



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 03 June 2024**

- ❖ The Harbor crew is busy with the onset of summer activity, including assisting with end of year school activities, the annual uptick in lodge and charter activities and working with PIA in mooring & welcoming the SE Canoe Society to town last week as they made their way from Kaasan to Juneau for Celebration!
- ❖ Reminder to Harbor users annual launch permits were due June 1 and are available at the harbor office.
- ❖ With the summer season upon us, parking enforcement in the Harbor is up and running.
- ❖ Glorianne is working with Attorney Heideman on several derelict vessels in the Harbor and the process we will have to use to dispose of them if the owners don't take responsibility.
- ❖ The Harbor permanent stalls are full and scheduled transient numbers seem higher than normal thus far.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. have been busy with the maintenance and cleaning closure, reopening on June 10th. Big thank you to Public Works team for assisting us with emptying the sand filter tanks with the Vactor Truck. It took a fraction of the time vs shoveling into buckets by hand.
- ❖ The Petersburg Bike Park hosted a successful fundraiser which will help make further improvements to the park. Thank you to all who sponsored riders, work party and event volunteers, donating entities, and other local groups helping to build our new park!
- ❖ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, June 12th at 4pm at the Aquatic Center Admin Office upstairs.
- ❖ Building Official, Erik Holl, is resigning his position effective August 9th. We thank Erk for his positive outlook and contributions during his time here and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.
- ❖ PVFD is still looking for applicants for the EMS Coordinator position. Information on this position can be found in the Petersburg Pilot and online at the Petersburg Borough Website.
- ❖ PVFD has had a series of new promotions. Congratulations to Troy Thynes, our new Assistant Chief, Devren Bennett, our newest Fire Captain, and Nick Espeseth our new Fire Lieutenant.
- ❖ Josh and Aaron completed a major ground ambulance report to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services. This avoided a 10% reduction in Medicare/Medicaid payments to the borough.
- ❖ Volunteers from PVFD completed our "Flare Off" event over Memorial Day weekend. This event helps train the public on the use of flares and helps sanitation with disposal of unexpired flares. Thank you to all

who attended.

- ❖ With assistance from the Water Department, we capped off a leaking AC water main near Fram Street. This old AC line may either be replaced or abandoned, depending on the final configuration of water service to the new hospital site.
- ❖ After over a year of being short-handed, we have hired a new Motor Pool Mechanic who is scheduled to start work on June 3rd.
- ❖ The annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event took place June 1st and 2nd.
- ❖ 2024 Property Tax Invoices will be mailed on July 1st, the due date for payment is October 15th.
- ❖ Information will be coming out to water utility customers soon asking to verify the type of water service piping that carries water from the main to their structure. This effort is part of a federal mandate called a Lead Service Line Inventory.
- ❖ WW staff has been working with ADEC on a new composting permit.
- ❖ PMPL staff has been deploying another round of AMI meters in the community. The meters communicate their readings back to the municipal building via a low-power radio frequency and will improve billing accuracy and customer service for electric customers. Questions about the new meters can be directed to PMPL at 907-772-4203.
- ❖ PMPL would like to remind the community that the annual SEAPA maintenance shutdown will occur from JUNE 6th through 12th and that the current billing period (May 15 – June 28) is the time to conserve energy to limit the fuel adjustment charge for all customers.
- ❖ PMPL has hired two new employees. Erik Larson will be the department's new Powerhouse Mechanic/Operator and Casey Bell has been hired to fill the open Groundman/Operator position. Both employees will start in July.
- ❖ Assisted Living is setting up the new nurse call system and learning more about the various features. We are also looking into a check-in system which will require the staff to physically go into a room to reset a device to make sure the resident is okay.
- ❖ The Borough has received authorization from DNR to enforce parking statutes at Papke's Landing. I will be meeting the Public Works Director Cotta and Chief Kerr to work out details on some new signage and the process we will use to notify people and impound vehicles and trailers as necessary.
- ❖ Library summer reading programs start June 2. Programs are being offered for all ages, sign up now at psglib.org.
- ❖ Tim Schumway's PHS Alaska History class has an oral history display up in the library foyer. It's a remarkable collection of conversations between the students and a broad spectrum of community members. The library will be featuring these in upcoming episodes of our KFSK radio program Homegrown Conversations.
- ❖ Due to staffing constraints, the library will close early on Mondays (4pm) June-August.