

Mayor's Report For

May 18, 2020 Assembly Meeting

- 1. COVID-19:** The Assembly appreciates the efforts made by Petersburg residents and current visitors to follow State directives and be respectful of each other. A link to all State directives and other COVID 19 information may be found on the Borough's website at www.ci.petersburg.ak.gov - click on the **COVID 19 Information Hub** box on the home page.
- 2. Small Cruise Ship Visitor Discussions:** Manager Giesbrecht and Mayor Jensen have attended several meetings on the Small Cruise Ship visitations and how communities and the industry can work with the State to have procedures that would protect local communities and the visitors. Representatives from the Cruise Industry feel it is likely most visits this season will be cancelled, but it is worthwhile continuing discussions to prepare for next year. The State and the Industry want a set of unified rules and procedures for all ports; however, it is recognized this may not be what every community wants. An AML committee may be developed to work on the issue and bring recommendations back to the State, Industry and communities in the future.
- 3. Happy Syttende Mai:** We are missing our Little Norway Festival this year, but still want to wish everyone a Happy Syttende Mai!