



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 5 November 2018**

- ❖ The new “Hoyer” lift arrived at the Manor last week. This is a mechanical device designed to lift patients safely. Staff is very happy!
- ❖ Harbor staff continues to work with the USACE on the South Harbor dredging feasibility study. The public is invited to provide comments on the draft study that can be found on the Borough’s website or hard copies at both Borough Finance Office and the Harbor Office until Nov 5th, 2018.
- ❖ A thank you to Public Works who built a snow gate in house and installed it in the corner of the Middle Harbor parking lot to help snow removal efforts in the winter. Also, thanks to the Public Works crew for knocking down brush and cleaning the outside perimeters of both ends of the South Harbor and Middle Harbor parking lots, it is a huge help to keep runoff from backing up in these areas.
- ❖ Annually the Harbor joins with local companies to share costs of a licensed crane inspector run through public cranes including both Harbor cranes. The inspector’s report includes regular maintenance items that require professional attention. We have scheduled the large crane to be serviced mid-November through early January to reduce the impact on the fleet’s needs. The small crane will be operating during this time.
- ❖ Harbor permanent moorage is up, but transient traffic this year was lower than other years.
- ❖ An “atta boy” to the Harbor night security officer, Carl McDonald, for noticing a strong smell coming from one of the water pedestals in the South Harbor during rounds at 5:30 am. Soon after the water pedestal had flames coming out of it, so called PD to get ahold of PMPL to shut down the heat trace and Carl stood by on fire watch making sure it was an isolated incident. Thanks to Kevin Hess for his quick response shutting power down to the system.
- ❖ The HERRING are IN! The F/V Defiant has been making weekly deliveries and a few of the local holiday herring picklers have been seen grabbing a bucket or two for the season’s annual delicacy. Special thanks to Justin Peeler and his crew for bringing in the fish and allowing community members to gather and continue much loved community tradition! See you on Dec 12th at the annual Pickled Herring Contest!
- ❖ Water Department Staff is performing biannual cleaning and maintenance of the sedimentation basins and other treatment equipment at the plant, while also working to complete the winterizing of the Cabin Creek raw water line.
- ❖ The water department is installing a small 7.5KW standby propane generator at the water storage tank to supply power to the site during outages. The genset and propane tank is installed and requires final wiring before it is ready for service.
- ❖ Wastewater staff has set up a temporary pump station at the baler while they are reworking the permanent pump station. They anticipate that the work will be complete in the next couple of months.
- ❖ The composting of sludge from the treatment plant has been going well. The staff routinely meets the EPA time and temperature requirements for pathogen destruction. The department invites any resident to drop off tree limbs on 14th Street near the treatment plant for free so we can use the chips in the process. Staff is working on construction of a small shed to protect and store wood chips for the composting process.
- ❖ We continue to experience problems in our pump stations because of “flushable” wipes. The public is encouraged to please place any wipes in the trash instead of flushing these materials. They accumulate in pump stations and cause

blockage issues in our pumps. The only way to remove these blockages is by manually removing the pumps and pulling them out by gloved hand. The public is encouraged to only flush toilet paper down their sewers.

- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro Evaluation project is ongoing. We have received the initial draft of the conditions assessment and have provided comments back to the consultant. We expect to receive the final draft of the CA in early November – at which time I will present it to the Manager and Assembly.
- ❖ The FERC Part 12 Dam Inspection and Safety evaluation (required every 5 years) as well as the Dam Safety and Surveillance Monitoring Plan are almost complete.
- ❖ D&D Tree Service was hired to replace screws on the roof of the PMPL headquarters building. It was found that many of the screws had backed out over time and so we are replacing them with larger screws and tightening things up. After this work, the roof should last for many more years. The roof was not included in the recent building remodel due to its generally good condition.
- ❖ The line crew was able to take advantage of Wrangell's 85-foot bucket truck in September to address several problem trees around town. PMPL thanks all of the property owners that worked with us on removal of these trees in the sake of a more reliable distribution system for the community. A big thanks to the City and Borough of Wrangell for use of the truck!
- ❖ The line crew helped to repair some parking/playground lighting for the school district. Big thank you for this work.
- ❖ Annual pole top rescue training and other topics will be part of a departmental safety meeting scheduled for November 9th. Wrangell Light and Power linemen are coming over for the training as well.
- ❖ Recent rains have resulted in a lot of calls for service due to clogged culverts and storm drains.
- ❖ Drainage improvements were made to the Municipal Building parking lot to reduce the amount of water ponding on the surface. A section of poorly graded asphalt was removed and replaced with concrete, and a new concrete valley gutter installed.
- ❖ Officer Wolf completed his Field Training process, and Blake Morrison has started with the Police Department as Dispatch/Corrections Officer 1.
- ❖ Officer Tate completed Krav Maga Law Enforcement Instructor Certification at Kodiak Police Department and is looking forward to instructing the department on these new techniques. Officer Waechter is working with the Petersburg Medical Center and EMS on the active shooter exercise at PMC.
- ❖ The First Annual Petersburg Haunted House is being held at the Petersburg Police Department. Haunted House is open October 31st 4-6pm then 7-10pm and on November 1st from 7-10pm. The Police Department is handing out glow necklaces and candy on Halloween. All are encouraged to stop by for and pick up glow necklaces for their children.
- ❖ I am continuing to work with Department Heads, the School and the Hospital on finalizing the Capital Project list to be reviewed and approved by the Assembly. I am hoping the list will be available for the Assembly for the first meeting in December.
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