



PETERSBURG
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Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 19 June 2023

- ❖ Sea Western was in Petersburg doing maintenance on the SCBA Packs and Compressor at the Fire Hall.
- ❖ Putting together a materials list for the Rasmus Enge Bridge deck replacement, which is tentatively scheduled for late summer.
- ❖ Still looking for a motor pool mechanic to replace Joe Poling, who took a job with Power & Light. We have not had any applicants to date.
- ❖ The Borough's Free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event will be held on June 24th and 25th. Details will be posted in the Petersburg Pilot, on the Borough's website, and on social media.
- ❖ Mike Bell wrapped up the Cabin Creek and City Creek Dam safety inspections with our consultant and the State Dam Safety program recently. Both structures are safe and operating as intended.
- ❖ Pump Station 4 wetlands permit applications have been issued to the Corps of Engineers. Public Works is assisting the WW department with a test pit excavation later in the month to assess underground conditions and ground water at the new wet well site. PMPL will be removing a service pole prior to the test dig.
- ❖ Other than a hiccup with a generator's cooling system on the first day, the annual SEAPA shutdown and diesel run went well. New operators were able to get a firsthand look at the process and gain some valuable knowledge at the power plant. Thanks to all operators for their work to keep the lights on during the SEAPA shutdown and to the line crew for picking any slack while the rest of the crew was busy running the diesel plant.
- ❖ SEAPA made great progress with their maintenance work and was able to cut two days from the planned 10-day outage. This early finish equated to approximately \$56,000 in saved fuel costs for the Borough and PMPL.
- ❖ Staff shut down the Hydro and penstock on June 12th. We successfully isolated the Blind Slough substation on June 13th. The contractor will now be able to start demolition in the powerhouse. The hatchery is feeding their processes via the pumps in the emergency storage pond.
- ❖ The library's summer reading programs are in full swing, over 225 kids, teens and adults are participating. Thank you to the many businesses, organizations and individuals that generously donate and make these programs possible. Sign up at psglib.org.
- ❖ DNR recorded a Patent Deed granting ownership of 589.85 acres within the Thomas Bay Subdivision to the Petersburg Borough. DNR retains ownership of the rights-of-way within the subdivision, but the borough has management authority. This is the first conveyance of municipal entitlement lands completed.
- ❖ Karl and I attended a zoom meeting with Senator Murkowski and representatives from several SE communities regarding the 301H waiver to the Wastewater discharge. This will be a very expensive project

if we do not receive State or Federal assistance.

- ❖ After over a month of discussions, the Borough decided to change health care providers; moving from Premera to Moda Health. This will save the Borough and Borough employees a significant amount on their health care costs.
- ❖ Tour ship activity is steady and regular with the larger vessels using the Drive Down 3-4 times a week and lightering into the South Harbor Loading Zone. A big thank you to our local fleet who are playing nicely! The practice of reserving space on the inside has become common and staff appreciate the communication between skippers, staff, and other users.
- ❖ Waterline on C float was down last week after a boat tagged it and cracked the main line. Harbor had back up parts and worked with a diver and got it back up and running.
- ❖ Back flow preventors are being inspected in the Harbor. Also, the Crane inspector was in town and both cranes passed with minor maintenance.
- ❖ Launch permits are available at the Harbor Office; Harbor Parking is being enforced along Harbor Way and Harbor parking lots; and a big reminder to boaters of the no wake zone outside all 3 harbors.
- ❖ OSHA tour at Assisted Living went well. We will know more when we get there write up. We are also working on Alaska housing pre tour inspection.
- ❖ Preliminary steps have been taken to assess the structural condition of the Elderly Housing main entrance, which, after 40 years, is showing signs of deterioration.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation finished another successful annual cleaning and maintenance closure, focusing on: repainting leisure pool, repairing in-pool lighting, cleaning/scrubbing pool deck, both pools and their filters, repairing and regrouting tile work, waxing pool slide, air intake vents, painting and rearranging weight and cardio rooms, cleaning all rooms and equipment, installing new equipment, repainting mezzanine stairs and other small details around the facility.
- ❖ Juneau contractors came during our closure to replace boiler panels, install 3 pumps, and install new expansion tank, all in the boiler room. Last item to take care of for this repair project is reinsulating pipes.
- ❖ Swim lessons will be taught in upcoming weeks, including adult swim lessons. Please talk to Parks and Rec for more information.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday, June 21st at 4p at the Community Center.
- ❖ Corvis Design in Juneau visited Sandy Beach last week to help the Hutli signage group with location selection for 4 interpretive signs highlighting Tlingit presence in the area. Please contact Stephanie Payne at Parks and Rec or contact the P&R Advisory Board for more information.
- ❖ The Aquatic Center Family Locker Room is experiencing sewer line issues, please be patient as we work through these issues in upcoming weeks. The family locker room will remain closed during this time.
- ❖ Friends of the Bike Park will be hosting another work party on Sunday, June 25th from 10a-4p. Please contact Stephanie Payne or Pat Blair or meet us at Shelter #2 to join in the fun!