



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 03 March 2014**

- ❖ Interest in Losing BIG has increased this year and continues to be a great program for our community. We had just short of 400 votes which is triple what we typically had last year.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. is beginning plans for the whale observatory. They are looking at rock needs, plants, and some clearing of shrubbery over the next year, and are working with Public Works on the project. In addition, this summer Parks & Rec. will be working on installing new signage, and repairs and maintenance at Eagles Roost stairway, and the ball field.
- ❖ Plans are underway to add recycling cans at Sandy Beach, Eagles Roost, and the Ball field.
- ❖ New scheduling model for the Police Officers began Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. So far so good.
- ❖ Corrections/Dispatcher Derrick O'Soup is transferring to Public Works. This will require the training of a new hire and also training of current staff to replace his additional assignments as Property and Evidence Custodian and DMV Agent.
- ❖ The floor in the new Library community room is complete and APT will start soon on the video surveillance system for the Library.
- ❖ Tara and staff have begun the plans for the 2014 Summer Reading Program. The Library will be partnering with the school to base the program on the Accelerated Reader system.
- ❖ The Mill Inc has cut and supplied all of the untreated planks for the Rasmus Enge Bridge. The tentative plan for the project is for public works to start on the bridge on March 17<sup>th</sup>, weather depending, and to take approximately two months to complete.
- ❖ The ADOT Bridge Section has mandated that the Enge Bridge be derated until it has received the planned upgrade. The current weight limit will be 3 tons per axle. (12,000 lbs for cars/trucks and 18,000 lbs for tandem rear axle trucks).
- ❖ Latest on the Haugen Drive project is there will be two crosswalks installed at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Third Street will be a "Safe Routes to School" crossing and Second Street will be a pedestrian crossing as depicted in the current plans. This project will bid in the fall with a construction start in spring of 2015.
- ❖ The new Recycling Program has been in place for four weeks now. Majority of customers are pleased with the program. At this time, there are approximately 820 total recycling

customers, including commercial customers.

- ❖ Karl is working with AML on possibly accepting dredge material from in front of their facility in Scow Bay. This material, if free draining and usable for fill, may help to finalize the Landfill Slope Stabilization project this spring.
- ❖ Working on upgrading older department computers to eliminate those still using Microsoft XP, per our IT consultant's recommendations. We should be able to get all of the XP equipment upgraded before support for this operating system is discontinued in April.
- ❖ North Harbor Main Floats 1 & 2 with end floats are in place. WDB has finished driving all the main-float piles to grade and capped them at their finished elevation. Finger floats continue to stockpile out at AML as WDB finishes installing the waterlines under the float system. Morris Engineering will be here on Wed's to inspect Anchor Electric's progress. Anchor Electric has a few large empty wire spools available if people are interested they can give the Harbor a call and we can connect them with the Anchor people.
- ❖ TAMICO has begun removing the AFS Dock and stockpiling salvaged items for the Harbor.
- ❖ Crane Dock bid opening is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.
- ❖ Sandy completed teaching the Emergency Trauma Technician class on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the 9 new ETT's and 2 people who recertified.
- ❖ Thanks to the Fire Dept Volunteers (Sara Garcia, Doug Welde, Dan Bird), Assembly Member (Nancy Strand), ADOT Manager (Mike Etcher), USFS Rep (Bill Moulton), PFI Rep (Rexanne Stafford), and Borough employees (Sandy, Ryan, Kelly, Karl, Glo) for taking time out of your schedules to attend. The ICS-402 class on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-10 pm and Mass Rescue and HazMat Response Workshop on February 4-5.
- ❖ Sandy attended a meeting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> for the Petersburg Health and Safety Fair that will occur on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. EMS personnel will help with the blood draws.
- ❖ Sales Tax Committee met February 25<sup>th</sup> and made the recommendation for assembly to increase the tax cap to \$1500. They are also requesting to the assembly that any senior getting the exemption must qualify for the PFD.
- ❖ Assessment notices were mailed out Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you don't receive one in the mail for a parcel of land that you own PLEASE contact the Borough Finance Department.
- ❖ The Assessor will be at the Borough Offices on March 6<sup>th</sup> and will be upstairs in the Conference Room to meet with property owners.
- ❖ Mayor Jensen, Liz Cabrera and I met with Patrick Kelley from the University Land Trust and Clarence Clark from the State of Alaska Division of Forestry. The ULT has a small timber sale on Mitkof Island in progress and the Division of Forestry is working to improve communications between the various public entities that are involved in land management in this region. For anyone interested in the proposed timber sale, more information is available at [www.ualand.com](http://www.ualand.com)