



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 03 December 2018**

- ❖ Breakfast with Santa is December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please join us in the fun of watching Santa fly in to greet us and take pictures. There will be breakfast pizzas donated by Papa Bears, and multiple fun games and crafts tables. We are seeking out volunteers to be Santa's Elves. If you're interested, please contact Kayley Thorsen at [kthorsen@petersburgak.gov](mailto:kthorsen@petersburgak.gov)
- ❖ The Christmas Tree Lighting and Downtown decorations are spectacular! Huge Thank you to Matt Bryner and his group of volunteers for putting up lights. Karl and Power & Light, Chris and Public Works (for finding and "planting" the tree), and Mara from the Chamber of Commerce all did an amazing job pulling everything together.
- ❖ The next Friends of Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Wednesday 12/12 at 5pm in the Director's office, upstairs. If anyone is interested in joining our group, you are invited. We are currently compiling a list of projects to focus on for the upcoming year, which will drive the direction we apply for grants, and ultimately drive the direction that Parks and Recreation goes in the future.
- ❖ Harbor Staff continues to work with the USACE on drafting the South Harbor dredging feasibility study. Staff is working to supply the team with an overview of each vessel in our harbor for the economic portion of the study. Also, the second (of 4) in-water surveys was conducted Nov 16-19<sup>th</sup>. The Survey team expanded the test sights to include a larger area in Fredrick Sound and are working closely with EPA staff, local ADF&G managers and NOAA/NMPF staff. Again, thank you to Charlie Christensen and his crew for providing an excellent platform for this important work.
- ❖ On Tues 11/27 Harbor and Piston and Rudder completed the Large Crane servicing! Maintenance included changing all outer hydraulic hoses and fittings, replaced cable, replacing the ram, checked and maintenance main boom pins and bushings, rebuilt and resealed roto motor for the turret, upper & lower chives pulled & checked for wear. Our thanks to Jason at Piston and Rudder for doing an outstanding job talking to North Pacific Crane and other suppliers to obtain seal kits etc. for an aging piece of equipment. We also thank Piston & Rudder for prioritizing this service project and completing it ahead of schedule.
- ❖ Staff has impounded a couple of small vessels for non-payment and condition issues this month. Thank you to the Police Dept. for their assistance.
- ❖ Petersburg hosted the Salmon Task force meetings this week, bringing in several transient vessels and attendees. Nice shot for the local economy!
- ❖ The Borough's contract assessors are in town between the dates of November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone from the public would like to meet with them, please call Shannon at 772-5409.
- ❖ Staff recently procured services from the Alaska Rural Water Association (ARWA) to perform a periodic Sanitary Survey of the water treatment plant and distribution system. It is a two-day detailed inspection and interview process that is mandated by State Statute and is required to verify that all of our processes and equipment are protective of the public health. The inspection went well, with no initial issues to report.

The final written report will be received later this winter.

- ❖ ARWA is also visiting Petersburg this week to perform an annual inspection on backflow preventers on our system. Annual checks are mandatory to ensure public safety.
- ❖ Following the outstanding pole replacement in the muskeg by the line crew at the end of the overhead line. D & D Tree Service moved into the area surrounding the pole damage site and is working to take out numerous danger trees before they come down on the lines in the next wind storm.
- ❖ Diane Kaplan, CEO of the Rasmuson Foundation has contributed an \$8,000 CEO Discretionary Grant to the library's Arts Education Endowment. This comes after John McCabe, founder of the Endowment, invited the Foundation to make a contribution matching the contribution he made earlier this year. Interest earnings from the Endowment support arts education programming at the library.
- ❖ The library received a 4 star ranking this year in Library Journal's annual ranking index. The *LJ* Index rates U.S. public libraries based on selected per capita output measures (checkouts, library visits, program attendance, and public computer use). This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year since 2009 we've achieved a star ranking.
- ❖ Thanks to Matt Bryner for lighting the library again this year, it looks fantastic!
- ❖ The Decolonizing Alaska art exhibit ended on November 30. The Library is seeking feedback from people who visited the exhibit at: <http://psglib.org/exhibitsurvey>
- ❖ The Library Board is currently reviewing the library's Meeting Room Use Policy. The Borough is also considering revisiting the policies regarding use of the other meeting rooms like the Fire Hall, Assembly Chambers, Police Training Room and the Borough conference room.
- ❖ The delayed start of winter has allowed us to get some more road maintenance done: ditching, brushing, grading and pothole repair etc.
- ❖ Freezing conditions are forecast to begin soon. As is customary, Public Works is offering a limited amount of traction sand for Borough residents to use on their walks and driveways. Up to 10 buckets of sand per residence may be obtained at no cost from Public Works during regular business hours 8-12, 12:30-4:30 M-F. Anyone wanting to obtain sand through this program should bring their own shovel and buckets and check in with the front desk before loading any sand.
- ❖ As in recent years, Petersburg Indian Association will be providing snow removal assistance to the Borough by plowing some Borough sidewalks. The Streets crew met with PIA personnel to go over the snow removal routes. A big thank you to PIA for once again offering this valuable assistance to the Borough!
- ❖ Installation of the new wire tie unit for the baler is scheduled for early this week. Once this is done, we should be able to reduce the backlog of recyclables on the baler floor.