



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 21 March 2016**

- ❖ Firefighter 1 Course started on February 13<sup>th</sup>. One person is attending all of the classes and 2 people are hit and miss. Emergency Trauma Technician Course started on February 28<sup>th</sup>. There are 9 participants (4 current firefighters, 3 new EMS volunteers, and 2 will not volunteer).
- ❖ Sandy taught two Basic Life Support for Health Care Provider courses (total 12 people), and we had 3 individuals go through the recertification process for emergency trauma technician.
- ❖ Police/Fire will activate the CodeRED system (reverse 911) and Tsunami Siren on March 30<sup>th</sup> around 10:15 a.m. to participate in a statewide exercise to commemorate the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the 1964 Alaska earthquake. This will also serve to test our emergency notification systems.
- ❖ 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireman's Breakfast – thanks goes to Petersburg Fisheries, Hammer and Wikan and Trading Union for sponsoring and hosting a community breakfast on March 13<sup>th</sup> to support the Fire Dept.
- ❖ Power & Light is down two linemen going into the summer construction season, which may have an adverse effect (delay) on any major projects. This includes my decision to delay, possibly cancel filling one of the two positions to continue our efforts to reduce expenditures.
- ❖ Officer Williams has moved to part-time status. The schedule seems to be working well for both her and the department.
- ❖ Officers Preston and Rowley completed certification training in Sitka. Actual certification will be awarded once they complete the required twelve months of employment.
- ❖ Evening shifts in the Police Department have located several unsecured buildings and businesses. Folks are reminded to secure their property.
- ❖ We have 13 on the Assisted Living waitlist, and 3 people on the Elderly Housing wait list.
- ❖ Our State licensing inspection tentatively set for May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> up at the Manor.
- ❖ After winning one Medicaid fair hearing Shelyn was able to back bill approximately \$45,000 just for that resident. Working through this system continues to be a major component of the “job” of the Manor staff.
- ❖ The library has received a \$3,000 grant from First Bank for our Summer Reading Challenge. Thank you to the staff at our local branch for being such enthusiastic supporters of the program. This is the seventh year they have helped fund the program.
- ❖ Applications submitted for the upcoming year for two grants: Public Library Assistance Grant and the Institute for Museum & Library Services Basic Grant.

- ❖ We've seen a significant rise this month at the Library in students needing tests proctored, everything from University mid-terms to professional certification tests.
- ❖ Working with PCS to identify a bandwidth shaper to better manage our public internet at the Library. Testing is scheduled for late April.
- ❖ Harbor staff traveled to Wrangell this past week to re-apply for the required Homeland Security TWIC cards in preparation for the upcoming tour ship season.
- ❖ Public Works staff has been working on construction of a new water parts shed to replace a portion of the old, failing parts shed. The structure is mostly complete except for paint and other finish items.
- ❖ Some ditching and culvert work has started on 8<sup>th</sup> and Aaslaug Streets in order to start prepping these streets for paving this summer.
- ❖ After reviewing the proposals received for the baler conveyor replacement project, the project has been postponed due to lack of adequate funding. The budget for this project was \$100,000 and the lowest achievable price for the work was \$160,000. The Sanitation Dept. will revisit this project in the future once adequate funding is available.
- ❖ SECON plans to mobilize back to Petersburg on March 21 and re-start construction on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It sounds like the first order of business will be to complete the concrete pavement between Haugen Drive and the Louis Miller Bridge on Hammer Slough. SECON will re-start their public information campaign well in advance of the work so the community knows what is in the works.
- ❖ Due to staffing cuts at Parks-N-Rec, Public Works will assume the Borough's custodial responsibilities for the grounds and outhouses at Greens Camp, Wilson Creek and Banana Point Boat Launch as agreed to with ADNR. These functions are paid for with funds provided by the State. ADNR has indicated that this funding will be provided in 2016, at the same level as in past years.
- ❖ The streets crew has been assisting with moving furniture and equipment out of the municipal building in preparation for the upcoming renovation project.
- ❖ Last week in partnership with Petersburg Indian Association, Trading Union, and the Tobacco Prevention Coalition, Parks & Rec. had our Kick Butts Celebration. This included Hot dogs, chips, vegetable, and fruit trays. We served over 150 hot dogs, and had a ton of families and kids out to play on the bounce houses. Our Bubble Ball Soccer teams picked up their team shirts, rule packets, and got prepared to play last Thursday evening at 6 pm.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. is working with the Chamber of Commerce to place a storage container in the back aquatics parking lot to give them a place to store the Mayfest and 4th of July equipment. This will also allow us to use this container to build a covered area to park our Parks and Rec in the future.
- ❖ The Ducky Dive will be held on Saturday March 26th from Noon to 3 pm this year. We have a ton of great prizes, so it will be a fantastic time!
- ❖ Parks staff cut down some leaning trees in Sandy Beach Park and staff plans to hold another dead and down event in the park in the next few weeks. This will be an opportunity for community members to purchase a permit from Parks and Rec to buck up and take out and dead and down trees in the park. We did this a few years ago and it was a very successful project.