation expenses in 2022. This was the second fundraiser for the Class of 2022. The first one was held last spring. It raised over \$780.

“It was a great family fun night!” said Nyberg.

Young Athletes Shine at 2017 Alaska Cross Country Championships



Elaina Mack of King Cove finished in 20th place for Division II girls at the Cross Country Championships.

Six young athletes from Sand Point and King Cove gave it their all in the Alaska Cross Country Championships in Anchorage on September 30th, making their school district, communities and parents very proud.

Sophomore Elaina Mack of King Cove surpassed last year’s performance of 56th place for Division II girls, sprinting to the finish line in 20th place this year, with a time of 22:07.

“She also got second place for 1A students,” said King Cove cross-country coach Etta Kuzakin. “She did really well and held her own. Her goal in the future is to place in the top ten.”



King Cove's Sadie Newton competed at the state level for the first time, finishing in 106th place.

King Cove sophomore Sadie Newton competed at the state level for the first time, finishing the 5-kilometer trail in 106th place with a time of 26:18.

“Mind you, there were 136 girls competing,” Kuzakin said.

King Cove Freshmen Brian Aichele and Braydyn Brandell were also new to the Bartlett High School trails at the state cross country championships in Anchorage. Aichele finished at 131st place, with a time of 20:59 and Brandell clocked in at 22:26, placing 144th.

The course at Anchorage's Barlett High School presented some unique challenges to the racers. The trails had endured quite a bit of rain leading up to the race.

“The course was pretty difficult as it was muddy, leafy and hilly,” said Sand Point cross country coach Kyle Settles.



Brian Aichele of King Cove finished at 131st place.

For those new to the course, one incline in particular, Separation Hill, tested the mettle of the student athletes. On a good day, it's undeniably steep. Following a rainy period, it's also mucky and difficult. Nevertheless, the AEBSD kids were up to the challenge.

“It was neat to see them reach their goals,” Settles said.

Sand Point sophomore Lindsey Dushkin dashed to the finish line, placing 124th in the girls' Division II, with a time of 27:40.

“Lindsey finished strong,” said Settles. “This was only her second year of training. She was the only student who showed up at every single practice. She made a lot of progress throughout the year and set a couple of personal records leading up to the race.”



Braydyn Brandell of King Cove finished in 144th place.

Sand Point senior Ryder Gundersen faced some tough obstacles prior to the state championships.

“Ryder had kind of a rocky season and was unable to go at the beginning of the year because of some injuries,” said Settles, “so we kept an eye on him.”



Sand Point's Ryder Gundersen placed 136th.

His ankle still wasn't completely healed a couple of weeks before the race, but he took some time off to recover.

"He was able to get closer to 100 percent and ended up finishing right around the 130th mark," said Settles. "It was neat to see Ryder go out with a bang because this was his senior year."

Gundersen shot to the finish line with a time of 21:26, placing 136th.

"I'm very proud of them as their coach," Settles said.

Pulling off their impressive performances required a lot of work and dedication.

"We progressed from basically running in circles at the school to running three and four-mile long races on hills and mountains," said Settles. "We were

running down Dump Road quite a bit and running up and down the rocky terrain back there."

The King Cove kids also worked very hard.

"They practiced every day during the week," said Kuzakin. "They



Lindsey Dushkin of Sand Point placed 124th. Photo by Samuel Towarak for the Bristol Bay Times/Dutch Harbor Fisherman.

ran on dirt trails downtown and on hills in Ram's Creek, running at least four miles a day to work on their stamina."

That hard work paid off in a big way for the student athletes from both King Cove and Sand Point.

"All of the kids did absolutely amazing," Kuzakin said.



From left to right: Lindsey Dushkin, Ryder Gundersen, Elaina Mack, Braydyn Brandell, Brian Aichele, and Sadie Newton. Congratulations, AEBSD cross country runners! Photo by Etta Kuzakin.

Eastern Aleutian Tribes Monthly Report



Whittier's new clinic.
Jennifer Harrison (CEO), Olivia Petrie (PA)
and Eula Schofield (CIC), in front of what will
be the front door. September 2017.

Service:

• Adak - Upcoming Services:

- December 13 – 20th - Dr. Michael Costa and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)

• Akutan - Upcoming Services:

- October 14 – 24th – David Modde (BH Clinician)
- November 30th – December 11th - Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)

• Cold Bay - Upcoming Services:

- October 7 – 9th – David Modde (BH Clinician)
- October 25 – November 1st – Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gaby Costa (Dental Assistant)

• False Pass – Upcoming Services:

- October 9 – 13th – David Modde (BH Clinician)
- November 1 – 9th - Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)

• King Cove - Upcoming Services:

- Today until October 11th – George Kirchner (BH Clinician)
- August 28 – October 25th - Shonna Wheeler (DHAT)
- October 2 – 6th – Dr. Saunders (SCF Village Doc) and Case Manager
- October 6 – 25th - Dr. Michael Costa and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)
- October 26 – November 15th – David Modde (BH Clinician)
- November 13th – January 12th – George Kirchner (BH Clinician)

- **Nelson Lagoon - Upcoming Services:**

- October 2 – 7th – David Modde (BH Clinician)

- **Sand Point - Upcoming Services:**

- October 19 – 26th – Jennifer Harrison (CEO)
- October 20th – Health Fair (12:00pm – 3:30pm)
- November 9 – 29th - Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)
- November 6 – 10th – Dr. Hartman (SCF Village Doc)

- **Whittier - Upcoming Services**

- October 25th – Health Fair with David Moode, BH Clinician

People

- **Welcome:**

- **Melinda Johnson**, CHAP/CMS in Sand Point, started on September 5th.
- **Hansel Mathlaw**, Senior Grants Accounting in Anchorage, started on October 2nd

- **Open Positions:**

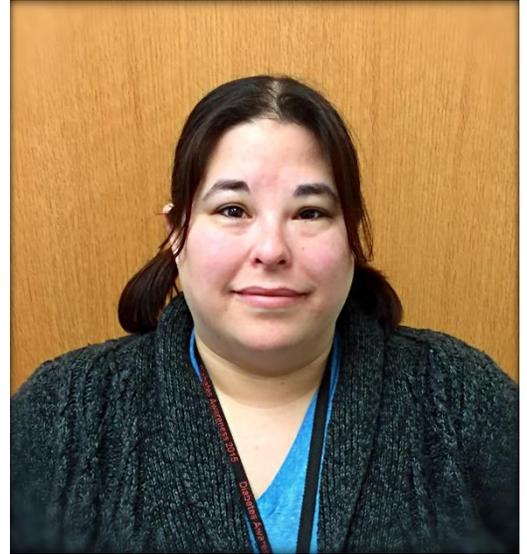
- Community Health Aides* – Nelson Lagoon, Adak, and recruiting for traveling CHAPs
- Community Health Aide (CHA)/ CHR* – Akutan and recruiting for traveling CHAPs
- Community Wellness Advocate/BHA* (50%) – Cold Bay, King Cove, or Nelson Lagoon with regular travel to the other villages
- Compliance/Risk Officer
- Dental Hygienist(s) – Travel to sites (100%)
- Mental Health Clinician – King Cove
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)/Physician Assistant (PA) – Adak, Akutan, Cold Bay, King Cove, Sand Point, and recruiting for traveling NP/PA
- Physician – Recruiting for residents and traveling Physicians (King Cove and Sand Point)

*Note: No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

- **Caught Ya Caring for August:**

- **Brenda Wilson**, BHAP in King Cove, recently worked diligently to find temporary and continued housing for a displaced Elder. It just needed to be done and she did it without question.
- **Esther Bennett** (CHR in Adak), **Joanna Karlsen** (CHA/CMS in Sand Point), **David Moode** (traveling BH Clinician), and **Debbie Malavansky** (Administrative Assistant in

Anchorage) are always willing to go the extra mile! Thank you Immunization Team!
Joanna Karlsen won the prize this month, please see picture on the right.

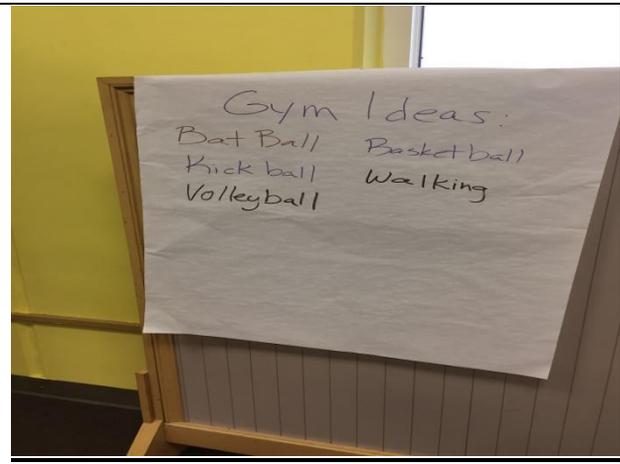


- **Events**

- Saturday, September 30th the **Adak Health Clinic hosted a community potluck**. It was well attended and we discussed the behavioral health and wellness services available, Passport to Healthy Travel program, and brainstormed activities to do in the newly heated community gym. Esther Bennett, CHR in Adak, discussed the importance of updating your registration. Jonathon Mason, PA in Adak, is an excellent chef that really showed off his culinary skills for the annual health clinic potluck. He barbequed chicken, made a huge container of mashed potatoes, vegetables, and even baked homemade bread. All the food was mouthwatering good and much appreciated by the Adak community members. (See pictures below.)



Adak Community Potluck



Open Gym Ideas

- **Highlights from Service:**

- New **clinic location in Whittier** is in final stages of completion. The tentative move in date is some time in November. (See picture on the first page.)
- ELE Consulting in partnership with APIA and EAT submitted a \$200,000 “Implementation Phase” proposal and it was recently funded at \$200,000! Together we continue to move forward with the **intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment program** with a planned start date of January 2018.



**Do you suffer with depression?
Signs And Symptoms**

- ❖ Constantly feel irritable, sad or angry.
- ❖ Feel bad about yourself
- ❖ Changes in eating and sleeping habits
- ❖ Thoughts of death or suicide
- ❖ Feel helpless and hopeless
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- ❖ Difficulty concentrating
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- Depressed
- Hopeless
- Worthless
- Heavy Drinkers on Average are more likely to feel depressed.

Drug Users and Non-Drug Users

- Hopelessness
- Nervousness
- Worthlessness (1.5%)
- Depression (5%)
- Drug users report being depressed a little or some of the time about 5% more often than non drug users.



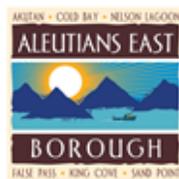
Aleutians East Borough Public Meeting Schedule

**City of Akutan
October 24, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
Akutan Tribal Office**

**City of Sand Point
October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
City Chambers**

**City of Nelson Lagoon
November 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
Community Center**

The Aleutians East Borough invites you to attend a public meeting to share your thoughts and ideas on your communities wants and needs and how the Borough and communities can work together to reach common goals. For more information contact: Anne Bailey or Mary Tesche at (907) 274-7555.



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