



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 8 September 2020**

- ❖ Starting Phase 2 of reopening at Parks & Rec. Phase 2 focuses on more evening swim times (something every evening - something for everyone!). It also involved moving equipment to Fitness Court and closing the mezzanine. This keeps the school kids safe from droplets coming down from the patrons working out on mezzanine and puts all the fitness equipment in one portion of the Community Center.
- ❖ Upcoming Lifeguard class may already be filled! But if anyone is interested in class that is to be held (Sept 16-20th), please contact Stephanie Payne for seat availability.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. is putting together a plan for fall Youth Basketball Program and looking into future programs. The challenge is finding available Community Gym time. We are working with the school, who currently has the gym reserved from 8 am until 6 pm, M-F.
- ❖ Our Masters Swim coach, Scott Burt, is also the new VSC Head Coach - congratulations Scott! He will still be very active in our programs, as he is still on our staff.
- ❖ Waiting for Ragnarök Rollers and Hockey to gain approval for their mitigation plans so they may use the gym again. The plan for Oktoberfest is also underway.
- ❖ Finance has been undergoing our annual audit these last few weeks, and the contract property assessors are in town.
- ❖ Jody continues to work with FEMA to develop a list of expenses that they will reimburse the Borough for that are related to COVID, and tracking CARES Act funds reporting which seems to change every few weeks.
- ❖ Starting Sept 8, the library will be open expanded hours: Tues-Thurs 11-8, Fri & Sat 11-6.
- ❖ The Rainforest Festival will be held Sept 10-13, all events are being held virtually this year. Information at www.akrainforestfest.org.
- ❖ Two grants have been received to purchase material for the library collection. One from the State of Alaska (\$7000) and another from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (\$10,000 – in partnership with the Petersburg Indian Association).
- ❖ Sandy has been filling in as the Incident Commander for Karl. She continues to work on other COVID-19 related stuff as well. We are hiring a few more temporary employees for the Greeter/Screeners labor pool at the airport.
- ❖ Thank you to the Volunteers who continue to participate in training and respond to emergencies during these abnormal times.

- ❖ Thanks to PMC for offering the third round of Asymptomatic COVID testing to First Responders. The process is very quick and efficient.
- ❖ Sandy encourages everyone to sign up in the “Alaska Travel Portal” and complete the Travel Declaration Form if you will be travelling out of State and returning to Alaska.
- ❖ Assisted Living reopened August 26th. Friends and family need to call for an appointment to enter the facility. All details on our reopening plan is on the Borough website. Residents and family are so happy!
- ❖ Elderly Housing continues to STRONGLY encourage vendors and visitors entering the property to wear masks in any of the public areas of the facility and to use hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving the facility.
- ❖ Fire Panel at the Manor was repaired by Johnston Controls. All is well and thankfully no more 24/7 fire watch.
- ❖ The public works crew repaired a failing sewer service at LeConte RV Park. We coordinated with the park owner and with DOT to perform the necessary excavation and sidewalk removal/replacement.
- ❖ Design work on the Motor Pool Shop repairs continues. We have been answering requests for information from the adjuster and design engineer and are getting closer to having the details finalized.
- ❖ The solid waste baler continues to experience periodic control outages, although these have lately been of short duration and have not significantly impacted operations. We are working with the equipment provider and local electricians to isolate the source of the trouble.
- ❖ Garbage bears continue to be a problem in town. Residents are strongly encouraged to keep garbage securely stored, preferably indoors, until the day of pickup. Fish & Game deployed a bear trap at Public Works and one day later captured a nuisance bear. They towed away the trap containing the captured bear just before this report was made.
- ❖ The Alaska Department of Natural Resources renewed the Cooperative Resource Management Agreement (CRMA) with the Borough for maintenance of recreation sites within the Ernie Haugen Public Use Area. Some funding has been received for maintenance performed up through June 30, 2020. We are working on obtaining funding for FY21 maintenance. The US Forest Service has also assisted with maintenance at the sites by helping clean restrooms and empty garbage cans. They are also – for now – cleaning the restroom at the gun range as well. A big thank you to the USFS crew for helping with this!