



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 16 September 2019**

- ❖ Emergency Trauma Technician course started Sept. 15th. Sent information to approximately 30 people, however prerequisite class on September 8 had only 8 people. Sandy also taught a First Aid/CPR course on Aug 14th.
- ❖ Pump testing was completed on all Fire Engines. We had some electrical and suspension issues with Medic 2.
- ❖ EMS has been super busy with multiple situations where both ambulances were needed at the same time. Currently 30 calls ahead of where we were last year with 4 months still to go. Thank You Volunteers!
- ❖ Annual Financial Audit this week, along with property tax due date and absentee voting.
- ❖ Assisted Living residents joined a picnic with PMC at Sandy Beach on 8/24. It was a good time for all.
- ❖ The Motor Pool fire displaced the mechanics, and the Streets crew. We have relocated the crew support areas to the Public Works building. Shop operations are getting back underway. Although the cleanup and recovery continue, most shop equipment and operations have now been relocated and we hope to start catching up soon on the backlog of work that has accumulated since the fire.
- ❖ Congratulations to Aaron Marohl, who started work as Sanitation Operations Supervisor on September 5th.
- ❖ The baler replacement project is on track, with installation of the new baler and conveyor scheduled to begin on Oct. 7th. Curbside collection of recyclables will be suspended for a minimum of 6 weeks beginning September 23rd to allow for demo of the old unit and installation and startup of the new baler.
- ❖ Major changes to the recycling program are unavoidable at this point without impact to future Sanitation rates. These changes will be proposed and publicly distributed in the next couple of weeks, to allow for public and Assembly discussion on the matter before our rate study gets well underway later in the fall.
- ❖ Sam Jackson is now full-time building maintenance, except for some snow removal duties as needed. We are working with Admin Assistant Karen Malcom to catalog equipment in the various buildings and input this data into the iWorQ program in order to better manage customer work orders as well as preventative maintenance tasks.
- ❖ Chris will be at Southeast Conference in Sitka, September 18-20. In addition to attending the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) annual meeting, he is planning to make site visits to local sanitation and recycling facilities.
- ❖ In the months of July and August, the following changes and anniversaries occurred.

New Permanent Members of the Borough Team (July & August)

- Jessica Ray, Resident Assistant at MVM

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- Geoffrey Gillen, Utility Worker
- Liam Demko, Library Page
- Anne Renda, On-Call Registered Nurse
- Stacey Fredricksen, Dispatcher,
- Raymond Wesebaum, Laborer II

Employment Anniversaries – July

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| • Aaron Hankins, Lifeguard II | 1 Year |
| • Nicholas Hunsaker, Sanitation Operator | 2 Years |
| • Rylan Wallace, Lifeguard I | 2 Years |
| • Chris Cotta, Public Works Director | 11 Years |
| • Derek Thorsen, Sergeant | 18 Years |

Employment Anniversaries – August

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| • Sean Akers, Custodian | 2 Years |
| • Adam Day, Lineman | 4 Years |
| • Julie Anderson, On-Call Lifeguard II | 6 Years |
| • Michael Bell, Water Supervisor | 11 Years |
| • Anna Caulum, Finance Clerk II | 13 Years |

- ❖ Over 100 people attended Rainforest Festival events at the library last weekend.
- ❖ The library's summer intern departed at the end of August. Thank you to the many people who offered their input and spoke with her. We'll be implementing many of the recommendations made during the project in the coming months. Information about the User Experience Project and details about improvements that will be made can be found on the library's website, psglib.org. Thanks also to Karen Hofstad, Glo Wollen, and Desi Burrell for providing housing and transportation.
- ❖ A new version of the library's website was launched this week. It has been redesigned based on usage statistics and comments received during the User Experience Project.
- ❖ FCS Group has been actively engaged in the water and wastewater rate study. There will be a public presentation regarding the findings and recommendations on September 26th, from 6 -7pm at the Public Library. All Assembly members and candidates are encouraged to come, as well as any member of the public that is interested in hearing the presentation.
- ❖ SEAPA had their annual maintenance shutdown from September 3 – 9. PMPL provided power to Petersburg via the power plant and the Blind Slough hydro during this time. One issue with a fuel transfer line in Scow Bay caused a short outage on Saturday the 7th, but the problem has been identified and fixed. All other units ran well during the shutdown.
- ❖ The line crew continues to work on trimming or removing trees that are encroaching on the power lines. Wrangell graciously loaned us their taller bucket truck again this year so that we can reach some areas that are inaccessible to our equipment. Thanks to all the property owners who recognize the hazards associated with a tree trunk or limb being in close proximity to our 24,900 volt primary power lines and have allowed us to keep their property and our system safe!