



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 20 June 2016**

- ❖ Special thanks to Capt. Hamilton who transported medics, on the security skiff to Portage Bay, to medi-vac a person experiencing cardiac difficulties, at midnight on 6/12/16.
- ❖ The annual FERC inspection of the Blind Slough project was held on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will receive a formal report later, but the inspector indicated there were no major issues. We are still replacing the bear-damaged fiber optic cable, placing the new cable in thick-walled conduit.
- ❖ With continued vacancies on the line crew, we've been unable to make progress on large projects. However, we've been able to keep up with the new service requests and trouble calls.
- ❖ Replacement of the downtown lighting poles and fixtures has hit a snag. The unit selected by the committee is now estimated to cost \$7,620 ea. We only budgeted \$3,000 per unit.
- ❖ Parks and Rec. Summer Camp is up and running with full registrations for almost the whole summer. Swim lessons are being offered each month of the summer for ages 3-9.
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> of July meetings have been underway, a finalized schedule is out. If anyone would like to join the committee or help with the 4<sup>th</sup> they meet every Tuesday @ 1:00 at the Community Center.
- ❖ Our new Parks Director, Chandra Thornburg, arrived this weekend and will be starting tomorrow as long as she can get unpacked! Just in time for the 4<sup>th</sup>, and all of the other busy summer programs.
- ❖ Public Works Staff completed upgrades to the Fram and Excel Street sewer mains in preparation for paving of 8th Street. They will be moving on to complete culvert work at Lake and Valkyrie Streets. SECON's current schedule for paving will have that effort starting around the 4th of July.
- ❖ Reid Brothers Construction will complete the dirt and rock work on the Library landscaping later this month. They've done an incredible job and we're thrilled with the results. An extra special thanks to Jesse O'Connor from Parks & Rec for expertly overseeing the planting with help from Pam Speck, Andrea Weathers, Courtney Fearon and Debbie Eddy. Chelan Produce for providing most of the plants for the project. The library landscaping is being funded by a legislative appropriation from the State of Alaska and contributions from many generous local donors.
- ❖ Centennial Park, a new park located behind the library, now provides a pedestrian connection between the Birch Street boardwalk and the library. The land for Centennial Park was given by Polly Lee in 2008 to City of Petersburg for a public park to be enjoyed by all. The park commemorates Petersburg's 100th anniversary, celebrating its official incorporation as the Town of Petersburg in 1910. This site was the home of Harold and Magnhild Lee. An event to celebrate the creation of Centennial Park will be held July 2 at 11am – members of the Assembly and the public are invited to attend.

- ❖ Thanks to Sue Paulsen who donated the historic fish trap anchor now located in front of the library.
- ❖ The Summer Reading Challenge is now on, over 160 kids have signed up to participate. Kids are challenged to read 120 minutes per week and participate in an educational activity every week to earn raffle tickets for the prizes on display at the library.
- ❖ AHFC inspection is and Medicaid inspection still to be determined. State licensing inspection went excellent. Only findings were the inspector recommended more blankets for our disaster kit, water temp was .5 degrees too high and health related service forms needed to be updated.
- ❖ Payments from Medicaid for April and May were held up due to State budget. Issue resolved for now.
- ❖ New borough-wide online property viewer is live. It can be reached through the borough website's community development page.
- ❖ Liz is working on grant application to install ADA compliant gangways at the South Harbor.
- ❖ PEDC has awarded professional services contract to PND Engineering for preliminary design and engineering to develop a small vessel work yard at Scow Bay. Expect public meetings to occur in September/October.
- ❖ The GED Testing computer and associated equipment have been set up at the high school and they should be ready to administer tests in August. The school is still looking for someone who can offer part-time tutoring of GED students. PEDC and the Emblem Club funded the computer system to allow for local testing.
- ❖ USFS Alaska Region is conducting an alternative-use feasibility study for the M/V Chugach ranger boat. The M/V Chugach is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the Forest Service's most significant and iconic historic resources. The FS has an online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBB8L83>
- ❖ PEDC is contributing to SE Conference review of the Marine Highway System. Phase One of this project is to identify alternative governance structures for the AMHS. Through expert analysis and a thorough public process, a formal recommendation will be made for an effective and responsive management model.
- ❖ Drive Down Bulkhead project started last week with the mobilization of Tamico and their subs. The Float will remain accessible but, be aware of the increase equipment traffic as the project heats up.
- ❖ Staff has been working with US Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District on a potential South Harbor basin dredge. We will be hosting the inspection team June 20-21 for an initial site evaluation and program discussion.
- ❖ Heads up to the public, July 8-10 the "Nordhaven 2 AK Rendezvous" will hit Petersburg by storm! Approx 32, 40 ft. to 76 ft. Nordhaven vessels are planning to spend two nights in town. They will provision their vessels as well as enjoy a couple days taking in the offerings of town!