



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 16 May 2022**

- ❖ Recent fair weather gave the crew an opportunity to paint curbs and crosswalks in the downtown area.
- ❖ Sand pickup continues. Grading as weather permits.
- ❖ The tire shear unit belonging to the Southeast Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) is in Petersburg and we are using it to cut up accumulated tires at the landfill prior to containerizing the tire pieces and shipping south. Landfill operators down south will not accept tires “in the round” since they fill with gasses and migrate up through the landfill. Once we are done with the tire shear on this rotation, we will forward it along to another SEASWA member community.
- ❖ Garbage bears are out and about and causing mischief. Public Works has issued a PSA and placed ads in the paper to remind folks to keep garbage secured or face possible citations and fines.
- ❖ Continue to distribute KN95 masks and at-home COVID antigen test kits. Test kits are available at the Police Dept, Library, Municipal, Fire Department, and Public Health Nurse's Office.
- ❖ Recently discovered glass in the bay doors of Fire Station 1 is not compliant. In the process figuring out how to replace with tempered glass.
- ❖ COVID has been hitting the volunteers. Fortunately, we are only down one or two at a time. Most have had very minor or no symptoms at all.
- ❖ SPECIAL NOTE: When you see a volunteer... tell them Thank You!
- ❖ We are open for visitors at the Manor. Please don't visit our residents if you are not feeling well. Please call Shelyn with any questions at 907-772-2445.
- ❖ The two empty apartments on the Assisted Living second floor will be filled with independent residents as we continue to go through the staffing shortages in town. Working down the wait list, so far one apartment is spoken for.
- ❖ Recertification with the State of Alaska complete for two more years as a Medicaid provider at the Manor.
- ❖ Water Staff is working with Boreal Controls out of Juneau for the replacement of three control panel battery backups in the treatment plant.
- ❖ A proposal is being sought for dam safety inspections at both the Cabin Creek and City Creek reservoirs.

- ❖ Wastewater Staff successfully set up the public restroom trailers for the summer season. The waste tanks are plumbed into the sewer system and the trailers are connected directly to municipal water for the season.
- ❖ WW Staff has started hauling wastewater from cruise ships using a repurposed street wash truck and the department's sludge tank.
- ❖ NC Machinery mobilized to Petersburg on April 18th to begin the Caterpillar 399 overhaul. The project was completed on May 9th after some trouble was had with remanufactured turbocharger cartridges. NC Machinery was great to work with and resolved the turbo issues as quickly as they could. The machine is working well and is ready for the June diesel run.
- ❖ Testing and maintenance of generator breakers at the downtown power plant and at Scow Bay is scheduled for the week of May 16th. The contractor will also check out a vacuum switch that is slated for install at the Blind Slough hydro substation and has been in storage.
- ❖ A reminder that the fuel adjustment rate will be in effect for the SEAPA maintenance run in June. All customers are highly encouraged to conserve power during the June billing period so that the adjustment rate will be minimized as much as possible. Conservation tips include Turning off lights when not in a room, unplugging electric space heaters, turning off ceiling fans, unplugging water pipe heat tape and turning down hot water heaters. It all adds up and will help to lessen the impact on everyone's power bills.
- ❖ Petersburg Parks and Rec will be CLOSING on May 20th at 1:00p to host Little Norway Festival events downtown. This marks the beginning of the annual Cleaning and Maintenance Closure. They will be CLOSED until Monday, June 13th at 6a.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation would like to congratulate our 3 graduating Seniors: Bergen Kludt-Painter, Britin Coulson, and Sean Spigelmyre! Thank you for being a part of our Lifeguard Team!
- ❖ Petersburg Triathlon Club is open for membership registration! Please contact Parks and Rec for more information.
- ❖ Park Restrooms at Sandy Beach and Outlook Park are now OPEN!
- ❖ The summer tour ship season has begun! Updated schedule can be found on the Borough website and posted weekly at the tops of each ramp. We have over 100 stops this year so the Drive Down and Loading zones will be busy.
- ❖ The Harbor Transient arrival list is full as well, lots of people heading our way this summer.
- ❖ Launch permits are out for purchase at the Harbor Office.
- ❖ Harbor is busy, stalls are full in all 3 harbors. We have a waiting list for all size class.
- ❖ I am continuing to work with ADOT and ADNR on the Papke's facilities. I will need Assembly approval on several items at the next meeting so I can complete the application process for acquiring the ADNR tidelands and uplands property.
- ❖ Borough staff and some volunteer help, participated in several initial interviews for the Manor Director, and Fire/EMS/SAR/EM Director positions. Final interviews will be scheduled for later this month.