



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 22 January 2019**

- ❖ Please help us in welcoming Joe Kupernik as the new Facilities Supervisor and Parks & Rec. He has moved here from Colorado. Joe officially started Monday 1/7, and is learning fast. Also Brad Mason has started as the new Facilities Maintenance position. Him and his wife have been in town since April.
- ❖ Lots of activities; Youth Volleyball has started. Grades 3-8th are still open for registrations; Swim Lessons are also open for registration; and thanks for everyone who enjoyed the Capture the Flag event at the Ball Field on the 19th.
- ❖ Lifeguard Class: 1/31, 2/1, 2/8; 8am-5pm. We have 2 spaces left. Registration is open now, class costs \$135.
 - We are excited to announce that this class is held in conjunction with PMC staff. Four Physical Therapists have agreed to become lifeguards to create more opportunities for the hospital to bring over long term care residents and physical therapy clients.
- ❖ We have some fun new fitness class opportunities to mix in to our awesome assortment of classes. Come join us for a great start to your new year!
 - Kickboxing, Spin Bike, Senior Strength Training, Circuit Training, Lunch Time Yoga, and Burnyasa with Joan,
 - Mat Pilates with Bridget,
 - Bench Step with Marva,
 - Flex Fit with Alice (must pre-register, spaces are limited),
 - Yoga & Strength Training with Karen,
 - Strong & Kidz Zumba with Andrea,
 - Water Aerobics with Chandra
- ❖ Seeking new instructors for fitness, arts, and after school programs. If you are interested in teaching, we have space for you. Please see Kayley or email her for more information at kthorsen@petersburgak.gov.
- ❖ The focus over the last week has been fixing the HVAC system and working on the pool systems.
 - Huge thank you to Joe Bertagnoli and Dan Tate for offering their time and assistance in trouble shooting the HVAC issue.
 - There was a new pool chemical feeder installed recently that is not responding correctly with the controllers. We have ordered the parts and have figured out a solution to operate the feeders manually until the controllers are back up and running.
- ❖ The Junior Fire Fighter program is still going strong. They will be finishing classes soon and then start weekly drills.
- ❖ Sandy completed the DHS&EM Alaska Assessment. Completion of the Assessment allows the Borough to be eligible for DHS&EM grants and helps the State determine the Community's Emergency Preparedness.
- ❖ Sandy completed the recertification process to continue as a certified ambulance service. Good for two years.

- ❖ The new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been programmed and distributed to replace old ones throughout Borough Departments. Of note, a new AED was added in the lobby of the Municipal Building (between the restrooms).
- ❖ Alaska Commercial Electronics and AP&T & staff completed the setting up the new security camera server and fiber optic Borough network update and hardware. New system seems to be working well.
- ❖ Reminder that the 2019 Annual Drive Down Permits are available through the Harbor Office.
- ❖ Public Works has been coordinating with the Police and Harbor Depts to clean out the vehicle impound yard, which was once again overflowing. A total of 16 vehicles were removed from the impound yard and hauled to the landfill for disposal. In addition, the Harbor maintenance staff demoed 3 impounded vessels, thank you Rocky's Marine and the Baler staff for their assistance.
- ❖ Recent cold weather conditions have resulted in some frozen water services. In order to prevent this type of issue, water lines and meters should be inspected regularly and any problems with heat tape or insulation should be repaired. Building skirting should also be kept in good repair to help retain heat under structures where water and sewer lines are generally located.
- ❖ 2019 Winter Reading Challenge – We challenged the community to read 30,000 minutes in January and in the first 10 days of the program that challenge was met. We've now challenged Petersburg to read 100,000 minutes and are well on our way to that goal. Over 250 people have signed up and nearly 200 are tracking their reading. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Petersburg's Libraries.
- ❖ We have been approved for another library school intern next summer. The 2-month long internship is funded by the Alaska State Library.
- ❖ Tara is currently taking a Digital Stewardship class. The outcome will be a digital collections policy for the library, better stewardship of our Listening Project and Petersburg Pilot archives as well as a framework for how to take on new digitization projects.
- ❖ Petersburg Police Department is hiring for Dispatch/Corrections Officer. If you want to see what the position entails, go in and see the Chief for a tour and explanation of duties.