



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 7 May 2018**

- ❖ The Library is getting ready for the Storyteller Pole unveiling. The event will take place Thursday May 17 at 4pm. PIA's JOM Dance Group will perform and Nicole Hallingstad will be our guest speaker. Thanks to the streets crew which is coordinating with the Library to assist with the installation.
- ❖ City Creek Spillway Rehabilitation pre-construction meeting has been held. Reid Brothers to mobilize to the site and start work on May 7th. Their proposed schedule has them finishing up all work by mid-July. Marty Susort has been hired as the Borough's inspector on the Spillway work for a not-to- exceed cost of \$20,000.
- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro Evaluation project is ongoing. We have set up the dam and penstock inspection for May 22nd. Also occurring on that day will be an ultrasonic test of the pipeline wall thickness as required by our last FERC inspection. The week of July 9th will see the mechanic and electrician work on some electrical testing of the hydro windings concurrent with a technician testing the rotor shaft for cracks.
- ❖ Lack of serious rain and colder temperatures at Crystal lake have kept the lake level low. With close coordination with the hatchery, we have reduced output of the hydro to conserve water while we can.
- ❖ A failure at the Scow Bay Generator has been fixed. A proprietary communication device stopped working and would not allow remote control of the generator. EPS was hired to replace the device that handles the communications to the SCADA system. Other operational and programming issues with the generator were uncovered during this work and so EPS will be coming back on June 4th to remedy the issues.
- ❖ Sandy and Fire Chief Welde attended the Port Security Meeting on April 17 with representatives from the Harbor Dept, Police Dept, Alaska Marine Highway System, Alaska Marine Lines, and US Coast Guard.
- ❖ The Fire Department hosted the Family Activity Day for the Community. Thanks to Wrangell Fire Dept for loaning us their Smoke Trailer and Papa Bears Pizza for donating and serving delicious Root Beer Floats.
- ❖ We have waitlists at both operations at the Manor and will be flipping two apartments at EH. One will be occupied 5/1 and the other 5/15. Just got done flipping an independent assisted living apartment and our 20th assisted living resident will move in it this week.
- ❖ A huge thank you to our Elks Lodge for the \$1500.00 for our kitchen remodel at the Manor and thank you so much to Chandra for doing all the leg work!
- ❖ Friends of Parks and Recreation group had their third meeting on 4/18. We are all very excited to continue the process of setting up the mission and goals. If there is anyone interested in joining us our next meeting will be Tuesday May 8th at the community center.
- ❖ Karl and Chandra met with Sitka Electric to plan for the new lighting installation. The community center will be closed 5/26-6/3, with an understanding they may need more time to finish the installation.
- ❖ Chandra and the staff at Parks & Rec. are working on upcoming events:

- Lop the Loop Race Saturday May 19th
 - Open for registration online or in person at the Community Center
 - Pre-Registration costs are \$15 per racer, \$40 per family (\$20 per racer & \$50 per family day of the race)
 - 4th of July: Next meeting will be on 5/10 at noon at Glacier Express, all are welcome to help.
 - Lifeguarding classes: Chandra finished a lifeguarding class 4/20-4/22, there were only two participants. We are still looking to hire more people who might be interested in lifeguarding.
- ❖ OSHA visited Parks & Rec. on 4/17 & 4/18. We did well, and are working to update trainings for ladder, scissor lift, and confined spaces. Karl and Justin have been wonderful in helping us reformat our safety plans. Thank you to both!
 - ❖ Finishing up sand removal on streets and sidewalks. The summer street washing program will be starting up soon as will grading dirt streets when the weather permits.
 - ❖ The vehicle impound yard is overflowing and there is currently a “waiting list” of vehicles needing to be impounded. Street crew will be assisting the PD in cleaning out the vehicle impound yard this week to free up some space. Approximately 20 vehicles will be hauled to the landfill for disposal.
 - ❖ The streets crew will be assisting the Petersburg Arts Council with reinstalling the mural “Our Town”, which has been recently refurbished. This is planned for May 11th.
 - ❖ The household hazardous waste (HHW) event will be the weekend of June 9-10. This annual event is an opportunity to dispose of various household hazardous materials without incurring the disposal fees. Items such as paint, oil, antifreeze, solvents, poisons, and various other hazardous materials are accepted. Full details on acceptable quantity and types of materials will be made available soon via newspaper and web ads.
 - ❖ Waste Management will be making a scrap metal trip to Petersburg in May. They are on schedule to begin mobilizing into Petersburg on May 10th and be finishing up by May 22nd. For safety reasons, there will be no salvaging permitted in the landfill while Waste Management is onsite.
 - ❖ Chief Swihart will be in Fairbanks at the Alaska Police Standards Council meeting May 6th, 7th, and 8th. This will be his last meeting as Council Chair.
 - ❖ DARE Graduation will be held on May 10th at 6pm in the Assembly chambers. Great work by Ofc. Popp and students. Also, Ofc. Popp was recently chosen to be the statewide coordinator for DARE America.
 - ❖ Of our 198 Service Requests at the Police Department, twenty-three, or almost 12%, originated from the Narrows Inn. The majority from the same (4) tenants.
 - ❖ We are noticing an increase in calls for reserving transient moorage throughout the summer. We are hoping the increase traffic continues.
 - ❖ May 8th starts our regular tour ship stops. The Drive Down will see a bit more traffic this season so please be aware of posted signs. Updated schedules run in the Petersburg Pilot from time to time.