



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 6 August 2018**

- ❖ Kids completed 1,028 learning challenges and read 125,611 minutes during the Library's Summer Stream Program.
- ❖ The Library is rolling out reusable blue bags at the front desk when you check out material. When items are returned, the blue bag is returned so we can use it again.
- ❖ We have several upcoming camps at Parks & Rec. including Art Camp the first full week in August; Cheer Camp 8/1-8/3; Garden Camp 8/13-8/17. All are available for registration now.
- ❖ Lots of maintenance items at Parks & Rec. Leak fixed at the Outlook Park bathroom; the ballpark playground structure bird netting installed, and the playground cleaned; The gym floor and racquetball courts have been resealed; received new Pool chlorine dispensers and will be replacing those soon.
- ❖ Upper Dam (City Creek) Spillway Rehabilitation project is ongoing. All the concrete spillway repairs are complete, and the contractor has begun work on the dam gate operators and rock work adjacent to the dam.
- ❖ Ms. Pat Weaver is recommencing her water and sewer main extension project within the Bayview Estates in August. Rock N Road will be continuing the work and the Borough will have an inspector onsite.
- ❖ The shorted primary wires at the Blind Slough Hydro were replaced and the unit put back online. The wires are thought to be original to the 1977 project and were dramatically degraded upon removal from the conduit. The department now has surplus wire and termination fittings in case we ever have an issue with this wire again.
- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro Evaluation project is ongoing. Recent work includes resistance testing on the generator windings and testing of the generator shaft and pelton wheel. A report should be fully drafted in the next several weeks by McMillen. After the assessment report is final, the consultant will continue to evaluate various improvements to the facility and develop the final recommendations, including costs, for any upgrades, replacements or rehabilitation efforts.
- ❖ Crystal Lake water levels are dropping with the dry weather. Our FERC license requires that we generate at set minimums to provide adequate water to the hatchery and we are in close contact with hatchery personnel to ensure that they have what they need.
- ❖ Karl continues to work with the University of Alaska Land Office to obtain a land use permit to clear trees on university land away from the powerline out by the fur farm. It has been a struggle to work through insurance requirements but I'm hopeful that the work can be started in early August.
- ❖ The **SECOND** Tyee maintenance shutdown of 2018, and corresponding diesel generation run at the power plant, is tentatively scheduled for **September 6 – 9th**. SEAPA plans to inspect the Tyee Lake power tunnel with a submersible ROV and work on marker balls at Eagle River.

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- ❖ Harbor staff continues to work with the USACE on the South Harbor feasibility study. An RFP closed on 7/27 for vessel assistance on researching possible disposal sites locations for the Corps and our project.
- ❖ Summer maintenance has been staying very busy, concentrating on South Harbor finger float repair focused on hinges and floatation.
- ❖ Assisted Living Licensing Inspection completed June 19th as A+; AHFC inspection came back as A+
- ❖ Property tax bills were mailed out July 1. Contact the Petersburg Borough if you haven't received yours.
- ❖ There are more ways to search property assessment information. A link has been placed on the borough's website to provide property owners with information such as historical assessments and tax history.
- ❖ Finance is preparing for the audit occurs in September with a preaudit scheduled in August. The auditors will meet with any assembly member who may have questions regarding the Borough's finances.
- ❖ Marine passenger fee information and forms are being created and posted to the Borough's website preparing for the January 1, 2019 start date.
- ❖ Petersburg PD, Wrangell PD and Forest Service Law Enforcement attended an active shooter course hosted by Wrangell. The course was taught by Jeff Hall with Force Options. The first day was used to address an active shooter in a school setting and the second day was live fire at the range practicing.
- ❖ Officer Eric Wolf and Andrew Ayiss both of Petersburg accepted conditional job offers to join Petersburg PD. Eric can start 2 weeks' notice to Wrangell PD. Andrew's possible start date will be in December after he gets out of the USCG.
- ❖ The Sgt. promotion process is completed, and Derek Thorsen was selected as the new Sergeant, Aug. 1st.
- ❖ The Public Works crew has been working on dust control measures due to the hot, dry weather. Most gravel streets have now been graded and had lignosite applied, and this is helping to keep the dust down.
- ❖ The Household Hazardous Waste event held June 9-10 was a big success. Over 22 tons of hazardous material was collected from the community and shipped out for disposal.
- ❖ The wastewater pump station for the baler building has failed. The Wastewater Dept. has put in a temporary pumping system while the pump station is rebuilt. Baler operations have not been affected.
- ❖ Our recycling vendor has given us notice that processing fees for recyclables are going to increase approximately 50% from the current rate starting in August. The values of various recycling commodities have continued to drop and available markets are now saturated with recyclable materials. These factors are going to impact Petersburg's recycling program going forward. A report is being prepared for the Assembly that will detail these impacts and some potential options for the recycling program.
- ❖ Search and Rescue had a couple of call outs related to boating. One incident they were requested by the US Coast Guard to assist an 18' boat that lost power and had no communication capabilities. SAR responded, located the disabled boat, picked up the passengers, and towed everyone back to the lodge.
- ❖ The annual Fire Dept picnic was on July 28th. Thanks to all the Fire Dept volunteers who made it happen.