



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 04 November 2024**

- ❖ Parks & Rec. staff are working with Netwell Noise Control for the gym acoustics purchase and tile removal.
- ❖ Halloween Hustle was on Thursday, and the Pumpkin Plunge was great! 46 pumpkins, 46 people! Pumpkins in the pool is just the best!!
- ❖ Stephanie will be conducting a First Aid/CPR/AED course for Elderberry crew end of Nov/Begin of Dec.
- ❖ Dive In Movie Nights are in full swing, check with Parks and Rec for upcoming dates
- ❖ Lifeguard course scheduled for Nov. 22nd - 24th, must attend all 3 days plus 6 hours online prior to class. Leave your name and contact information with Parks and Rec if you are interested!
- ❖ Stephanie has been invited to speak at a Land Manager Forum in Anchorage to discuss the Borough partnership with PIA.
- ❖ PMPL's mechanic has recently traveled to Houston Texas to witness testing of the "new" EMD 3.5MW diesel generator. The testing went very well, and we believe the generator will be a great addition to the power generation fleet.
- ❖ PMPL has installed a temporary transformer at the WERC project and has ordered a permanent unit for the site. Anticipated delivery on the permanent transformer is June 2025.
- ❖ PMPL has been made aware of the potential for a new industrial customer and is researching and evaluating a data center company to see if this business may be a good fit to add power sales and decrease rate pressure on other customers. PEDC is also discussing this possibility.
- ❖ Karl recently met with PIA's Tribal Administrator and Finance Director to discuss a DOE funded Tribal Grid Resilience grant that the entities are partnering on.
- ❖ The library has reopened on Mondays for regular hours
- ❖ John McCabe, former Petersburg resident and retired teacher, has donated \$58,000 to the Petersburg Library Art Education Endowment this year. His total contributions to date are \$199,540. The annual interest earnings provide a stable, ongoing funding source to enhance arts programming at the library. In the upcoming year earnings from the fund will be used to host painting, drawing, writing and music workshops at the library for all ages.

- ❖ Thanks to Petersburg artists MaryAnne Rainey and Pia Reilly for hosting ornament making classes at the library for the Capitol Christmas Tree in Washington DC.
- ❖ Currently, Our EMT-1 initial class has 11 participants in the course. The course at the time of this reading will be 3/4 of the way through. Thanks to all the participants for sticking with this month-long course of nights and weekends.
- ❖ As Winter sets in, please take care to inspect heat tapes, heat lamps, stove pipes and other heating equipment to ensure that they are in proper working order. Make sure that any heating appliance is clear from any combustible material. Should you need equipment to clean a stove pipe, the fire department loans Chimney brushes and ladders. Contact the fire station at 772-3355 for more info.
- ❖ FEMA has finished awarding its Assistance to Firefighter's grants (AFG) for 2023. Only 2 departments in Alaska; Gustavus and Ketchikan received awards. Though the AFG did not come through, PVFD would like to thank the assembly for their support in using Title III funding to replace our worn-out turnout gear.
- ❖ Hydrant winterization is complete
- ❖ After getting the go ahead from the Police Dept, the crew removed 4 derelict vehicles, a skiff trailer, and an old boat engine from the Papke's boat launch parking area
- ❖ Martin and crew have finished most of the site work to expand the parking lot and improve visibility at the Raven's Roost trailhead. The new pedestrian crosswalk will be painted in the spring when weather permits
- ❖ Motor Pool Staff are starting on the vehicle inspection process for the upcoming FY26 budget. Any vehicles that are scheduled for replacement in FY26 will be brought into the shop and fully evaluated; then either extended or recommended for replacement based on the results of the inspections
- ❖ Operations at the baler were disrupted last week when the waste oil system day tank overflowed and resulted in an oil leak inside the baling facility. Although there was some oil-related damage to the office area, we were able to contain the leak quickly and resumed normal operations at the baler after a two-day closure to do some mitigation work. A big Thank You to other Depts who pitched in to help, including Streets, Wastewater and Building Maintenance!
- ❖ Harbor Maintenance is installing several new ladders to aid in rescue of people who fall into the harbor.
- ❖ Staff are looking into a new fender system to help protect in-water utilities from bulbous bows.
- ❖ OSHA has sent a letter to let everyone know they are doing inspections on assisted living. The Borough will take advantage of their consultation program at Assisted Living which will help with future audits by OSHA.
- ❖ Assisted Living will start working on their state inspection next month. It will be a desktop inspection rather than in person. They are also in the middle of the Medicaid audit which is due by December 31.