



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 04 October 2021**

- ❖ The Streets crew assisted Parks-N-Rec with removal of a derelict staircase at Eagle's Roost Park. They are still working on seasonal road maintenance and will start prepping for winter soon.
- ❖ The Streets crew responded to a broken water main on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street that occurred on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The failed section of transite main was replaced with a length of ductile iron. Thanks to all our employees (Streets and Water Dept) who worked well into the night to get the job done successfully.
- ❖ Currently working on some improvements at Sandy Beach Park. Some additional parking spaces are being added, a failed driveway culvert has been replaced, and some rotten trees removed.
- ❖ Work continues on the Motor Pool Shop repairs, although covid outbreaks have sidelined some contractor personnel and slowed down progress. We are still pushing to have Motor Pool operations moved into the rebuilt space before winter arrives.
- ❖ New vehicles continue to be in short supply due to the chip shortage and various other supply chain disruptions. This has impacted us in the form of greatly increased lead times for new vehicle procurements, especially light duty vehicles like pickups and SUVs.
- ❖ The Fire Station is OPEN to walk-in traffic however, masks required inside the building, and we are not allowing group tours at this time. The Training room remains CLOSED to the public.
- ❖ Fire, EMS, and SAR are training in-person, but must follow COVID mitigation measures.
- ❖ Visitation continues at Assisted Living. Call 772-2445 with any questions. Masks are required to be worn in all Borough buildings. Please do not visit if any symptoms of being ill, and if you've traveled consider a covid test prior to visiting.
- ❖ State of Alaska Licensing inspection for Assisted Living took place September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. All went very well.
- ❖ October 7<sup>th</sup> Direct TV staff will be in town to begin the switch from cable TV to Satellite TV in all apartments at Assisted Living and Petersburg Elderly Housing buildings.
- ❖ Shelyn and staff are working with PMC, residents and POA's, to set up booster shots for residents who have had the Pfizer vaccine and want the booster.
- ❖ The State of Alaska's AK-ARPA Business Relief Program is open until October 19. Eligibility is limited to Alaska-based for-profit businesses with an active State of Alaska Business License. Businesses exempt from licensing will need to provide proof of the required license, for example, a limited-entry permit. Link can be found on the borough's Covid-19 information page under Resources for Businesses and Organizations.

- ❖ Molly has been working with ADNR to verify property ownership, existing leases, agreements, and other encumbrances on land around Papke's dock and ramp.
- ❖ Molly has been working with the PD's E911 contractor to provide the GIS data for new system.
- ❖ USDA, including the Forest Service, Rural Development, and Natural Resources Conservation Service, are strategizing to obtain investment ideas, seek out short- and long-term opportunities, and identify barriers that impact federal investments in Southeast Alaska. USDA initially committed up to \$25 million based on local priorities for short-term investments in various areas including fisheries and mariculture, recreation and visitor services, tourism, sustainable timber management, transportation, water/wastewater utilities, housing. The USFS Is accepting submissions for investment ideas through October 19. Check out the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy (SASS) at [fs.usda.gov/Tongass](http://fs.usda.gov/Tongass) for more information.
- ❖ The Harbor is prepping the large crane for dismantle, shipping out for overhaul project this week. We are hoping to use this as a project that would qualify for the allocated 2016 Salmon Disaster funds.
- ❖ Glorianne has been having a bit of a dialogue with US Army dive team based out of Hawaii for the possibility using a couple of derelict sinkings as practice for salvage operation. The team is looking at numerous opportunities in Alaska so will hear later if we get chosen.
- ❖ Ira II Street Sewer project began the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>. The contractor is making good progress so far, even with very wet weather. This work will impact traffic on Ira II Street for another month. The wastewater department encourages anyone that must walk or drive through this area to be aware of heavy equipment, abide by traffic control signs and avoid walking into the active work sites.
- ❖ Staff recently removed the two mobile restrooms from the municipal parking lot. They are being pumped one last time, cleaned up and winterized. They will be stored at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street pole yard under cover for the winter.
- ❖ The line crew and electrician are preparing for replacement of the remote substation switch at the Blind Slough Substation. All staff is working toward a goal of completing the work during the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>, which is our window of opportunity with the Engineer working on the project, however if this window of opportunity is lost for any number of reasons, we will reschedule the work for the early spring.
- ❖ Rock N Road Construction recently completed the installation of a taller fence around the Main Street Substation. The fence will offer much better protection to the transformer and buswork and the fencing slats have improved the appearance of the facility for the patrons of the Public Library and users of Centennial Park.
- ❖ PMPL is still waiting to hear from ADOT in regard to the street lighting quote that was sent for Papke's Landing Road.
- ❖ Property taxes are due October 15<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 into the finance office. Please remember that a postmark is not considered timely and that the post office is experiencing slower wait times. Payments can be made online, over the phone or dropped off at our drop box if trying to social distance.
- ❖ The new 911 system is currently being installed, and training has started for employees on the new system. It is expected to go live this month.