



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 18 March 2024**

- ❖ Water Staff recently replaced one an old high-pressure pump at the water plant.
- ❖ Staff is clearing alders that are getting close to the power line feeding the City Creek dam.
- ❖ Staff supplied an ADEC contractor with maps and service addresses for a federally mandated Lead Service Line Inventory. The State is helping various utilities with this effort through a grant that they received so the work is being completed at no cost to the Petersburg Water utility.
- ❖ The water department recently got results from an initial PFAS sample of our raw water sources. The level of PFAS was non-detectable across the board. The department will still have to routinely sample when the final PFAS rule gets implemented but this won't be for a couple years and based on our initial results we will only have to sample every 3 years if our results continue to be good.
- ❖ The Pump Station 4 loan application with ADEC is moving forward, having passed a financial capacity analysis and environmental review. Project design is moving forward as well.
- ❖ Stephan Harbour has reported for duty to fill our vacant Electrician/Operator position. It is great to have him on the staff.
- ❖ The DOE hydro efficiency grant administrator requested additional pre-award information ahead of the metrics and milestones negotiation process. The negotiations process is focused on how each project owner will comply with reporting and milestone achievement during the work. Since our project is complete, it is more of a process to inform the DOE of what we accomplished and to prove that we have achieved the efficiency improvements required by the grant.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation have installed a pool deck shower using ARPA funds. This convenience is for a quick rinse before getting into pools to swim, and for cooling off during sauna use.
- ❖ Facility Attendant is still needed for P&R. Hours are 1:15p-9:15p Tues - Sat. If you know any great, cheerful, people loving peeps for this position, please send them our way! This position will turn into a Fac. Specialist position with a higher pay rate once Lifeguard Cert is acquired!
- ❖ Employees in the PD are receiving CPR training.
- ❖ Officers received less lethal training & pepper spray training last week.
- ❖ Aaron Recently attended an Incident Command System (ICS) Data Management training with the USCG in Anchorage. This exercise targeted control of incoming information from ground crews, required reports,

and effective records retention strategies. FEMA requires this information to reimburse State and Local entities after an incident.

- ❖ Tlingit and Haida invited PVFD to attend their State Tribal Opioid Conference. The conference covered drug trends within the state, effective tools to establish what, if any, a potential person/patient could be taking, and other special considerations when responding to a scene where drug paraphernalia may be present.
- ❖ Sitka Sound Science Center, along with Tlingit and Haida, hosted a SE AK regional Landslide Workshop to discuss how, as a region, Southeast communities can work together with our state and federal partners to inform the public of the dangers of landslides in SE.
- ❖ Parks and Rec Staff and Aaron worked together on the 8th to perform an Emergency Sheltering set up drill in the community gym. This allowed Aaron and Steph to draw up how to organize and arrange the most effective system for public sheltering at Parks and Rec, using the Equipment obtained from the Healthy and Equitable Communities Grant.
- ❖ March 24rd PVFD and PMC will be hosting a Wilderness First Aid Class at the Fire Hall. If interested, contact the Fire Station or PMC wellness office.
- ❖ PVFD is currently teaching an FF1 course for new members. There are 8 folks currently enrolled. These classes take place on Saturdays and will run until completed. It's not too late to join if interested, Call the station for details.
- ❖ As a reminder, PVFD has an ongoing Emergency Trauma Technician course. This is a hybrid course with online and in person portions of the class. Contact the station if interested.
- ❖ I met with Senator Murkowski's staff in DC to discuss the Borough's Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request for next year. We discussed the Hospital, Scow Bay Generator, Scow Bay boat yard and Banana Point facility.
- ❖ I had the first meeting with the Grant Writer who will be working on a Denali Grant for Banana Point. I am working on getting letters of support from Wrangell and Breakaway Charters for the proposed maintenance of the facility.
- ❖ Department Heads are working on finalizing their budget requests for next year. We still don't know the status of school funding or how this will impact the Borough's budget.
- ❖ I am continuing to work with PIA and Tlingit & Haida housing for a Petersburg housing project. The focus now appears to be an expansion of the Airport Subdivision.