



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 07 October 2024**

- ❖ Needing lifeguards!! Adults and students! If anyone is interested or knows someone who is, please send them to Parks and Rec! Upcoming open swims are being limited to 40 patrons due to lack of guards.
- ❖ Fall Sprint Triathlon will be hosted on Saturday, October 12 at 9am. Registration is open for individuals and teams, check with Parks and Rec for any questions.
- ❖ 126 participants are signed up for Youth Basketball! Still need some help with referees, time and scorekeeping, and back up coaches. Contact Julie Anderson if interested.
- ❖ Public Works will be assisting Parks and Recreation with adding more parking spots along the road at Sandy Beach and creating a safer intersection by Shelter #1 entrance and Raven's Roost trailhead. With the amount of park and trail usage, more parking is warranted and a tree impeding safe line of sight will be removed, along with a stop sign installment leaving the Shelter #1 parking lot.
- ❖ The year-round restroom attached to Shelter #3 is open! Thank you to Public Works for their awesome work to make it happen! The other park restrooms will be closed at 4p on Sunday, Oct. 6th.
- ❖ The public works crew is going through snow removal equipment to ensure it is ready when ice and snow get here. This also includes Hydrant winterization.
- ❖ Assistant Public Works Director Marohl attended Southeast Conference and gave a presentation on the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA).
- ❖ SEASWA Board Chair Cotta is leading a working group that is developing an action plan for the \$500,000 Denali grant that was jointly awarded to SEASWA and Southeast Conference. The primary purpose of the Denali grant is to conduct a large-scale study of solid waste issues in Southeast Alaska and recommend the best ways to manage solid waste in the region moving forward. Representatives from SEASWA, Southeast Conference and the City and Borough of Sitka will cooperate on implementation of the grant. Although City and Borough of Juneau is not formally involved, we also intend to work closely with them on this effort as they have been very proactive in sharing information with SEASWA from CBJ's solid waste studies and programs.
- ❖ Building Maintenance is prepping heating systems for Borough buildings and getting maintenance issues for winter caught up.
- ❖ The Elderly Housing Entrance Repair project is underway with Steelhead Enterprises starting to stage equipment and begin preliminary work. With the main entrance closed to traffic, we would like to encourage

the flow of traffic for residents, visitors and delivery persons to be around Assisted Living then south towards Elderly Housing. Please remember to drive slowly, be aware and to not leave any vehicles unattended in the emergency access lane.

- ❖ The DOE Section 243 Hydroelectric Efficiency Incentives grant agreement has been received, signed and returned to the Grid Deployment office. The total amount of funding coming to the hydro project is \$2.8 million. Issuance of the incentive payment is dependent upon submittal and receipt of various reports and proof of the efficiency gains at the facility.
- ❖ The line crew has been working with the WERC project subcontractor to install conduits needed for the electrical service to the building.
- ❖ As we enter the storm season, PMPL will be trimming trees to avoid any outages caused by errant limbs. The public is encouraged to call PMPL at 772-4203 to report any trees that are close to the electrical lines within a right of way.
- ❖ Crystal Lake levels are rising after a year of good power production and the dry month of August. Rainy weather in the forecast should bring the lake up to an acceptable level before inflows slow with colder temperatures.
- ❖ Electrical permitting has been busy! Many customers are installing heat pumps and performing other work. As a reminder, details of the local heat pump rebate program are available on the PMPL page of the Borough's website.
- ❖ Reminder to boat owners; harbor staff will be cleaning up floats of water hoses and clutter to make way for snow removal. Also do regular checks on your boats as we get more rain and colder weather.
- ❖ Harbor Staff is coordinating with contractor to organize the demo of the Pacific Queen scheduled for highest tides of the season in the middle of the month.
- ❖ We are down on staffing at Assisted Living so Derrick is filling in and staff is working some extra hours to cover missing shifts. Lots of thanks to RA's for taking care of the residents. We have 1 swing shift and three overnight positions to fill.
- ❖ Property Taxes are due by 4:30pm on October 15th. Payment options available are online, by mail, phone or in person. Call 907-772-4425 with any questions.
- ❖ We are getting very close to finalizing a contract with THRHA for eleven lots in the Airport Subdivision. Once the contract is approved by them, I will bring it forward for the Assembly.
- ❖ Several staff members and I met with representatives of PIA to discuss potential projects where we could work together for the purpose of benefiting all community members.
- ❖ Staff met and Mayor Jensen met to discuss the possibilities of working with American Cruise lines to develop an improved docking situation for them. We are reaching out to them on the possibility of creating some conceptual plans on how this would look.