



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 18 July 2019**

- ❖ Our summer intern at the Library, Amy Poe, started this past week. She will be at the library until August 30 and is working on a user experience audit of the library. People are encouraged to contact her to give input, she can be reached at intern@petersburgak.gov. The summer intern program is funded by the Alaska State Library.
- ❖ The library has received a \$20,000 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. Funds will be used to match a \$3,000 Petersburg Community Foundation Grant received in May to replace our self-checkout kiosk. Funds will also be used to purchase materials for our collection.
- ❖ The following employees celebrated employment anniversaries in the month of June:

Danielle Aikens	Deputy Clerk	1 year
Barbara Beasley	Dispatcher/Corrections Officer III	3 years
Samuel Caulum	Apprentice Lineman	16 years
Marilyn Eilenberger	Resident Assistant	7 years
Mindy Enriquez	Registered Nurse	5 years
Randy Holmgrain	Police Captain	7 years
Jessica Ieremia	Program Coordinator	8 years
James Kerr	Police Chief	6 years
Lydia Martin	Library Page	1 year
Shannon McCullough	Finance Clerk II	2 years
Jacob Slaven	Harbor Security Officer	1 year
Chandra Thornburg	Parks & Rec. Director	3 years
Yi Hoy	Motor Pool Foreman	29 years

- ❖ The LEPC held a meeting on June 28th. The Local Emergency Planning Committee grant ended June 30, 2019. This grant funded the LEPC Project Manager, so that position was terminated.
- ❖ Guns and Hoses – Continuing with the friendly competition between the Fire Department and Law Enforcement, the Fire Dept won during the Guns and Hoses event. We get to keep the banner – AGAIN! 😊
- ❖ Thanks to Brenda Norheim for volunteering to weed and clean up the main flower bed at Station 1, and to all the Volunteers who made themselves available for emergencies during the 4th of July weekend. We had 2 fire calls and 2 EMS calls. There was a report of a tree fire on Kupreanof due to fireworks on July 7th. The Fire Dept was on notice but did not respond as it was isolated.

- ❖ Thanks to Sally Dwyer for heading up our deck fundraiser at the Manor. The deck will go between the assisted living and Elderly Housing buildings. If anyone has questions regarding this, they can contact Sally.
- ❖ Public Works made some emergency bridge repairs to Rasmus Enge Bridge after a driver crashed into the side of the bridge on June 23rd. Thanks to the crew for their quick response on this issue!
- ❖ Recycling markets are still struggling nationwide, which means the cost of Petersburg's recycling program is increasing. We are working to put together some recommendations for changes to the recycling program in order to reduce program expenses while still encouraging folks to recycle. As always, community input on this issue is appreciated and encouraged as we work through this process.
- ❖ Hauling water to numerous residents beyond the distribution system.
- ❖ The Scow Bay Pump Station 1 project received no bids. After speaking with local contractors, the timing was wrong for this bid and for the work. The department will rebid the project later this year.
- ❖ Staff recently began pumping wastewater sludge for the Nat. Geo. ships that make port calls in Petersburg.
- ❖ The hydro power lakes are drafting with the low rainfall. SEAPA is operating with the intertie closed, and no net power sales are being made to Ketchikan from Tyee Lake. Rainfall in the forecast is a good thing!
- ❖ As-built surveying of the Crystal Lake penstock commenced on July 11th. R&M Engineering out of Ketchikan is performing the work under a sub-contract with McMillen Jacobs.
- ❖ SEAPA made payment to Petersburg for diesel fuel and overtime associated with the diesel support run earlier in the year. Petersburg's payment totaled \$483,230.64.
- ❖ D&D Tree Services has been helping PMPL with some large danger trees on Frederick Dr. and Wrangell Ave.
- ❖ Summer Camps are open for registration and have spots available. Each one has a different theme and operates from 9am to 3pm.
 - Science 7/23-7/26
 - Sprouts Garden Camp 7/30-8/2
- ❖ We will be having a Lifeguard Training Class before the end of July. We are looking for interested people to take the class. If you would like to know more information, please call the Community Center at 772-3392.
- ❖ Huge Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce, the Volunteer Fire Department, Public Works, Power & Light, the local businesses, and individuals that stepped forward to create an amazing 4th of July! It would not be possible without the many efforts of all who are involved. Unfortunately, with expected budget decreases it will be increasingly difficult to operate the Community Center while also putting on the 4th. We are expecting to need additional volunteers and interested organizations if we want next year's celebrations and activities to continue.
- ❖ There is an air leak in the Dry Sprinkler system on the gymnasium side. We are working on bringing Ketchikan Mechanical to assess and fix the situation. The filter on the leisure pool has broken. We are currently working with Interlocked Filtration to come in August to replace the sand and the inside of the filter. This was included in the budget. The chemical reader system for the pool is also not functioning properly. We are in the process of researching the best system controller system for the cost. This was also included in the budget for replacement.