



## **Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 8 August 2019**

- ❖ Amy Poe, our summer intern, is halfway through her project focused on improving user experience at the library. Please share your thoughts about using the library with her so we can make it the best it can be for our community. There is a user survey on the library's website ([psglib.org](http://psglib.org)) and she can be reached at [intern@petersburgak.gov](mailto:intern@petersburgak.gov). The summer intern program is fund by the Alaska State Library.
- ❖ The library has received a \$7,000 grant from the Institute for Museum & Library Services in partnership with the Petersburg Indian Association and a \$7,000 grant from the Alaska State Library. Funds will be used to purchase materials for our collection.
- ❖ Summer Stream, the library's summer program for youth, ended July 18. The Jon Ness Memorial Super Reader Prize winners were Payton Dreisbach & Miranda Carr, thanks to Jeanette Ness and Stewart Ness for sponsoring this annual prize.
- ❖ Thank you to John McCabe, who has made a \$10,000 contribution to the library's Arts Education Endowment. He established the fund 2012 as an ongoing funding source to enhance arts programming at the Library. The fund is held and managed by the Alaska Community Foundation.
- ❖ Petersburg Indian Association will not be offering sidewalk snow removal assistance during the 2019-20 winter season. We appreciate PIA's valuable assistance in past years and hope they will be able to offer this service again in the future.
- ❖ The Streets crew completed a resurfacing project on the landfill haul road, which included clearing away brush along the route. They also are replacing some failed curb and sidewalk near the school grounds.
- ❖ Congratulations to Martin Odegaard, who was promoted to Streets Dept. Foreman; and to Aaron Marohl, who has been promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator. Geoffrey Gillen was hired to fill the vacant Utility Worker position and will start work on August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Sandy completed and submitted the final LEPC grant report. This program was deleted by the Governor.
- ❖ We are finalizing a schedule for an Emergency Trauma Technician course to start in September.
- ❖ Consultant Robert Gundling from the Fox Group was at Assisted Living July 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. It was great meeting with him. His report should be complete within the next two weeks.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone that has contributed to our "deck out the deck" fund raiser at the Manor. Thanks again to Sally Dwyer for all her hard work with this whole process!
- ❖ Instructor Jeff Hall will be in town August 8-11 providing training (Advanced Patrol Tactics) for the police department on August 9 & 10. Training was secured with an offer of some fishing after class.

- ❖ Alaska Rural Water Association maintenance staff is currently in town overhauling & testing the Harbor Back Flow Preventor in the Harbor.
- ❖ The water plant is averaging about 1.5 – 1.7 million gallons of daily production this summer with no issues.
- ❖ Harai and Associates will be providing a proposal to design piping changes at the water storage tank. Exploratory digging showed us that the solution to ADEC's request for better separation between incoming water and outgoing water from the tank will be more difficult than hoped.
- ❖ Hauling water to numerous residents beyond the distribution system continues with the drought. Water staff delivered over 30 loads of water in the month of July.
- ❖ Staff recently began pumping wastewater sludge from the National Geographic ships that make port calls in Petersburg. Additional ships are aware of the service and have stated that they would like to pump off in Petersburg. Wastewater staff is working with the Harbormaster to develop some permanent marine wastewater discharge access to the wastewater collection system. The concepts will be developed for Harbor department and Harbor Board review prior to bringing forward to the Manager and Assembly.
- ❖ Crystal Lake is just below where its level was last year. Tyee Lake is finally higher than it was last year, but only by a slim margin. No net power sales are being made to Ketchikan from Tyee Lake. If we don't see a large increase in lake levels this fall, the potential for a diesel run in the spring is possible – and this year we won't have SEAPA to help the community with the cost of diesel fuel. I will be recommending that the fuel adjustment charge be utilized if PMPL must run a diesel support campaign again as a result of the drought.
- ❖ PMPL is working with private property owners to attain permission to remove large trees next to the powerlines. D&D Tree Services has been great to work with and their expertise is greatly appreciated when bringing down trees that are within inches of the 24.9KV line.
- ❖ PMPL's annual FERC inspection of Crystal Lake Dam, Penstock and Hydro was held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the inspector had no issues for the department to follow up on. A very clean inspection of our facilities! Thanks to the PMPL staff for keeping the dam, penstock and hydro in great condition.
- ❖ Submitted project narrative and budget to ADOT for their review and confirmation in advance of submitting complete application to fund replacement of north gangway of south harbor with an ADA compliant gangway.
- ❖ USFS RAC is seeking projects for funding in the Petersburg area. Projects generally must accomplish goals to improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implementing stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restoring and improving land health and water quality. RAC committee meets again in September to consider projects.
- ❖ June was a busy month for construction - 5 new residential construction projects permitted along with 2 major renovation projects.
- ❖ Working with Carol Rushmore in Wrangell to share costs and materials to attend tourism event in October.
- ❖ Met with PND Engineers on Scow Bay design progress. Geotechnical report is nearly complete. Draft 35% design is ready to review. Preliminary habitat assessment work necessary for environmental permitting is getting underway.
- ❖ Community conversations are in process with multiple partners including the Viking Swim Club, the school district, community members, and the borough attorney, regarding our membership and partnership agreements. This research really indicates the Borough will need to limit the age of unaccompanied children allowed in the facility.
- ❖ Recreation Basketball is coming up in September. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with coaching all age groups. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie at 907-772-3392 or [spayne@petersburgak.gov](mailto:spayne@petersburgak.gov).

- ❖ There is an air leak in the Dry Sprinkler system on the gymnasium side. Ketchikan Mechanical was delayed in coming to town due to the Ferry strike. Staff are working on bringing John Taylor to town to fix this issue as well as perform our annual maintenance checks on the entirety of the Borough's sprinkler systems.
- ❖ The filter on the leisure pool is to be fixed 8/16-8/19. We will be closing the pools on Saturday 8/17 to replace the media, the broken manifolds, strainers and lateral drains. We will also be installing new chemical controllers to increase efficiency of the use of the chlorine use. These items were planned and budgeted.