



Director Report: Sept. 19, 2022 for 4:00pm Advisory Board meeting on Sept. 29, 2022

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Welcome to Parks and Recreations busiest time of the year – Fall!! We statistically see much more use of our facilities: Youth Basketball, referee and coaching clinics, Halloween Hustle, Winter Wonderland, typically a lot of private rentals of both pool and gym with the Activity Room for birthday parties, HS and VSC swim meets, and the many other community opportunities that we assist with. This year is no different – are you ready??

Operations

- ❖ On July 27th we were notified that we are receiving \$122K from the State, in the form of a grant, to assist with lighting up at the Ballfield and Ice Skate Pond! While I have already supplied lights for the skate pond, the bulk of the funds will be used by Petersburg Little League and PSD for ballfield lights! We have been working closely with Karl Hagerman and Darby Mattingly about the layout and technical stuff. What a great surprise!!
- ❖ In early August, HS Swim jumped in the pool to start their season, with their one and only home meet to occur on Sept. 30 / Oct. 1, 12p-8p both days – the Aquatic Center pool schedule will be altered on those two days. Go Viking Swimmers!
- ❖ Julie Anderson assisted our community in August with the Bike Rodeo and Girls On The Run (GOTR) Summer Camp – she made sure they had all they need that we could offer, as well as a bit of her time – Thank you, Julie!
- ❖ VSC resumed their pool rental time starting the last week of August and have 2 fall events scheduled: Sept. 23rd Swim Trial and Nov. 11-13 with November Rain. Aquatic Center pool schedule will be altered for these events as well. Swim like crazy, VSC! Always makes me smile to see the grandeur of these swim events and our Aquatic Center and pool deck transform – what amazing energy!!
- ❖ Youth Basketball started in early September, with the addition of Pre-K kiddos dribblin’ themselves into frenzies. Coaches are: **Matt Pawuk** and **Blaine Volk** (4th-6th), Baine Volk and **Christine Lynn** (2nd - 3rd), Matt Pawuk (K-1st), and **Julie Anderson, Camie Gillen, and Hali LaChapelle** (Pre-K). We have practices every day of the week! Games for 2nd – 6th start this week and a plan for our annual Invitational (formerly known as All Stars) against Wrangell in early Nov! HUGE THANK YOU to all our staff volunteer coaches that make this happen – we couldn’t do it without them!
- ❖ We have officially ordered the Pool Covers (ETA mid November-ish), **Cemetery Walkway** (Mobi Mats), **4 new SS park restroom toilets**, and 6 Bear Proof Trash Cans for the parks (Estimated Ship Date: 11/15). Toilets will be installed when we close the restrooms for the winter (Oct. 3rd). Items in bold have been received.

- ❖ I have officially joined the Crisis Response Team for the School/Borough. The connection with the school in the case of an emergency is critical, especially if there is a Lockdown. Julie and I have also participated in the ALICE training at the MS/HS last Friday.
- ❖ Evening Water Aerobics!! We have added an evening water aerobics course on Monday nights, 6:30-7:30p! Theresa is hosting this course, lots of new people!
- ❖ Covid Booster Clinic, put on by the Community Health Clinic and PMC, will be happening in our Gym on Friday, Sept. 23rd from 10a-3p.
- ❖ OUR FIRST TRIATHLON – will be a Sprint Triathlon – Saturday, Sept. 24th at 9a! Congratulations to Scott Burt for hosting our first Petersburg Triathlon Club event!
- ❖ Park restrooms will be CLOSING for the winter season on Monday, Oct 3rd and reopen beginning of May, weather pending.
- ❖ **VOTE!** In our Municipal election – in our Gym on Oct. 4th – all day!!
- ❖ **WE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCT. 17TH IN OBSERVANCE OF AK DAY!** – Other Borough offices will close on Tuesday the 18th, but it is easier for our patrons when it is a Monday rather than a Tuesday.
- ❖ Oktoberfest will grace our Gym and Activity Room once again on Oct. 22nd!
- ❖ Halloween Hustle is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 31st from 4p-6p!! Volunteers always welcome!!
- ❖ **VOTE!** State General Election – Activity Room on November 8th – all day!
- ❖ **We will be CLOSED on Friday, Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day.**
- ❖ Winter Wonderland tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17th! Volunteers Welcome!

Facility Maintenance

- ❖ Approx. 140' of main sewer line that runs down the Fitness Center Hallway (gym portion of facility), and all of its associated lines to restrooms and locker rooms, and Activity Room will need to be replaced as soon as possible, hopefully this fall/winter. The old line is in serious disrepair. We are taking steps to talk with plumbing contractors to take care of this project. We will try to be as least disruptive as possible.
- ❖ Another leak in the Boiler Room heat exchanger (supplies hot water to pool). Conversing with Ketchikan Mechanical to repair the leak. SHOULD NOT result in any shut-downs, but we will see.
- ❖ Work continuing with Fire Repairs – looks as though we have to replace the control panels on new boilers to accommodate the State code (long story). We are working with insurance to take care of this – BUT we will have to move a large expansion tank (that needs to be replaced anyway) to make room for new control panels. Manager Giesbrecht, our contractor and engineer, and I are working on these details and gathering information. Also, not sure if this will require a shut down.

This concludes my report. Please present any questions that you may have.