

EAGLE VALLEY CENTER



Dear EVC Amalga Meadows Neighbors and Enthusiasts,

I hope this newsletter finds you hopeful and healthy. Over the past few months I have run into many of you at the Lodge, cabin, beaches and trails. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be partners with you all in the stewardship of this area and to have the chance to work with such a great department, community, and supportive neighborhood to boot.

Happy Trails!

Kristi West

Eagle Valley Center Coordinator

Rentals

A number of families and close friends gathered for holiday and birthday celebrations over the winter months. We had good guidance from the CBJ/EOC and were able to offer a clear Mitigation Plan that felt comfortable and safe working under. Guests expressed appreciation for the opportunity.

Upcoming rentals for May include a small graduation celebration, a wedding and three family gatherings.

June, July and August weekends are booked, with a weekday available here and there. It seems that folks are truly ready to gather and we are pleased to accommodate them with a venue for small gatherings.



Partnering Agencies & Businesses

Above & Beyond Alaska is renewing their permit and will be offering guided kayak trips this summer and personal kayak rentals out of Kayak Beach.

JIRP will resume their international educational program this summer. The year 2020, was the first ever since 1946 that they have had to cancel this program. JIRP will have staff on site at the Eagle Valley Center. However, upon their arrival the students will house at the University for their training and a 14-day quarantine. Once the training and quarantine are complete, staff and students will head directly up to the Juneau Ice Field.

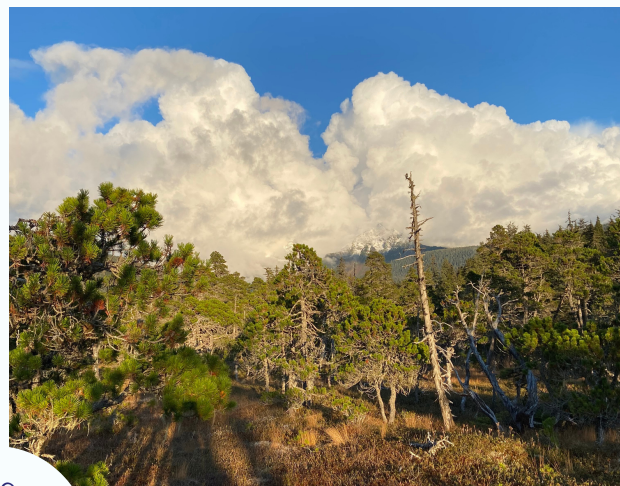


An intern will base out of EVC in June, July and August to handle all Ice Field Logistics. Once the program finishes up at Camp 18 (the camp nearest to the Canadian Border), they will fly back to Juneau and finish their last week at the Eagle Valley Center. While at EVC, students will complete their studies and prepare their final presentation about their research and experience on the Ice Field.



SAIL/ORCA brought Synergo Challenge/Ropes Course Technicians to EVC September 10 – 14 to bring the course back up to industry safety standards. Trail Mix commenced with work the same day to make accessibility improvements to the trail leading to and at the course. Trail Mix worked diligently through November out at EVC, until snow buried their equipment and no longer allowed access to the ground.

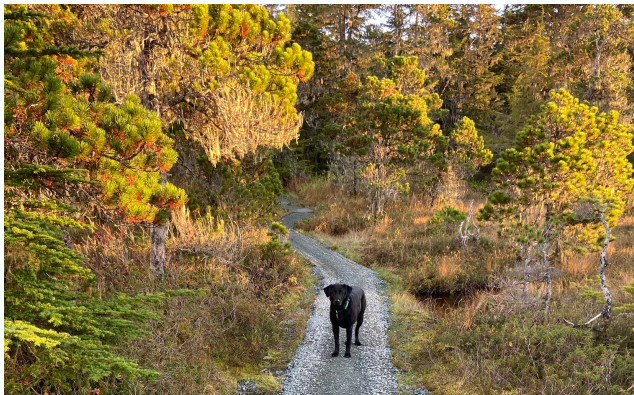
A Synergo trainer came to the Eagle Valley Center for a week in April to train SAIL/ORCA staff how to manage and operate the Challenge Course. A soft opening of the Challenge Course will occur this spring or early summer.





Completed Projects

The **Amalga Cabin** opened for rentals in January 2021. Locals and visitors now have access to a cabin with a spectacular view of Amalga Harbor and the outreaching views of Southern Lynn Canal. Juneau folks are passionate about cabin visits and this demographic has demonstrated thoughtful respect of the cabin and environment.



The **Horse Tram Trail** construction is complete, and has brought and introduced many additional visitors to the area. The linked trail to the Boy Scout Trail creates an opportunity for longer hikes and the trail itself through the forest is lovely.

On introduction, people are awe struck by the beauty of the place. Yes, the

secret is out and folks adore the Amalga area meadows, beaches and forest like we all do.

As more citizens are out enjoying nature, it will benefit our community as they learn and/or demonstrate regard for our great land.

Upcoming Projects

The raised walkway that crosses the slough and accesses the Amalga Meadows Trail System is failing. Installation of a new raised walkway approximately 300 feet down the creek adjacent to the soon to be improved small parking lot will commence this spring. Trail Mix will be installing the raised walkway.

The city has received funds through a voter passed proposition to upgrade site and energy efficiency at the Eagle Valley Center. The funds will allow us to improve accessibility to the Lodge, upgrade our heating system, and replace windows and other energy efficiency upgrades. We also hope to upgrade the parking lot and provide more parking spaces with the bond funding.

The Jesuit Volunteers will spend a day at EVC planting flowers and helping with other yard maintenance. This same group planted our annuals last year and brought a lot of color to the yard.

Ongoing Projects

The Parks & Recreation Department is installing a new series of consistent signs at all parks. The Eagle Valley Center will have new signs installed this summer.