



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 7 October 2019**

- ❖ Are you interested in lifeguarding? We have 8 positions open right now. The schedule is flexible to the participants. We are also still looking for a custodian for the facility. Please email Chandra at cthornburg@petersburgak.gov to get on the interest list.
- ❖ Lots of events at Parks & Rec. coming up. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please see Stephanie Payne for more information. We will also be closed for Alaska Day on October 18th, and on October 19 due to a High School Swim meet.
- ❖ P&R is hosting another community meeting tonight at 5:30pm. We also have the next Friends of Parks and Recreation meeting Wed. 10/16 at 5:30pm. This is a group of volunteers helping to move projects forward for the betterment of the community. All are welcome to attend both meetings.
- ❖ The Borough Report on KFSK for Sept. was Parks and Recreation. An outline of the notes for this report has been posted on their website at www.peterburgrec.com. Stephanie attended the NRPA conference in September and was able to attend over 15 training sessions which focused on programming, planning, and employee management.
- ❖ Rotary and the Sandy Beach Playground committee are working to raise funds to replace the playground. They have been successful in receiving a grant from PIA to include information of the history of the park and native culture. If you wish to be a part of this, contact Desi Burrell or Chandra for more information.
- ❖ Sandy is busy teaching the Emergency Trauma Technician course. Started with 13 students, continuing with 12. Testing on Sunday 10/6 and 10/9.
- ❖ Sandy, Ryan, and Chief Stolpe will participate in a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) at Trident Seafoods for an Ammonia release.
- ❖ Preliminary Decision for Petersburg's municipal land entitlement is under review by the Dept. of Law. No word on when this decision will be issued. Sent DNR the next set of land selections to begin the review process.
- ❖ USFS RAC is seeking projects for funding in the Petersburg area. Projects generally must accomplish goals to improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implementing stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restoring and improving land health and water quality. RAC committee meets again on November 6th at 6:30 pm at Forest Service office.
- ❖ Visitor Industry Working Group is scheduled for a meeting on October 17th at 2pm in Assembly Chambers.
- ❖ The Petersburg Police Department conducted joint training with the USCG utilizing the Ocean Beauty bunk house. Petersburg is assisting the USCG on their response to active threats and working with local law

enforcement agencies.

- ❖ Caterpillar grader training scheduled for last week was rescheduled for this week. NC Equipment of Juneau is loaning us an equipment simulator and providing an instructor for some basic training at no charge to the Borough.
- ❖ An RFP for sanding and snow removal at Papke's will be advertised this week.
- ❖ The Motor Pool crew is adjusting to their temporary quarters as we continue to work with the insurance company on our claim for the shop fire. Engineering report is currently recommending repairs instead of a full rebuild. Chris, Joe B. and I are all working through the details with them.
- ❖ Site prep for the baler replacement is on schedule. The old baler was demo'd by the Streets crew and prep work on the steel embeds is underway. Pit modifications are nearly done. The new baler and conveyor are onsite and the installation crew is scheduled to start baler installation today.
- ❖ Water staff has been working hard to locate a leak around the Presbyterian Church. Alaska Rural Water Association recently came to town to help with more sophisticated equipment and has found signs of a significant leak on 4th Street between Haugen and Ira II Streets. Water staff is working with Public Works to get on their schedule for excavation and repair of the leaking pipe.
- ❖ Staff recently had PND Engineers from Seattle in Petersburg for our 3-year Dam Safety Inspections at Cabin Creek and City Creek dams. The reports are pending from the inspections, but no major issues were noted while they were on site and the repairs and improvements at City Creek passed muster with the inspectors.
- ❖ WW Staff has been trying to identify areas of storm water inflow which can overwhelm the collection system. Recent heavy rainfall has shined a light on this situation as being a growing problem. Any residents that have roof gutters, yard drains, French drains or other storm water/rainwater connections to the sewer system should eliminate those connections and direct the water to natural drainages or storm drains.
- ❖ SEAPA experienced a failure of one of the marine cables on Sunday, September 29th. This resulted in PMPL providing power via diesel generators for approximately 28 hours. SEAPA switched to the spare cable to restore hydro power and is now launching an effort to pinpoint the fault location and repair the cable. They will provide additional detail as it is available.
- ❖ A bear has damaged the fiber optic communications line between the Blind Slough powerhouse and the Crystal Lake dam. Staff worked with Temsco helicopters and AP&T to repair one known area of damage to the cable, but it is still not in operation. Efforts continue to locate additional damage and repair the cable.
- ❖ The line crew will be auditing the streetlights this month to repair any lights prior to Halloween. If the public knows of any streetlights in their neighborhood that are malfunctioning or not functioning, please report them to PMPL at 772-4203.
- ❖ A big thank you to the Petersburg Pioneers for providing an amazing lunch on Saturday the 28th for the Elderly Housing and Assisted Living ladies. All had a great time!