



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 16 December 2013**

- ❖ Joe Nelson and staff are working on incorporating a thorough capital project plan into the Electric rate study to better outline the needs of our electric system.
- ❖ Chief Swihart attended the SEACAD meeting in Juneau on 11/21, and the Executive Development Conference December 3-6 in Anchorage. SEACAD is planning a letter to ADOT in an effort to partner with the Alaska Marine Highway to interdict illegal controlled substances being transported on state ferries.
- ❖ Postal interdiction efforts continue to result in seizures. Federal agencies have expressed an interest in bringing the Safe Streets Program and are exploring classifying Petersburg as a High Density Drug Trafficking Area based upon the high number of seizures as compared to our population. This would give us more direct access to Federal agencies involved in drug interdiction efforts.
- ❖ We have had the Municipal Building complex and surrounding Borough property surveyed as part of the proposed renovation for the Police Station and Jail. This will allow the Architect to know exactly where property lines are located and to make sure we understand all easements and right-of-ways that may limit the design or affect parking lot issues.
- ❖ Fire, EMS and Search & Rescue are recruiting for new members. We are encouraging members of the public who have an interest to get involved to help the community.
- ❖ The Aquatic Center will be closed from December 14th – 22nd for annual cleaning. The pools will be drained, the tiles cleaned and floors waxed and buffed throughout the facility.
- ❖ The Recycling Program changes are moving forward. Karl has met with PIA to discuss details of the new system and they will be meeting with their staff to discuss any required changes to make the new system operational. We are expecting to begin rolling out public information in January with a target date of commingled recycling to begin in February.
- ❖ Karl is working on developing a demolition estimate for the Triem house on Wrangell in the event the owners do not take action on their own.
- ❖ Thanks to the Building Maintenance Department for all their work decorating the Manor for the community and the residents. Also a special thanks to everyone who donated money to purchase and install a walk-in hydro-jet tub at the Manor. The Petersburg Rotary Club provided the last of the funds necessary to get this project completed.
- ❖ We are back to full occupancy at MV Manor, with 10 people on the waiting list for Assisted Living.

- ❖ The Sales Tax committee continues to meet, however they do not at this time have any recommendations for the Assembly. They will meet again on January 3, at noon to discuss Senior Exemptions.
- ❖ Admin and Finance staffs are working on updating the job descriptions and preparing the format for gathering comparative data for the upcoming PMEA contract negotiations. This will involve looking at over 60 job descriptions and gathering compensation and benefit data from our list of communities in SE and Prince William Sound.
- ❖ The installation of the community art at the new Library is in process. A stained glass piece by Polly Lee and Deb McMahon was the first installed. It will be followed by pieces from Susan Christensen, Beth Flor, Ross Nannauck III, Polly Koeneman, Joe Viechnicki, Doris Olsen and Pia Reilly. The Public Art in the new library was funded entirely by local donations.
- ❖ Replacement and upgrade of the alarm system at the High School and Community Gym is scheduled to take place over the Christmas break. In addition Building Maintenance has installed new wiring and security cameras at the Community Gym, and we are still working with AP&T for an estimate on installing cameras inside and outside of the Library.
- ❖ The North Harbor main float #1 is in place, and a great deal of work has been completed on the approach dock to get it ready for the ramp and utilities. They are now working on the water main installation along the float while waiting for the materials for float #2. This is scheduled for installation after the Holidays.
- ❖ Long term Harbor Parking will be closed in the North end to stage materials for the Rasmus Enge Bridge project, and in areas behind the Community Cold Storage that is in the construction zone for the drive down dock facility.
- ❖ It is expected that we will be going out to bid on the Crane Dock project on December 19th.