



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 7 April 2014**

- ❖ Chief Swihart testified before Alaska Senate committees on 4/2 and 4/3 in reference to the building project and drug trends in SE AK.
- ❖ The work on the Rasmus Enge Bridge project has commenced. The bridge has been closed to through traffic during the project and we will try to accommodate bridge residents and businesses as much as possible.
- ❖ The streets crew will be sweeping and washing streets from 6:00am to 8:00am daily to clean up the winter sand without impacting the progress on the bridge. Spring road maintenance will be done on a periodic basis, with days scheduled into the project for normal street maintenance responsibilities of the crew. This includes the cleanup of Main Street and painting of crosswalks downtown before Mayfest.
- ❖ Public Works will be working with Shelyn at the Manor for the replacement of the elderly housing water service. The current service line from 12<sup>th</sup> street is badly corroded and should be replaced before a total failure occurs. The work will be planned for late summer unless pushed ahead by additional failures of the current water line.
- ❖ The water department will be subject to a State general permit for our backwash water. The permit is out for public comment presently and could be in place by mid-summer. This permit will require additional testing and could result in a capital project to further treat our backwash water prior to discharge to City Creek or piping the discharge to the wastewater collection system, if we are not able to meet water quality criteria for the backwash water.
- ❖ The new Recycling Program continues to grow. Current customer numbers put us at a total of 952 overall recycling customers, residential and commercial.
- ❖ The new Recycling Collection contractor, Ruger's Trucking started providing service on April 1. A big thank you goes out to the Petersburg Indian Association for their past work on establishing and supporting the local curbside recycling program.
- ❖ Rock N Road may restart work on the Landfill Slope Stabilization project by mid-April. Work remaining includes fine tuning of slope grades, construction of the site work pad

and seeding the slopes with grass.

- ❖ The annual Household Hazardous Waste event has been scheduled for the weekend of May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> at the baler facility. Most household chemical wastes can be delivered to the baler during the event for free disposal.
- ❖ We have installed new visitor log at Blind Slough Hydro trail head, in response to new FERC directive to document/enhance any recreation amenities within the project boundaries.
- ❖ Power & Light is working with ADOT on the Haugen Drive project to provide service to new crosswalk lighting, and move several poles that are in conflict with the new sidewalks and/or bike path.
- ❖ Parks & Recreation is working with local Runner's to establish interest in a half marathon event.
- ❖ New this year we have a girl's only basketball program that has 24 young women participating.
- ❖ Signing up youth for our Lifeguarding class coming up this month and looking for new lifeguards to hire in the near future.
- ❖ Sandy continues to coordinate with Southeast Region EMS (SEREMS) regarding EMS Symposium scheduled for Petersburg from April 10-13, 2014.
- ❖ Sandy is working to complete a study on ambulance rates and expenses.
- ❖ We had 3 SAR personnel attend Managing Lost Person Incident (MLPI) training in Talkeetna (1 traveled from Psg and 2 were already in Anchorage).
- ❖ Susan Christensen is from Seattle on borough mapping, and has completed most of the map books.
- ❖ USFS Resource Advisory Committee has scheduled meetings for May 9, June 6 and July 19. They will be soliciting projects and estimate that the Petersburg area will have \$176K for projects (possibly more due to the borough formation and if they decide unobligated funds from the last cycle can be 'carried over'). All Petersburg RAC members' terms end in October and the USFS has determined they can no longer be reappointed to serve. The USFS is now recruiting new members.