



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 6 November 2017**

- ❖ Public Works Staff has started work on the Pump Station 7 force main replacement. The pipe is fused in sections and trenching started on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Public Works will be making all efforts to minimize any impacts to home/driveway access during the work.
- ❖ PIA has agreed to help the Borough out with sidewalk snow removal again this year. They will have two tribal employees operating ATV's to push snow off of sidewalks and into the street so that Borough crews can carry it to snow dump areas. Many thanks to PIA for this continued winter assistance.
- ❖ Fire hydrants are winterized. Any use of a hydrant will require re-winterization.
- ❖ A call for community Christmas tree nominations has been advertised. Citizens may nominate a tree and have it removed from their property for free. Call PW at 772-4430 to make a nomination.
- ❖ The local scrap metal and junk car roundup ended on October 31 with a flurry of activity. From August 27<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, the department has taken in over **850,000 lbs** of metal from the community.
- ❖ Republic Services is continuing to monitor the new Chinese national import policies and their effect on their recycling business. Petersburg will be able to continue with the current commingled recycling program for the time being, but we will have to stay aware of ongoing market pricing and may have to adjust our collection program to maintain value in our recycling stream.
- ❖ 350 Gen Set Project – the new gen set installation is 80% complete; we are waiting on the electrical schematics from EPS before the initial start-up.
- ❖ PMPL line crew is in the process of installing power pole barriers. These will protect some of our high priority poles from being hit by cars or equipment.
- ❖ Kitchen improvements at Assisted Living will be taking place the week of November 27 through December 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this time Mountain View Food Service will be closed.
- ❖ Shelyn just received notification that there was a Medicaid “glitch” in the billing system from Sept. 1, 2013 thru August 18, 2017. This will require going back and identifying the Cost of Care Allowances for all residents for all months involved.
- ❖ The finance department is preparing for some temporary staffing changes while a full-time staff member goes on maternity leave beginning November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Many Borough Facilities will be closed Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day. Please call ahead.
- ❖ The Recreational Youth Basketball Teams will have their home Allstar Games on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer on our 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders take on Wrangell's Allstars.
- ❖ Oktoberfest was on Saturday 10/28 in the Community Gym. It seemed to all go well. A large electric load brought to light an issue with the electrical capacity in our Activity Room. Jamie and I will be figuring out a new method to deliver power to that room for future large events.
- ❖ Pumpkin Patch Plunge went well. Thank you to Alps Credit Union, Trading Union, and Anchor Properties for helping to put on the event.
- ❖ US Army Corps of Engineers has begun work on the South Harbor Feasibility Study. Staff has worked with the hydrology team identifying the project location, and on November 2-4 another team was in town using a R.O.V to survey the bottom of the South Harbor graphing the dredge areas. Staff is providing the support needed for these visits.
- ❖ On the evening of 10/29 the F/V Moonshadow had a fire break out on board, quick response by Harbor Officer Stacey Hjort, Police Officer Jim Kerr and Harbor Board member Scott Newman allowed for minimal damage. Fire Dept. arrived in under 8 minutes and took over. A big thank you to all involved.

- ❖ We continue to host Fire Station visits/tours by the public. The Borough encourages community members to consider this for any of our facilities.
- ❖ Emergency Trauma Technician course started October 29<sup>th</sup>. We have 8 people in the course (4 firefighters and 4 new members).
- ❖ The phone system went down at the Fire Station on Oct 30. AP&T forwarded calls to the Police Dept. Phones were back in service on the morning of Oct 31.
- ❖ Increased bear activity as they prepare for hibernation. Public is asked to continue to secure trash.
- ❖ Police Department Christmas Card design contest complete. Special thanks to all those who assisted to make the contest and awards possible. The First-Place card will be printed and used as our department Christmas card this year. Photo below. Winners are: 3rd place-Keeley Tetreault, 2nd grade, 2nd place-Wesley Durst 1st grade, 1st place-Serena Helms 4th grade.
- ❖ Chief Swihart, Capt. Hamilton, Sgt. Holm grain, Inv. Popp, Jay Beasley and Ken Hamilton participated in a trap shoot with Devil's Thumb Shooters on 10/30/17. We really appreciated the invitation from Coach Larry O'Rear. Great time had by all.
- ❖ Suicide attempt in jail prevented by SSM Worhatch and Capt. Hamilton. Inmate transported to Anchorage for treatment. Great work by Angel and John. Working with DoC to make emergency transports more efficient and less complicated.

