



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 19 October 2021**

- ❖ Parks and Recreation is planning their annual Halloween Hustle for Saturday, October 30th from 4p-6p. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Julie Anderson at Parks and Rec or leave your name at the front desk.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation is working on placing a light at the Ice Skate Pond. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board or Stephanie Payne with comments or input. Contact information can be found on the Borough website.
- ❖ Medicaid recertification for the Manor has finally been approved after months of waiting. Certification is good through 10/31/2023.
- ❖ We had Raincountry plumbing & heating replace the heat tape under EH building.
- ❖ Ketchikan Mechanical on Tuesday Oct 12th replaced the main water pipe entering the building at Elderly Housing.
- ❖ Third covid shots were given to residents wanting it on Oct.1st at the Manor.
- ❖ The new E911 system has been installed and Dispatchers have been trained on the system.
- ❖ A COVID outbreak has shut down Lemon Creek for inmate transfers so were currently holding inmates longer than 14 days.
- ❖ The Oct 1 power outage earlier this month led to the demise of the switch that enables the library's wireless internet. It was down for a few days but is now working again.
- ❖ The library is building a collection of games for adults and children that can be checked out.
- ❖ Passport services will restart on October 19 at the Library.
- ❖ The SCBA annual maintenance completed at the fire hall, and Pump testing of all Fire Apparatus completed.
- ❖ We have an Emergency Trauma Technician course schedule for early November
- ❖ Streets crew assisted the Sanitation Dept with demolition and disposal of several large boats that had accumulated in the landfill.

- ❖ We are still dealing with fallen trees and other aftereffects of the recent storms. Hydrant winterization and other winter prep underway.
- ❖ Working on plans to transition from a fleet of 3 active collection trucks to 2 pending approvals of the new Sanitation ordinance by the Assembly. Because our oldest collection truck is the only rear loading truck, the reduction in fleet size will also result in a phase-out of the smaller sizes of metal dumpsters which will be replaced in most cases with the larger sizes of plastic carts. We have been slowly removing our aging metal dumpsters from circulation in the last few years but there are still quite a few in service. Most of the units that remain are in poor condition and require frequent maintenance to keep them serviceable.
- ❖ Building Maintenance assisted the Parks-N-Rec department with some boiler and HVAC issues that cropped up during the storm that hit on Oct 1st.
- ❖ Large crane has been pulled and sent down for major overhaul, thanks to Public Works, Piston & Rudder, Mattingly Elc. & AML for all the coordination & assistance. She should be back and reinstalled by the end of the year.
- ❖ Water staff recently employed the new pig launcher on the Cabin Creek water line. Reports are that it worked well, turning a 2-day ordeal into a 1–2-hour operation. The process went well, and the department documented a gain of about 300 gpm from the cleaning.
- ❖ Ira II Street Sewer project is ongoing. Rock N Road is making good progress although an unanticipated conflict with a water main did slow them down recently. After settling on a plan to deal with the conflict, the contractor is moving ahead. The slowdown will extend the project by a week, with final completion to be met by November 12th.
- ❖ Justin Haley and Karl continue to meet with EPA, ADEC and SE utilities regarding the discharge permit renewals and more stringent State of Alaska water quality standards than requirements of our previous permit. The issue is complex, but there remains hope that major plant upgrades will not be needed.
- ❖ The project to upgrade the Blind Slough Hydro substation hit a snag recently and forced PMPL to reschedule the work for the spring. We now plan to perform the work in April of 2022.
- ❖ Historical City of Petersburg budgets going back to 1961 will soon be accessible to the public on the Borough's website.
- ❖ The Borough's Assessors are currently in town and hope to make it out to some of the outlying areas off the island if the weather permits. Building permits are not required for property outside Service Area 1 which creates a challenge in identifying new construction or modifications in a timely manner.