



Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 8 December 2014

- ❖ Breakfast with Santa is Saturday Dec. 14th at 9 am. So come and bring the whole family.
- ❖ The Aquatic Center will be closed from Dec. 14th - 21st for our annual cleaning. We will be draining the pools, cleaning the tiles and waxing/buffing the upstairs. There will still be fitness equipment available downstairs and we will be bringing some of the equipment down to make sure we have enough for our high traffic times.
- ❖ PW is still planning on completing the remainder of the Rasmus Enge bridge work before ADOT bridge inspectors arrive in mid-December. The crew has one more piling to replace in addition to installation of some cross bracing. The weather may cause problems with scheduling at this point.
- ❖ Congratulations to the Wastewater Staff of Justin Haley, Dennis Jones, Blake Buotte and Mike Bell for receiving the Small Wastewater System of the Year award from the Alaska Rural Water Association! This is truly an honor and a testament to our dedicated, talented and versatile employees. The award was given "In recognition of outstanding performance and service to their community."
- ❖ The South Nordic/ Haugen Drive project has been advertised by ADOT. Bids are due to ADOT by December 18th. Work is scheduled to begin ASAP in the spring of 2015 and will likely continue through the 2015 and 2016 construction seasons.
- ❖ Mechanics have been working to solve an overheating problem on our sander's hydraulic system. The truck has been able to sand during the recent snow event, but additional work will be needed to cool the hydraulic oil and provide more reliable operating conditions.
- ❖ A public outcry auction will be held for the old motor grader at 10:00am on December 12th.
- ❖ Over the weekend the first three float sections arrived, and Tamico has bolted them together waiting for the next shipment. Tamico will begin attaching the rails on the Approach Dock as they wait for float sections to arrive. Upland work is ongoing as Rock N Road works to develop the proper grade in the Staging area. Bear Electric is also working in the uplands.
- ❖ We continue to keep in contact with American Safari Cruises on the damage that occurred on Monday 9/8, when the Harbor received a call from one of their ships who reported they had hit and damaged the end of the Middle Harbor Float #1. Their insurance company has agreed to pay for the PND site visit and engineers report. This is scheduled for this week.
- ❖ Harbor Security Vessel electrical bid is out. Bidders were invited to the required pre-bid inspection 12/2/14 at 2 pm. Thanks to Randy Holmgren/PPD who has done the bulk of the grant work for the Borough.

- ❖ Finance department is working on new Senior Exemption cards that have expiration dates. This is based on the recent election decision to establish a longer term of residency in order to qualify for the exemption card. New cards will be mailed to all qualifying seniors before the end of the year.
- ❖ Working with PCS on moving the harbor billing into the same program as our utility billing. The harbor bills will still be separate from the utility bills but using the same accounting system will streamline the cash receipting aspect of the collection process and the harbor users will soon be able to pay their bills online which is a convenient feature. This is still a couple months out as we will need to do some testing before rolling it out to the public.
- ❖ We have updated the Community Development Department webpage. Added commonly used forms, applications, and informational handouts for public download.
- ❖ Acquiring borough-wide aerial imagery for use in mapping from US Forest Service.
- ❖ Comprehensive Plan Open House/Meeting is scheduled for December 11th. Contractors will be here Dec 9-12 to meet with stakeholders, public, etc.