



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 21 April 2025**

- ❖ Parks and Rec have swimming lessons coming up. Please contact our Front Desk at 907-772-3392 to register.
- ❖ Thank you to Petersburg Rotary and community volunteers for helping Parks and Rec with our annual Sandy Beach Clean-Up event!
- ❖ The SEAPA shutdown is scheduled for June 10-19. PMPL customers are encouraged to plan for conservation of energy during the June billing period.
- ❖ The annual FERC safety inspection at Crystal Lake Dam is scheduled for July 15th.
- ❖ SEAPA has performed their annual snow surveys in the Tyee and Swan Lake watersheds and while the snowpack is somewhat less than normal, the water level in both lakes is much higher for this time of year.
- ❖ Had haircuts last week for the residents at Assisted Living. If there are any volunteers for practice, let Derrick know!
- ❖ Easter dinner on Sunday was the traditional Honey Glazed Ham, cheesy hashbrown casserole, garlic green beans diner roll and deviled eggs. The easter egg hunt, and an easter party on Friday.
- ❖ Spring maintenance is in full swing at the Harbor. Harbor Crew is asking that customers make sure they remove personal items from finger floats prior to departure from their stall.
- ❖ Launch permits are available, annual renewal is June 1st.
- ❖ The tour ship schedule is 96 stops with the first tour boat stop on April 25th. We have 1 new vessel, American Constitution 269 ft. (150 passengers) and 2 lightered stops this year - down from 12 in 2024.
- ❖ Harbor Staff are working with PEDC and PND on Scow Bay Boatyard engineering discussions.
- ❖ First salmon fry spotted in the harbor on 4/15! And the sandhill cranes just flew over! Spring is here!
- ❖ The Streets crew demolished an unsafe set of concrete steps at Hungry Point and installed a crushed rock pedestrian ramp down to the beach in its place.
- ❖ Spring sand pickup continues. We are also washing streets and sidewalks to get things spruced up for the busy season. Street grading as weather permits.

- ❖ Director Cotta will be attending Alaska Municipal League's Infrastructure Development Symposium in Anchorage the week of April 21-25.
- ❖ Assistant Director Marohl put together an online auction for the 3 surplus Power & Light line trucks. The auction is now live on the Public Surplus website, with a closing date of May 5th.
- ❖ Central Southeast Surveyors (Dave Thynes) has been engaged to provide an updated survey of our landfill and baler site. The new survey will help us with our upcoming landfill permit renewal and will also provide a useful framework for planning future projects, including the biosolids disposal expansion; a proposed drop off area; and proposed construction and demolition (C&D) landfill cell.
- ❖ SEASWA Chair Cotta continues to work with Southeast Conference and RESPEC engineers on the Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Planning study. Past studies are being compiled and analyzed, and a community waste questionnaire is being prepared for distribution to all Southeast communities.
- ❖ The Borough's annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event is set for the weekend of May 31st – June 1st. We will be advertising this event in the local newspaper, Facebook and on the Borough's website.
- ❖ With assistance from the Streets crew, the Water Dept has been attempting to locate a water leak in the general area of Aaslaug & Lake Streets. This appears to be a minor leak, but we are hoping to find the source before it grows any larger. We may end up bringing in Alaska Rural Water to investigate if we are unable to isolate the leak soon.
- ❖ Chris Cotta has been working with the Borough's federal lobbyist on a request for a \$12M grant to fund the wastewater plant disinfection project.
- ❖ Supervisor Haley is getting the mobile restrooms ready for seasonal installation in the muni parking lot.
- ❖ Aaron and Coby recently attended the Southeast Regional EMS Symposium with another volunteer and Dr. Hess from PMC. Coby became a BLS instructor, and it was a great experience for everyone involved.
- ❖ Ryan recently attended a Fire Investigator conference and received credentials needed to keep his investigator certification.
- ❖ State Fire Marshals visited Petersburg and requested assistance from the Fire dept.
- ❖ Aaron recently attended the state emergency manager's conference and received training on the state's new Emergency Management qualification system.
- ❖ Aaron learned at the EM conference that many FEMA grant programs that the Borough received in the past were terminated due to federal cuts.
- ❖ The Fire Turnout gear that was approved for purchase from the Title 3 Forest Receipts has been purchased.
- ❖ Maintenance on the SCBA Bottle fleet was completed, however these repairs are temporary, and total replacement will be required in FY 2027.