

Acting Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 7-18-2016

- Thank you to the Community of Petersburg for the outpouring of support and well wishes for the Giesbrecht family, the Parks family, the Allen family and the Cardenas family following the accident of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Petersburg is truly a special place to live. We witnessed many friends, parents, teachers, members of the clergy and their congregations, various organizations, counselors and the local media put their arms around those affected by the accident and this deserves recognition.
- Special thanks to the members of our police, fire and EMS departments for the outstanding and professional response to this emotional event. Sandy Dixon reports that the fire and ems departments have been able to have 3 debriefings for the first responders to the accident scene and thanks the community for the understanding of the impacts that events such as this have on our emergency personnel.
- The Alaska Bureau of Investigations has taken over the case and all future information about the accident will be coming from their organization. We can expect their report to be complete within 30-60 days.
- Belated welcome to Chandra Thornburg, new Parks and Recreation Director. Chandra faced one of the biggest challenges imaginable over the Independence Day weekend and handled it remarkably well. We are very happy to have her in our staff. A special note from Chandra: *"The Borough staff are amazing! Thank you for your support during this challenging time. And thank you for accepting me into the community with open hearts."*
- We thank Parks and Recreation staff, the Chamber of Commerce and Nathan Lopez (and the Lighthouse Church) for stepping up to manage many of the events on July 2 and 3 this year. Nathan's leadership at the candlelight vigil for Marie and Molly was especially appreciated.
- Spillman Records Management System training is underway and going well. We will be going live with the new system on 7/19/16. Police, Fire, EMS and the CD Mapping Tech have all been spending time getting ready for the startup of the system.
- Chief Swihart and Investigator Rosse attended the community meeting on drug abuse on June 16<sup>th</sup>. More meetings are planned.
- Property tax notices went out July 1. Taxes will be due on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Tara Alcock successfully managed the completion of the landscaping project. Reid Brother's Construction did a fantastic job with the project. P&R employees Jessie and Pam, with help from other volunteers, have completed the Library grounds plantings and are nurturing the beds.

- The Library's celebration on July 2 was attended by over 100 people. We cut the ribbon on the new 'Centennial Park', celebrated the completion of the landscaping project, and honored the artists who have work displayed in the library. Thanks goes to Sue Paulsen and the Friends of the Library for making this event a great success.
- Drive Down Bulkhead project is on schedule. Tamico's subcontractor, Rock n Road completed the dredging on the series of minus tides last weekend. Waiting on material delivery to begin the sheet pile dock construction.
- Harbor staff has been working with US Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District on a potential South Harbor basin dredge. USACE has scheduled a teleconference with the staff on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Liz Cabrera has also been working with USACE staff who are evaluating the cost-benefit of the project.
- Many thanks to our fleet and the public, the "Nordhaven 2 AK Rendezvous" last week was a huge success. There were 32, 40 ft. to 76 ft. Nordhaven vessels spend four to five nights in town last week and the group thoroughly enjoyed our community and were very appreciative of the hospitality. This week, the "Sail Alaska" group of a dozen sailboats have stopped in to regroup and provision as they make their way through Southeast.
- PMPL has hired Sam Caulum as their next apprentice lineman. Public Works will be advertising to fill an open position in our streets crew very soon.
- PMPL has received their new service truck and it is working out very well for the line crew so far.
- Shelyn Bell reports that the last AHFC inspection at the Manor was scored at 100%. Great job!
- Liz Cabrera completed two grant applications for replacement of south harbor ramps with ADA compliant ramps. Glo submitted them for agency consideration.
- Two years ago, PEDC helped organize crowdfunding for a local troller to upgrade equipment on his vessel through KivaZip. \$5,000 in funding was raised in a week by contributions from people all over the world. The loan was paid off this month. Congrats to all involved.
- Liz and Glo met with Dick Somerville (PND) regarding Scow Bay development for preliminary discussions. Gathering data, imagery, etc. for project. Expect public meetings for this to occur in October.
- Public Works has been working on utility and culvert work in advance of local street paving. The crew will support SECON's paving prep with hauling of crushed rock as needed for road surface prep.
- Wastewater staff has been working with Alan Murph, PE, on the design of the composting slab and the design appears to be complete. Staff will be sorting out the contracting for the slab work as the next step.



- Water staff recently worked with the Alaska Rural Water Association to locate a substantial water main leak at about 2 mile Mitkof Highway. Public Works helped to fix the leak.
- Motor pool is planning a surplus vehicle and equipment sealed bid auction in July.
- The municipal building renovations project remains on schedule. The Contractor is almost done with demolition at the site and has started building back the facility in some areas. Interior slab work is complete as is underground drain plumbing. Second floor framing to commence this week.
- The Contractor ran into some suspected contamination at the Muni Bldg site and I have been working through the issue with the help from consultant Chilkat Environmental and ADEC. The soils issues have mostly been dealt with but there remains to be some storm drain work that will require the consultant to be onsite for monitoring and sampling during excavation. To date, 10 cubic yards of contaminated soil have been hauled to public works and segregated with tarps for disposal.
- CBC Construction has mobilized back to town and will be completing the work on the PS1 Force Main Project, Phase 2. This work will upgrade two sewer pump stations and decommission the old force main on the S Harbor beach.
- SECON continues to progress toward paving of South Nordic and the Haugen bike path. Paving crew will be in Petersburg on 7/18 with paving work to commence soon after. This will include local paving on Borough streets.