



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 7 August 2017**

- ❖ Property Tax invoices were mailed out on July 1st. Taxes will be due on October 2nd since September 30th falls on a weekend.
- ❖ Borough's annual fiscal audit will begin August 7th. If the assembly wishes to meet with the auditors or have questions for them please stop by this week.
- ❖ Black bear sightings have increased in Severson's Subdivision. The public is reminded to secure trash and pet food to avoid conflicts.
- ❖ The med return bin in the lobby is getting regular use. The public is welcome to turn in unused medications, but please no liquids, syringes, or other needles.
- ❖ SEACAD Grant administrators will be here Aug 23rd and 24th to brief the PD on grant parameters and specific program requirements. Chief Swihart and CPT. Hamilton will meet with other stakeholders in Juneau on the 25th to finalize formal agreements.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. hired Jamie Eddy as the new Community Center Facility Supervisor. Please welcome him to the Parks and Rec team. Jamie brings multiple skillsets and experiences with him to this position, some of them include: working for parks and recreation, teaching for the Juneau and Petersburg School districts and working for the Borough at the Manor.
- ❖ The police department put on a fabulous summer camp week of Safety. Officer Popp ran a one-week summer camp focused on safety topics, including: Gun safety, Bike Safety, Water Safety, & Internet Safety. The kids especially loved the donut making activity.
- ❖ The school district teamed up with us last week to offer a week-long Garden Camp. The 10 kids were treated to a boating fieldtrip to Farragut Farm, a day at the Flower farm, and multiple experiences in the school's garden.
- ❖ Pokemon Training School is coming up 8/7-8/10. This is a 4-day camp to learn all about the ins and outs of the elusive Pokemon and how to catch and train them.
- ❖ The Summer Reading Challenge ended July 16. 143 kids participated, completing 1,780 learning challenges. Thanks to the Parks & Rec staff for hosting our end of program pool party and to Papa Bear's Pizza for donating pizza.
- ❖ We hosted a presentation by Jane Maufe & David Cowper from the Northwest Passage expedition vessel Polar Bound in July, over 100 attended.
- ❖ Prenatal Yoga with Courtney Fearon starts August 9.

- ❖ Waitlists for Elderly Housing and Assisted Living. One empty apartment at EH being flipped, to be filled within the next two weeks.
- ❖ Ken's painting will start the AL exterior painting project in August.
- ❖ Public Works crew rebuilt a block of sewer main on Fram Street between 7th and 8th Street. They also repaired a large blowout in a 10" water main in the Fram Street right of way above 8th Street, and a failed 10" water valve at Haugen and 9th Street. Cleanup will be addressed as time allows.
- ❖ The City Creek Dam project is on hold after we've found additional repairs needed to the dam spillway. The short stem wall that forms the seal for the spillway gates requires replacement due to cracking and spalling of the concrete on the reservoir side of the dam. The design contract will be amended to include this work in the construction documents and the project will be bid this winter for a spring construction period.
- ❖ Harri's Plumbing recently inspected the sprinkler system at the baler and will provide a report on recommended maintenance to the piping.
- ❖ Penstock clearing project at the Hydro is complete.
- ❖ Line crew has completed a service line extension near Rock N Road's shop, and a service line extension for Chris Fry.
- ❖ The utility will be borrowing Wrangell's high reach bucket truck in mid-August to work on clearing tree limbs in some of the higher lines around town. Thanks to the City and Borough of Wrangell for this assistance.
- ❖ Sandy continues to work on the siren grant with assistance from Randy Holmgrain.
- ❖ Thirteen (13) Fire and SAR volunteers were certified in CPR and First Aid.
- ❖ Annual Picnic for the Fire Dept Volunteers and their guests was Aug 5.
- ❖ Thanks to Devren and Mattingly Electric for helping us out with some Server room activities. We are adding several back up UPS units to our system to avoid hard crashes on some of our older equipment located in this room.
- ❖ I reached out to Alaska DOT regarding the possibility of adding additional parking at the Airport. Next steps would be for the Assembly to instruct staff to develop a more formal plan and cost estimate for the project. It is estimated that for a 30 space parking lot, the Borough would have to spend somewhere around \$150-200K for site preparation, gravel, lighting, cross walk warning lights, repairs to the bike path, and protection for an existing water line. The State of Alaska must approve any plans prior to construction; the Borough would need to agree to perform all maintenance and repairs; and there would be compensatory mitigation required with the Corps.
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