



Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 2 June 2014

- ❖ Officer Popp and Morgan Swihart (aka McGruff) manned tables at the health fair. Ofc. Popp assisted with collecting unused medications for disposal, and he also spoke with the Chief at the College and Career Day.
- ❖ New ordinances have been forwarded to the court for inclusion in the Courtview and TrACS systems. This will allow the court to recognize the revisions and ultimately more efficient processing of citations.
- ❖ Preparation for the annual FERC inspection of Blind Slough has begun and includes:
 - Installation of a flange and plate over the low-level outlet to facilitate the FERC mandated operation of the outlet valve. This valve hasn't been operated for decades, and shows some signs of deterioration.
 - Re-calibration of the pump-back station to insure accurate readings of dam leakage.
 - Removal of vegetation from the dam face.
 - Penstock inspection and repair of two concrete supporting pedestals.
- ❖ Several Harbor Updates: Crane Dock bid opening occurred on Tuesday 3/4/14. Award went to Western Marine. They are scheduled to begin work mid-Sept. The Launch Ramp Float bid opening occurred on 4/22/14. Award went to Tamico Inc. They are looking at installation to happen mid- Sept. Tamico's sub Rock n Road was busy hauling rock this spring for the drive down dock. Tamico will be here in late June to begin construction. Launch Permits renew June 1 as a reminder to everyone.
- ❖ Homeland Security did a surprise spot check of our facility on May 12th (the same day we opened the North Harbor), we passed without issue.
- ❖ Staff shuttled the Middle School back and forth to Kupreanof last week using the Homeland Security boat.
- ❖ The Borough will see a 10.21% increase in medical health insurance premiums. The increases are due to our claim experience.
- ❖ Our first "borough code" is scheduled for printing and should arrive within the next 4-6 weeks. We have reduced the number of "hard copies" of the Code from 20 to 5. Only the Clerk's Office, the vault, attorney's office and court-house will receive hard bound copies. All others will be encouraged to continue to use the electronic code obtained from the borough's website.
- ❖ Jesse and Robert had to mow the cemetery with push mowers because our riding mower was out of service. Thanks to Jesse and Robert to make that happen for Memorial Day.
- ❖ 4th of July planning is underway. The theme this year is "Land of the Free, Bounty of the Sea." Activities will be held on the 3rd 4th and 5th.
- ❖ P&R are partnering with the school to offer a special week of summer camp for the elementary kids who will be out of school a week early because of construction.

- ❖ The draft construction documents for landscaping the new library are currently being reviewed. It is anticipated that the bid process, which includes rock work, fill and drainage, will begin in mid-July. Planting will take place after this work is complete, this will likely be in 2015.
- ❖ The library's 2014 Summer Reading Challenge is officially underway. We have received an overwhelming response from the community to support the program – dozens of businesses, organizations, families and individuals have made donations. Thanks to their generosity we have 60 amazing prizes up for grabs that are now on display at the library. 7 weeks of exciting science based programs are planned starting June 11.
- ❖ The library has been awarded \$750 grant from the Petersburg Community Foundation for the 2014 Amazing Rainforest Race. The Amazing Race is a community wide scavenger hunt for all ages that will run through the summer.
- ❖ The Share a Vision Art Display Program has been launched. This program allows artists to display their work at the library. Applications are available at the library and on our website. Carey Case (photographer) will be the first artist to display her work June 1-30.
- ❖ The work on the Rasmus Enge Bridge has progressed well. The crew was able to get the bridge surface completed and the bridge reopened by the Mayfest celebration. Some remaining work on two piling replacements and cross bracing will be completed this summer but this work should only require periodic bridge closures. The Public Works crew did a great job in getting the bridge deck and stringers replaced ahead of schedule.
- ❖ Public Works will be holding a going away party for Tom Lutton on Friday, May 30th Noon, at the Motor Pool. Please come by and thank Tom for the 28 years he has worked for the City, and now the Borough.
- ❖ PIA completed some street sign maintenance for the Borough this spring. Along with cleaning, brushing and straightening various street signs, they compiled a list of signs that need replacing so that the Borough may place an order and work on replacing any faded or non-compliant signage throughout the community.
- ❖ Pending final bid document fine tuning by ADOT, the South Nordic Drive Project, including work on the Pump Station No. 1 Force Main, will most likely be advertised in June, with construction likely to start in late fall or spring of 2015. The final paving work in South Nordic will not occur until 2015.
- ❖ The Recycling Program is holding strong. Current customer numbers put us at a total of 1,001 overall recycling customers, residential and commercial. Karl met with all the elementary school students and teachers this spring to talk about the program. He will be meeting with the harbor soon to discuss recycling in the Harbor. The tour boats are recycling with us and we are working out the kinks in that operation.
- ❖ Marvin Ronimous (MP mechanic) has arranged for us to host an Allison Transmission training course. This training will be beneficial to our mechanics and to visiting mechanics from Ketchikan and Wrangell. Thanks to the Fire Department for the use of the training room and one of the trucks for the class.
- ❖ Chris Cotta is working with ADNR to clarify wood cutting regulations at the Greens Campground. Recent irresponsible actions have started to degrade the site and damaged one of the concrete picnic tables. Cutting is only allowed by permit on State lands and this will be enforced by the State Troopers in the future.