



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 03 February 2014**

- ❖ North Harbor Main Floats 1 & 2 are in place. WDB is busy driving the piles to grade as well as laying the waterline so the large fingers can get attached to the north side of #1. Anchor Electric is working long hours and definitely ahead of schedule.
- ❖ Phase 2 of "Operation Sea lion" seems to be working – noticeable lack of animals around the North Harbor project... the solar powered electric fence & manikin setup we positioned at the Airplane float has kept them off the facility. They tried moving to Petro's float, so Bob set up a sprinkler system which seemed to move them away.
- ❖ On Jan 21st TAMICO & subs, PND Engineers and Glo attended the Pre-construction meeting for the drive down dock. We should start to see activity within the next week or so.
- ❖ Sgt. Kerr is back from the recertification course and has met the state's training requirements.
- ❖ Officer King received a scholarship to attend training in Valdez. The training will focus on preparing for and responding to critical incidents within large facilities such as schools and hospitals. The scholarship was provided by Alaska Police Standards Council.
- ❖ Sandy, Ryan and 3 Volunteers attended the Rural Trauma Team Development Course on January 17th in Petersburg.
- ❖ The Mill Inc. is almost done with the planks for the Rasmus Enge Bridge. Treated lumber was delivered to Petersburg last week and Chris Cotta has been inspecting the materials to verify quantity and adherence to bid specifications. If the weather holds and the materials are in good shape, it may be possible to start work soon.
- ❖ We removed the chains from a couple pieces of equipment to perform some grading on potholed roads. We will get the chains back on the equipment before the temperatures cool off again. It takes anywhere from 3-4 hours to install the chains when needed.
- ❖ ADOT will be holding a public meeting in the Assembly Chambers on the evening of February 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The purpose is to discuss ADOT plans for reconstruction of South Nordic Drive and Haugen Drive over the next two years. All interested Borough personnel and members of the public are encouraged to attend.
- ❖ Staff completed review of the proposed discharge permit for processing wastewater. The cost of meeting testing requirements of the new permit is estimated at approximately \$7,500.
- ❖ Staff is currently reviewing 95% plans for the pipe work portion of the Pump Station 1 Force Main Relocation project. The new force main and various gravity sewer upgrades will be

included in the ADOT S Nordic Drive project. The Borough will undertake needed improvements to the pump stations in a separate bid process and project.

- ❖ The Recycling Program changes are upon us. More customers are signing up every day, with 690 signed up as of January 27th. The blue bags were distributed last week to customers that had previously signed up and are now available at Public Works and Finance for new signups or for route customers that may have been missed. The week of January 27th is the last week to set out separated recycles! After this week, all customers should start using their blue bags and starting February 3rd, they can set them out for collection on their garbage day.
- ❖ Crystal Lake is full, and even spilled for several days even though we're generating max.

Think Spring! (courtesy of Joe Nelson)



- ❖ Losing BIG contestants have been selected and the contest is ready to go.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. is working with the school, and GCI to create a weekly community live tv show to update the community on events, and interviewing local folks. We will begin with interviewing our Losing BIG contestants and videoing the health and wellness seminars.
- ❖ Still holding final payment on the Library Project pending completion of remaining punch list items. Refinishing of arts and crafts room floor scheduled for February
- ❖ Replacement of the rain gutters on the Community Gym is postponed until later in the year.
- ❖ The draft RFP for the Borough Comprehensive Plan is under review. We hope to have it to the Assembly for review and approval in Feb/Mar.
- ❖ The floor in the Community Room will be refinished Feb 14-18. There should be no disruption to public use of the library; however the room will not be available for booking.
- ❖ Use of the library's passport service is on the rise, with an average of half a dozen passports applications currently being accepted per week. The library took over the role of community passport acceptance agent in 2010 when it became apparent that no other local agency would offer the service and as a result residents would have to travel out of town.
- ❖ Received a Continuing Education Grant from the Alaska State Library that will allow us to send one staff member to the annual American Library Association Conference.