



Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 20 October 2014

- ❖ Replacement lighting Medicaid Recertification for the Manor is approved. We're good for two more years!
- ❖ Final touches are being put on the 10 recently installed windows at Elderly Housing.
- ❖ Liz met with Bob Weinstein from Senator Begich's office on federal issues of interest. Arranged for a tour of the Police Dept.
- ❖ Dismantling of Ellingstad/Triem House at 1011 Wrangell Avenue - Roof and portion of front wall were removed through the month of September. There has been little to no progress in October.
- ❖ PEDC was awarded a \$26,000 grant from the USDA Farmer's Market Promotion Program to promote & expand our local farmer's market.
- ❖ Chamber of Commerce & PEDC is sponsoring a booth at PacificMarine Expo (FishExpo) in Seattle, November 19-21. We are encouraging local marine vendors to provide brochures/business cards for distribution at the show.
- ❖ The public works crew has been grading roads, ditching and brushing as much as possible.
- ❖ Work continues on the Rasmus Enge Bridge. The crew successfully replaced another piling a couple of weeks ago with assistance from PMPL. They have one more piling to replace in addition to installation of some cross bracing.
- ❖ PIA has granted a request to relocate one of their rotary composters to the wastewater plant. Staff is working on a plan for staging and operating the composter.
- ❖ Work continues with ADOT on incorporating the Borough's sewer needs within the South Nordic Drive and Haugen Drive projects. Current plans call for bidding one project for both streets and requiring that the winning contractor phase the work so that the local disturbance is minimized. The latest information is that the project will be advertised in November.
- ❖ Available now on the Borough website: A link to a quick survey to gauge the success of the current blue bag recycling program and seek input on possible changes or improvements to the program. The survey has separate parts for households and businesses and should only take a few minutes of time to complete.
- ❖ The motor pool will be holding a public auction soon to sell various pieces of surplus equipment.
- ❖ Chris visited the Banana Point Launch Ramp last week during negative tides to document the current condition of the ramp. There are minor issues with rock fill subsidence around the edges of the concrete planks that should be repaired before the North End Ferry Authority begins to use the site. Chris will contact ADNR on

funding of this work.

- ❖ PIA has been working hard on Dolphin Street sidewalks and is doing great work. They have included the third street sidewalks in their work plan and will replace those sidewalks this year or next year, dependent upon progress over the rest of the summer and fall.
- ❖ The Parks & Recreation Department has just finished up with the ANB/ANS Grand Camp. It was a huge success with over 100 participants and we'd like to thank all the community members and businesses who helped put this on and were patient during our partial close.
- ❖ There are 8 high school students participating in the Junior Fire Fighter Program. Several Adult Firefighters are helping teach the program.
- ❖ The Fire Dept provided the Learn-Not-To-Burn program to the elementary school during Fire Prevention Week (Oct 6-10).
- ❖ Sandy attended the Emergency Preparedness Conference that is an LEPC grant requirement. Topics for the conference were: Active Shooter, Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), and Cyber Terrorism. (No cost to the Borough)
- ❖ Four (4) volunteer Firefighters and Ryan attended Alaska State Firefighters Conference in Kenai.
- ❖ Capt. Hamilton is overseeing police functions and Support Svcs Mgr Worhatch is overseeing administrative functions while Chief Swihart is at Quantico. Chief Swihart is available via cell phone or email.
- ❖ Finance is working on new Senior Exemption cards that will have expiration dates, this is based on the recent election decision to establish a longer term of residency in order to qualify for the exemption card. New cards will be mailed to all qualifying seniors before the end of the year.
- ❖ We are working on the logistics of putting harbor billing into PCS (our standard utility billing software).
- ❖ A Rasmuson Grant application has been submitted for \$19,450 to purchase display panels and cabinets, educational play equipment and library collection materials.
- ❖ The Petersburg Chess Club is up and running thanks to volunteers Kyle Clayton and Jeigh Stanton-Gregor. We shall see if we have any Grandmasters in the community!
- ❖ I attended the AGRIP (Association of Government Risk Pools) training conference as a member of the Alaska Public Entities Insurance Board of Directors. This is the organization that underwrites the Borough's property, casualty and workers comp insurance. Lots of discussion on various risk management issues. Consistent concern throughout the US with these folks on increasing public liability due to fire and code enforcement inspections not being consistent or in-line with national fire and building codes.