



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 02 February 2026**

- ❖ The borough received a patent deed for approximately 1,511 acres at Cape Fanshaw as part of its municipal land selection.
- ❖ PMPL staff are training the department's new electrician in the operation of the diesel plant and hydro.
- ❖ The Scow Bay #2 step-up transformer is getting closer to completion. Factory acceptance testing should be scheduled soon for the complete unit.
- ❖ PMPL line crew took advantage of the clear and cold weather recently to trim numerous trees that were a hazard to the power lines.
- ❖ PMPL's consultant, McMillen, is finalizing the Dam Breach and Hazard Classification report. Results of the computer modeling of a dam breach indicate a much lower risk than previously determined. The last dam breach study was completed in 1985 and computer modeling technology and data sources have improved dramatically over the last 40 years. The final report is anticipated to be delivered in February.
- ❖ Harbor Staff continue to work on maintenance issues as much as possible.
- ❖ The Harbor Department reminds boat owners that the annual drive down permit is available for purchase.
- ❖ Glo is working with community development and the attorney to finalize ordinance zoning requirements and draft lease language for Assembly approval in the negotiations with ACL. We hope to have this before the Assembly in March.
- ❖ Harbor staff are working with the various tour companies to finalize the upcoming 2026 tour ship calendar. So far this year we have approximately 107 scheduled stops vs 96 in 2025 and 93 in 2024. There continues to be gradual growth since the 2020-2022 Covid related industry wide reduction in stops. The Harbor will release the schedule to the public after final approval from the companies, roughly end of February.
- ❖ Harbor customers that have not moved their vessels for 12 months or more will see a storage fee on their January bill. This ordinance was passed by the Assembly in 2024 and notices sent throughout the year to customers that fall into this category.
- ❖ In coordination with the Water Dept, Streets repaired a leak in the water main on 1st Street near the Middle School. The repairs were successful, and all utilities have been restored.
- ❖ The one-year contract extension for bale disposal expires this September. Aaron and Tom have met with Republic's representatives, and we are expecting a new rate proposal soon. It is expected to be significantly

more than the current cost structure.

- ❖ John McCabe recently contributed an additional \$24,000 to the Petersburg Public Library Art Education Endowment, which he established in 2012. The endowment's principal is preserved, with annual interest earnings used to provide lasting support for art and cultural programs at the library.
- ❖ The Friends of Petersburg Libraries donated \$5,000 toward replacing the library's self-check kiosk.
- ❖ The library hosted quilting and painting workshops in January as well as a popular Puzzle Competition. Regular programs continued throughout the month including after-school LEGO club, yoga classes, Rainforest Writers group, Baby Raven Reads and the Petersburg Science Series.
- ❖ Wastewater Staff have designed, constructed, and installed a new tablet chlorination system in the plant headworks. Initial testing indicates improved dispersion and enhanced control over chlorine dosing. Chlorine addition at the headworks is required to meet the stricter standards of our discharge permit until a more effective disinfection system is developed.
- ❖ Work on Pump Station 4 has resumed. Startup testing of the pumps and controls for Pump Station 4 is scheduled to begin on February 2. Although the station will not be placed online immediately, this testing is necessary for subsequent project phases to move forward.
- ❖ Currently there are 7 students enrolled in the EMT-1 class. We are excited to have them.
- ❖ Aaron is awaiting updated quotes for the new SCBA equipment. Aaron and Jody met with USDA staff about the CDS appropriation and once the quotes come in, we should have the green light to start our purchase.
- ❖ Aaron recently completed routine maintenance on the borough's AED's and has ordered new replacement pads for them that should arrive by the time of the Assembly meeting.
- ❖ The DHS&EM will be holding a regional disaster exercise in Southeast this year. The details will be announced later in the year.
- ❖ Youth swim lessons starting Feb 2nd! Please check with front desk for dates and times for each Learn To Swim level and session schedule.
- ❖ Petersburg Ski Club has purchased new snowshoes for the rental program at Parks and Rec!