



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 16 May 2016**

- ❖ Abatement has begun on the building project. New curb in front of the building has been poured, and thanks to Power & Light for getting the underground conduit put in place prior to the concrete pour.
- ❖ Attempted Suicide in the jail was prevented by staff on 4/30/16.
- ❖ Overall statistics in the Police Department are trending slightly higher this year.
  - Total cases FY 16 through Feb were 3235 – total FY 15 through Feb were 2848
  - Arrests FY16 through Feb were 48 - Arrests FY 15 through Feb were 26
  - Jail man days are down however for the same periods, 343 versus 407.5.
- ❖ Annual transient vessel traffic in the Harbor has increased in the last couple weeks. Cruise ships are maintaining about the same schedule and number of stops as the past few years at 92.
- ❖ Harbor Staff spent time with NMFS Protected Resources officer, Sadie Wright last week concerning sea lion deterrents. The agency is compiling information on what is effective in deterring marine mammal and human interaction. They like our electric fence and mannequin approach.
- ❖ Reminder as of May 1, the Harbor Dept. has started enforcing posted parking time limits in the Harbor parking lots. Please follow the posted time limits and any questions can be answered at the Harbor Office. Also, annual Launch Permits are due June 1. Pick up and pay for your 2016-2017 permits at the Harbor Office.
- ❖ SE Conference is about to sign an MOU with the state to develop a proposed strategic plan, to include a long-term, comprehensive operational and business plan for the Alaska Marine Highway System. SE Conference will be seeking funding to undertake the work. Thanks to Dave Kensinger for his continuing efforts to move this project forward.
- ❖ Children's Center was awarded \$24,500 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation for the expansion project. Demonstrated community-wide support has been instrumental to PCC's success in securing outside grant funding to date, so THANK YOU!
- ❖ RFP for Design & Engineering Services at Scow Bay closed on May 6<sup>th</sup>. PEDC received two proposals. The board will be reviewing these with a goal to make a decision at the end of May.
- ❖ The Market is entering season 2 under its Farmer's Market Promotion Program grant. They have scheduled 4 markets at ANB Hall and 2 evening events at the Sons of Norway Hall for this summer.
- ❖ The Fire Dept organized and practiced a mock car crash on May 12<sup>th</sup> for the High School students to emphasize the importance of safe driving (no texting, no drunk driving). There will be a mock car crash with injuries. We will be showing the Taylor White documentary and the Police Dept and Petersburg Mental Health will give presentations at a school assembly. Additional thanks to Public Works and the Sanitation staff for setting up/removing the cars.

- ❖ The FY 2017 Budget was adopted at the last Assembly meeting and will be available on the borough's website within the next week.
- ❖ Utility bills and Harbor moorage bills can now be paid over the phone 24 hours/7 days a week by using a new IVR (Interactive voice response) phone system. It is listed as a phone option when you call our regular 4425 number or you can call it directly at 1-877-885-7968.
- ❖ The finance office is trying to make a push for customers to sign up for 'email only' utility statements to save on the cost of mailing monthly utility statements. If a utility or harbor customer is interested in this they can sign up online or call the finance department for assistance in signing up for this feature. Customers are also able to sign up to receive an email notification when a payment has been made to their account. This is a nice feature if a customer is on auto pay.
- ❖ Public Works completed an upgrade to the Gjoa Street water main and sewer main in preparation for paving of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The crew will be moving on to complete upgrades to sewer mains on Fram and Excel Streets and some culvert work at Lake and Valkyrie Streets prior to paving of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ❖ SECON may be able to perform some paving on Borough Streets toward the end of May or early June so staff will be helping to prep some areas for that effort.
- ❖ Thanks to Public Works who will be helping Parks and Rec erect the food court tent for Mayfest.
- ❖ The Borough has hired Jeffrey Davidson, a state certified water/wastewater operator from Wrangell, for our open Operator position. Mr. Davidson starts work with the Borough on May 31. We also have hired Sam Hoschar for the motor pool. Sam started on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Both of these are replacement positions.
- ❖ The annual Household Hazardous Waste collection event will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> this year. All residents can bring up old paint, stain, solvents, oils, antifreeze, cleaners, etc. to the baler on these days for FREE disposal. Commercial businesses can contact Carson Dorn in Juneau for acceptance of commercial wastes during the event. More information will be available as the event draws near.
- ❖ Sanitation is working with the Chamber of Commerce for collection and consolidation of trash during the Little Norway festival. Thank you to the Chamber for helping to keep the community clean during the festivities.
- ❖ Reid Brothers is making great progress on the landscaping at the Library. Work will continue through June.
- ❖ The Library is planning the Summer Reading Challenge. The program will begin June 6.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. is preparing for Mayfest activities. Working on the Lope the Loop 7k.
- ❖ Congratulations to Chris Allen in Parks who has accepted the move to Facility Specialist and to Bridget Davidson who will be our new front desk Attendant. Both filling vacant spots.
- ❖ We will be bringing two candidates for the Parks & Recreation Director to town early next week for a series of events, including a community social, tour of the facilities, and a final interview with me. I hope to have a decision made by the end of next week.