



## **Borough Manager's Report**

### **Parks and Rec and Library**

- The community center begins their Fall schedule on Sunday 9/3. The new schedule includes no 1-3pm closure during the middle of the day Monday through Friday, and a NEW Open Swim on Sundays from 1-3pm.
- Met with school superintendent Erica Klundt-Painter and staff to discuss energy saving measures with the Community Center. Both the school district and Parks and Rec are following up with the assembly's wishes to be accountable for the reduced costs in electricity we were granted. Interior doors throughout the facility are now being closed to test energy efficiency measures. We are seeing if it changes the bills to keep the HVAC systems separated.
- Parks and Rec wishes to establish a Friends of Parks and Rec non-profit group. We are looking for people who are interested in starting this group. The interest of this group is to help achieve grants or monies that are not accessible to municipalities, and to help shape the future of the Parks and Recreation department.
- The storage shed at Sandy Beach is constructed. The next step is to paint the exterior a natural color (Green or Brown) to help it blend in with the landscape, followed by insulating it. We met with Karl and Scott to discuss installing power to the building so that we can use the storage as intended. With heat, we can store paper products and machinery (power tools, lawn mowers, etc.) necessary for upkeep of Sandy Beach.
- Thanks to P&L who installed two new light poles in the Community Center parking lot. This will increase safety for patrons in the winter months by providing a well-lit parking lot.
- Clean up of Sandy Beach was last week's focus. New sand was added to the beach. Small trees & bushes were cut down in front of the volleyball court to increase visibility of the water, and restore use of the BBQ pit and bench area. Bushes were cut around the front of both entrances to increase visibility for drivers to see around the corners.
- The library is hosting many Rainforest Festival Events Sept 7-10.
- Thanks to the Friends of Petersburg's Libraries for funding Curiosity Creates, a weekly afterschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) program for elementary school kids. The program starts Wednesday Sept 13.

### **Police Department**

- Officers Tate and Waechter are at the Fairbanks Academy and are representing Petersburg very well.
- We are hosting Sexual Assault Response Team training will happen in September. The team is made up of medical providers, advocates and law enforcements. Training will be provided to both the team and individual disciplines.
- Staff from Finance and the PD met with SEACAD grant administrators in PSG on 8/23 and 8/24, then PD staff met with SEACAD stakeholders in Juneau on 8/25.
- Bear sightings are continuing. One bear has been trapped and relocated. Residents are asked to secure household garbage until the day of pick up to reduce these encounters

### **Electric Department**

- Rainforest Contractors will finish re-siding and roofing the 16 building on Tuesday 8/29/17 and will start on the PMPL building on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The 350 generator project began on August 29<sup>th</sup> to remove the existing generator and install a new backup generator.
- The diesel generators are scheduled to be running from Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be scheduled power outages on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>(approximately four hours each day) from the Scow Bay substation south to the hatchery. The crew will be trimming trees in the transmission line.

### **Harbor Dept.**

- Staff continues to work with Army Corps of Engineers of the South Harbor Dredge project feasibility study. PIA is no longer involved in this project. Requirements of the Corps made it difficult for PIA to work through the required paperwork and staffing responsibilities.
- Staff is finalizing the Harbor Conference details. Reminder to the community that this is scheduled for Oct 2-6th.

### **Mountain View Manor**

- Waiting for results on the Residential Licensing review. Should be back any day.
- Jesse Casarez hired for our maintenance position and is doing an excellent job! ☺
- Ken's painting has been keeping busy painting the assisted living building despite all of the rain, should be completed in one week if all goes well.

### **Finance Department**

- Property taxes are due on October 2nd by 5pm. A 10% penalty applies to all unpaid taxes.

### **Sanitation Department**

- The Baler is accepting scrap metal and junk cars for free disposal until October 31st. This is a fantastic opportunity to clean up Petersburg and dispose of accumulated metal or that old car that has been sitting in your driveway.

### **Public Works**

- Crew is working on cleaning up the airport quarry mud dump area. A significant part of this work is the sorting and relocation of approximately 4000 tons of asphalt waste material left over from various recent road projects. Public Works plans to have the material crushed and use it for street surfacing.

### **Water/Wastewater**

- The City Creek Dam rehab project is now scheduled for construction in spring of 2018. Design and permitting work should be complete soon and the project will be put out to bid this winter.
- A dive inspection of the water storage tank was completed by Liquivision Technology. Although some deterioration of the interior coatings has occurred, no repairs are needed now. This was good news and will result in less expense than previously planned.

### **Motor Pool**

- The old PMPL bucket truck (#20) was successfully sold via the Public Surplus website. We plan to continue using this service in the future for vehicles that prove hard to sell locally.