



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 4 September 2018**

- ❖ Fall Basketball is now open for Registration. Practices start on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking motivated volunteers to help coach practices or perform timing or score keeping jobs. If you are interested, please email Julie at [janderson@petersburgak.gov](mailto:janderson@petersburgak.gov).
- ❖ The partnership with SEARHC, WAVE, and the Library, went well, with a great run offered to the community on 8/24/18. This run was to bring awareness to the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women of Alaska. The run started up near the PIA building and finished at the Community Center, with a final Native drumming presentation, and celebratory bounce house fun in the gym. SEARHC did a great job pulling everything together.
- ❖ The Lifeguard class 8/24-8/26, had five enrollees, which will hopefully result in some new applicants for a lifeguarding position at the community center.
- ❖ The Utility Billing Department and a few Power and Light employees will be going through training later this week to learn how to operate the new radix handhelds and their supporting software.
- ❖ The finance director will be holding a sales tax hearing for a business that is appealing their sales tax audit results from the prior year. After this hearing she will be issuing written findings and if the business decides to appeal again it will go before the Assembly.
- ❖ The finance department will undergo a comprehensive audit the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>. If the assembly has any questions or concerns they are welcome to visit during this time to meet with them.
- ❖ Property taxes are due October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Veronica Bilenkin, our library school intern, completed her project on August 25. She was a great asset to the library – she got a lot accomplished and our children's room is looking wonderful.
- ❖ Toddler Time & Open Play are taking a break for September at the Library; back in October.
- ❖ The Petersburg Police Department conducted active shooter training (PD only) in the Petersburg High School on 08/20/18. They are also involved in planning a full-scale active shooter drill with Petersburg Medical Center and EMS. As part of this preparation, Officer Waechter conducted training for EMS on the proper wearing of their ballistic vest and helmets.
- ❖ The Petersburg Police Department is working with Guylynn Etcher to host this years Haunted House at the police department using the sally port and part of the jail booking area.
- ❖ Officer Eric Wolf starts on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Harbor staff continues to work with the USACE on the South Harbor dredging feasibility study. The first of the (4) Fredrick Sound & Thomas Bay site surveys occurred last week aboard the F/V Erica Ann. It

went really well and the USACE survey team was very happy with the outcomes and impressed with the operation, so THANK YOU Charlie Christensen and crew!

- ❖ While the Harbor permanent moorage is up, the transient traffic this year was lower than other years. We have more vessels wintering over here this year so hope to make up some of the difference with this.
- ❖ Harbor staff moving forward on contracting fiber- optic & server upgrades to the harbor system. Thank you to the PD assistance on procuring a Homeland Security grant to fund the project.
- ❖ Chris and Karl attended a Trenchless Pipe Repair workshop in Wrangell on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The technologies profiled in the workshop may be useful in upcoming repair projects on Main Street.
- ❖ Public Works and the Utility Dept. are coordinating on resolving some longstanding issues in regard to water meter readout locations. Several readouts are being relocated to provide better access in locations where the readouts have traditionally been difficult or time consuming to read.
- ❖ Chris will be attending Southeast Conference Sept. 12-14 for the annual meeting of the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA). While in Ketchikan, he will also be meeting with Ketchikan's Solid Waste Superintendent, Lenny Neely, to discuss solid waste and recycling issues and tour Ketchikan's solid waste facilities. Ketchikan has 2 solid waste balers, one of which is identical to Petersburg's baler, so getting an in-depth look at their operations may give us some ideas on how to proceed with rehab and/or replacement of our baler and related equipment.
- ❖ Reid Brothers have completed fabrication of the steel gate operator beams and have reinstalled them on the City Creek Dam. Electrical work will commence on 8/29 and should complete the project when finished. PND Engineers will come to town in the next two weeks for the final inspection.
- ❖ Staff continues to chip branches for the composting program. Any residents that are clearing trees or branches can bring the limbs to a drop off area on 14<sup>th</sup> Street near the treatment plant for free.
- ❖ D&D Tree Service is busy cutting trees on the University property out by the fur farm. All is going well, and they are doing a great job.
- ❖ The PMPL mechanic is replacing an oil cooler on one of the 20-cylinder EMD's prior to the next shutdown to restore some lost cooling capacity to the engine and allow for cooler running.
- ❖ The next Tyee maintenance shutdown of 2018, and corresponding diesel generation run at the power plant, is now scheduled for Saturday, **September 8th**. SEAPA plans to inspect the Tyee Lake power tunnel with a submersible ROV.
- ❖ A local outage from twin creeks out to Blind Slough **may** also be required on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> to facilitate some line clearing around the Borough's 24.9 distribution lines. If an outage is needed, the department will give as much notice as possible.
- ❖ Junior Fire Fighter program is recruiting for the 2018/2019 Program. They will meet on Monday nights.
- ❖ Sandy attended an Active Threat Training at the Police Dept. Thanks to Officer Waechter.
  - Fire continues to train on Thursday nights; EMS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday nights; and SAR on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday nights.

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