



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 19 December 2016**

- ❖ As school lets out for the Holiday break Parks & Rec. will be offering more options for drop in fun:
 - Open swims Monday – Friday from 11-1pm (12/19-12/23 & 12/27-12/30)
 - Open Gym Monday – Friday 8a-7pm (12/19-12/23 & 12/30)
 - Dive In Movie – Thursday 12/22 6-8pm
 - Bounce Houses 12/23 & 12/30 10a-1pm
- ❖ Interested in becoming a Lifeguard? Chandra will be teaching a class during winter break, 12/19-12/21 8am-5pm.
- ❖ The Parks and Recreation Staff would like to wish Petersburg Borough a very Happy Holiday season. The facilities will be closed on the following days so that our employees can spend valuable time with their loved ones:
 - At noon on Christmas Eve (12/24)
 - Christmas (12/25)
 - Day After Christmas (12/26)
 - At noon on New Year's Eve (12/31)
 - New Year's Day (1/1)
 - Day After New Year's (1/2)
- ❖ Please be aware that many Borough facilities have the same or similar Holiday schedules. Call ahead if you are unsure of the operating hours during the Holidays.
- ❖ Community Center HVAC systems are shutting off intermittently as the cold weather continues to stay around. We are working on fixing/maintaining the heating coils to keep them in operation. We apologize about any inconvenience this may cause.
- ❖ We have gathered some interest in installing lights up at the ice skating pond so that skaters can see better after the sun sets. We believe this suggestion is very valuable and are looking for more input from the community on how to best make this happen both financially and appropriately for the long-term benefit of all. Please send any feedback via email to Chandra Thornburg at cthornburg@petersburgak.gov.
- ❖ The Ambulance Driver Program has completed training for 3 people. We encourage others to get involved as we continue to need assistance with this vital community service.
- ❖ Transmission line relocation project across from Rocky's Marine nearing completion. GCI and AP&T still have work to do. This was a joint effort to remove a down-guy and anchor from the adjacent lot, for which there was no easement, and the property owner plans to build a house and garage.
- ❖ The replacement of a 350 kw emergency stand-by generator is moving forward. The RFP is out for the genset itself, as well as the step-up transformer. These are the two major components.

- ❖ Capt. Hamilton and Chief Swihart attended the Executive Development Conference in Anchorage last week. John and Kelly attended briefings on SB91 impacts provided by the Department of Law and met with DPS Deputy Commissioner Comer and other chiefs and commanders to discuss SB 91 pending adjustments. They also met with other SE AK chiefs and commanders to revamp and reenergize regional drug enforcement efforts. The group recommitted to maintaining collaborative efforts and is moving forward to update bylaws and memorandums of understanding/agreement.
- ❖ Hiring process at the Police Department is ending. Three officer positions and one dispatcher position have been filled. We still have one unfilled dispatch position.
- ❖ The library's annual Holiday Literary will happen Saturday Dec 17 at 1:30 PM. Thanks to Chelsea Tremblay and Sally Riemer for volunteering their time to organize and present this popular library event which has been running for about 40 years.
- ❖ Working with the local Pioneers of Alaska chapter to reprint *Pioneer Profiles: A History of Petersburg Settlers 1898-1959* which is now out of print. There are still technical issues needing resolution but it's anticipated the book will be available in the spring of 2017.
- ❖ There is a special 'holiday wishes' display in our children's room in December created by students from the elementary school.
- ❖ Siding repairs to Elderly Housing was required due to recent wind storm.
- ❖ Residents of both buildings at the Manor had a great time at the Rotary Party! Thanks again to them!
- ❖ Warmer weather is heading our way, with snow and rain in the forecast for this week. The streets will build ice rapidly when the precipitation starts and cause very hazardous driving conditions. Public Works will be sanding streets as needed, but all motorists are advised to use extreme caution and drive according to the conditions.
- ❖ PW staff, in conjunction with WW staff, was successful in locating and fixing a leak from a wastewater force main on Sandy Beach Road. Weather issues, deep pipe depth and shallow bedrock in the area hampered the efforts but the crews did a great job in addressing the situation. This is the second leak in this force main within a year. The department will be considering a replacement project for this pipe before any further issues arise.
- ❖ PND Engineers has been given a Notice to Proceed for design of the rehabilitation project for the City Creek Dam. Surveying of the spillway surface is hoped to occur soon.
- ❖ The Harbor encourages boat owners to lock up their vessels due to recent reports of vandalism. The Harbor does accept spare keys if owners feel comfortable issuing us one for emergency back-up. Reminder to notify the Harbor Office with dates and names of boat watchers when owners leave town.