



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 01 April 2019**

- ❖ Chief Doug Welde retired from the Fire Department effective March 6, 2019 after 50 years and 1 month in the Fire Service. 'Thank you for your service Doug. The volunteers will be electing a new Chief on April 4.
- ❖ Eleven Search and Rescue volunteers are now certified as Wilderness First Responders and Emergency Trauma Technicians. We also had 7 EMS volunteers spend 24 hours in a refresher course as part of their EMT recertification process. 5 volunteers recertified as EMT-2 and 2 volunteers recertified as EMT-3.
- ❖ The Firefighter Recruit class started in early March. Classes are on Saturdays. Only 1 new member so far, but a couple of the current members are taking the class.
- ❖ First Bank has contributed \$3,000 to the 2019 summer reading program (summer stream). This kicks off our annual spring fundraising for the program. Donations can be made on the library's website, in person at the library, or by mail.
- ❖ The Friends of Petersburg Libraries will celebrate National Library Week (April 7-12) with an open house at their book sale on April 6 and a public awareness campaign about the services offered by the library.
- ❖ SEAPA called for Petersburg and Wrangell to come off of diesel generation on Sunday, March 24th after a week of promising inflows from snowmelt brought the Tyee Lake elevation above 1265'. The level will be monitored closely and there may still be a chance that additional diesel runs will be necessary this spring. Conservation of power is still important to the community and for reducing the draft rate in Tyee Lake as much as possible. Even though we are not running diesels now, conservation will help to ensure we don't have to turn the generators back on this spring.
- ❖ Maintenance staff is working on decking in the South Harbor for a viewing platform. This should help alleviate congestion from the Visitor Industry's summer Harbor tours.
- ❖ Due to the warmer than normal weather Harbor spring cleaning is beginning earlier this year. Water is on at the grids and parking lots are getting cleared from winter sand and gravel.
- ❖ Per request of the Assembly, the Planning Commission met on March 19 and March 26 to review the Industrial portion of the Development Code. They plan to hold at least one more public hearing on April 9th. They are currently scheduled to vote on a revised Industrial code on May 14th.
- ❖ PEDC Visitor Industry Working Group is meeting over the next month. The group is seeking a representative from Hotel/B&B, Commercial Fishing and Seafood processing industries.
Monday, April 8th, Location: Assembly Chambers; Time: 2 – 3 pm
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- ❖ State Ombudsman was in Petersburg for a visit, a couple of weeks ago. A pleasure as always, all was found to be well. The Manor, including Elderly Housing, is expecting 3 plus inspections over the next several months.

- ❖ Shelyn and I have completed speaking to various consultant firms to see who might be a possible choice to look at the Assisted Living. We should have a recommendation to the Assembly by the first meeting in May.
- ❖ Assisted Living now has 18 apartments (2 are still independent) with 21 residents.
- ❖ Upcoming Events at Parks & Rec.:
 - Scoop the Poop: Sandy Beach Sunday April 14th. All are invited to join us for an afternoon of cleaning up the poop. 1-3pm with BBQ afterward.
 - Ducky Dive: April 20th. We will be offering our yearly Ducky Dive again this April to have some fun in the pool. More information to follow.
 - Swim Lessons with Asia starting April 1st- May 20th. Registration available now.
- ❖ The next Friends of Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Wednesday April 17th at 5pm in the Director's office, upstairs. Huge Thank you to all that have put forth time and effort. If anyone is interested in joining our group, you are invited.
- ❖ After many months of compiling projects, ideas, and thoughts the Parks group has decided to move forward with a couple of directions.
 - Mini Frisbee golf course along City Creek trail.
 - Cleaning, replacing, and updating the Eagles Roost Stairwell. We are in the process of procuring quotes to see how long the current stair structure can maintain at its current rate and how much it will cost to replace.
 - Replace Showers with auto shut off in men's and women's pool side locker rooms. The goal of this is to reduce water/electric waste. The showers are often left on by young members of our community.
- ❖ Cody Wegener has been doing a fantastic job catching up on maintenance job tasks. We have had multiple items break down over the last month and he has been working diligently to find solutions to the problems.
 - The pool control units (Prominent Control Boards) are our pool's system to controlling the chlorine and pH levels. Both of the units have broken over the last month.
 - HVAC system:
 - Multiple motors have gone offline, belts broken, sensors not working, etc. Cody is working with our software system (ATS) to bring them to town to inspect our sensors.
 - He has also been catching up on regular maintenance activities with all HVAC systems by replacing filters, greasing the joints, and so forth.
 - Bubble Couch in the Leisure Pool will not hold pressure.
 - Leak in in-floor Radiant Heating near Front desk
 - The elevator sensors went bad and worked with an elevator tech to get it back up and running again.
 - Installing an Emergency Exit Crash bar on the back-pool doors to meet Fire Marshall needs.
- ❖ Working with the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Search and Rescue and the Forest Service to install a 3-panel informational kiosk at the Sandy Beach parking lot adjacent to the Raven's Roost Trail. The kiosk was built by volunteers and is scheduled to be placed at Sandy Beach in the middle of April.
- ❖ Cleared out bushes and trees at Eagles Roost to increase light to stairs and to increase visibility from the roadside to increase safety.