



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 6 September 2016**

- ❖ We continue to have waitlists for Elderly Housing and Assisted Living facilities.
- ❖ Medicaid provider certification renewal has been submitted for the Manor.
- ❖ Muni Building project continues to move forward. Initial installation on jail cells has been completed, and the block wall for the detention area is mostly done as well.
- ❖ Officer Kent Preston resigned, effective 8/28/16, due to a family medical issue. Kent was active in officiating athletic events at school functions and volunteered on various community projects around town. He will be missed and we wish him the best.
- ❖ Sgt. Holmgrain applied for a Homeland Security grant to continue with communications updates. We were awarded \$43,700.00 for the purpose of updating radios in Fire / EMS and police vehicles. Since 2014, \$272,839.00 has been awarded to Petersburg from Randy's efforts.
- ❖ After hours search warrant applications will now be handled by Anchorage Magistrates. We are not yet sure if this will affect service to the community.
- ❖ Preparing for the Community Center closure September 12-23<sup>rd</sup>. Alaska Parks and Recreation Association (ARPA) will have their annual conference in the first week, while the SE Conference will be using the facilities the second week. During this timeframe all facilities will be closed for use.
- ❖ Community Expo Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm. We invite the community to come out and join us for the evening. There are vendors selling goods of all types including, arts, crafts, jewelry, clothes, Tupperware, and food. Free activities open to the community include: bounce house, climbing wall, spike ball, and mini golf.
- ❖ The Youth Basketball league is open for registration. We are searching for volunteers, including coaches, referees, timers, and score keepers. Please see Heidi Cabral for more information.
- ❖ Fall Schedule Hours have now begun. There is a change to the mid-day swim schedule. The warm therapy pool is open from 11-12pm, while lap swim is available from 1130-1245pm.
- ❖ Chandra met with Susan Harai about the progression of the Hungry Point Trail, projection on completion lies sometime in the summer of 2017. Janet has also done amazing work. Working in conjunction with PIA, Janet and Sue have produced more match hours than needed to submit Pay Request #1 to DNR for the Hungry Point Trail grant.

- ❖ Rainforest Festival will be held Sept 8-11. The library is a partner in this annual event and many sessions are held here.
- ❖ We had a bike stolen from outside the library on Friday, thanks to Sgt. Holmgrain for a quick response.
- ❖ Drive Down Bulkhead construction project is running on schedule. The sheet pile has been installed and the area is now getting backfilled and compacted into place. The contractor has done a nice job of maintaining access to the Drive Down Float and the storage area.
- ❖ South Harbor bull rail replacement project is going well, D Float is about complete.
- ❖ Sandy working with Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management regarding visit
  - Earthquake Simulator will be in town Sept 6-10.
  - Training and tabletop exercise Sept 7.
  - Community Emergency Preparedness Fair on Sept 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire Station. Earthquake Simulator will be available to the Public.
- ❖ Fire hose pressure testing has begun. Equipment testing and maintenance is in progress. Ryan working on details for pump testing on Fire Apparatus.
- ❖ Nuisance abatement action at 106 Ira II has been cancelled. Property owner has complied with request to clear lot.
- ❖ Planning Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 27 at 2:30 pm
- ❖ Despite slow salmon season, the Cold Storage had a good summer with nearly 1 million pounds running through the facility.
- ❖ The Children's Center has received its provisional license to operate starting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The new license allows the center to care for up to 64 children, an increase of 23! Thank you to the Rotary Club and SEARHC for their support of the project and to Nordic Electric for donating their time to the project.
- ❖ Public works staff continues to touch up road shoulders, driveway connections and side street aprons following the paving of Borough streets by SECON.
- ❖ A new garbage truck has been ordered to replace Sanitation No. 3, our largest refuse truck. The replacement, which was approved in the FY17 budget, will eliminate the maintenance issues we're having with the aging No. 3 and provide a smaller, more maneuverable truck that better fits the Borough's current garbage and recycling collection strategies.
- ❖ SECON has finished on the Nordic and Haugen projects. It is possible that SECON will do some more paving here next spring if the plant is still in town and there is enough local business to justify starting it up. The concrete crew is still working on the Hammer Slough Bridge and a few other items. They expect to be finished shortly after Labor Day weekend.
- ❖ Currently starting the process of refinancing bonds. The bonds involved are for the Aquatic Center and the South Harbor. We expect a small annual savings due to the lower interest rate.
- ❖ Property Taxes are due September 30th.