



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 04 August 2025**

- ❖ Harbor Parking is being enforced along Harbor Way and Middle, South Harbor and reminds people that the Drive Down Approach no longer allows long term parking.
- ❖ Staff met with BUILD grant project managers to understand the upcoming process for receiving federal funds for Scow Bay.
- ❖ Harbor staff are working on preparing ADOT's Municipal Harbor Match Grant Application in hopes the State budget allows for (any) funding in the upcoming budget.
- ❖ The Streets crew replaced 23 deck planks on the Rasmus Enge Bridge.
- ❖ Inspection of the guardrail on North Nordic revealed some deteriorated guardrail posts, so we have begun replacing those that are unsound. Also on North Nordic, Streets Dept personnel replaced another failed set of beach access stairs with a crushed rock ramp, like the first pedestrian ramp that was installed near Hungry Point.
- ❖ Motor Pool staff are working with PMPL and ALTEC to undertake some warranty repairs to the new material handler (99) and digger derrick (102).
- ❖ Garbage bears are still very active, and we are continuing our public education campaign to encourage folks to keep garbage secure. We also have bear straps for garbage cans back in stock at Public Works. These are available to Sanitation customers free, upon request.
- ❖ Water production is steady at 1.8MGD with little variation from day to day.
- ❖ Installation of the fiber communication line between the water plant and storage tank is nearly complete. Once fully installed, this line will provide a more reliable communication link than the current radio equipment, which has proven vulnerable to electromagnetic activity in the atmosphere.
- ❖ Work continues on the Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project. Engineer PND has approved a repair plan for the buckled cofferdam and Rock-N-Road is going to be making repairs to the cofferdam structure. Rock-N-Road has also submitted a claim for costs related to the delay of the project that resulted from the discovery of an eagle nest near the work area. This claim is currently being evaluated by Borough staff and PND.
- ❖ Wastewater and Public Works staff met with EPA representatives to discuss the broken wastewater plant outfall line in Frederick Sound. The break in the line means that the Borough will not be able to satisfy the requirements in our new EPA discharge permit until repairs are made and the outfall is operating as originally designed. EPA is going to work with the Borough to put together a legal agreement allowing the

Borough to operate without penalties while repairs are undertaken. Borough Attorney Sara Heideman has been briefed on this matter and will work with EPA on the proposed legal agreement. Costs for the repairs are still unknown but now that the scope is better defined, we are beginning work on a budget for the outfall repair project.

- ❖ The line crew has been supporting the PS4 project by providing line cover and de-energizing overhead distribution so that Rock N Road can work safely at the Pump Station site. The crew has also been working on moving overhead lines to underground for customers near the project who entered into agreements with the utility to pay for the effort.
- ❖ GD Partners and their transformer manufacturer, SSEL, participated in a video conference to receive clarifications on various aspects of the Scow Bay Generator step-up transformer.
- ❖ PMPL received approval from FERC for a minor change to the Blind Slough Hydro tailrace that will install a second air vent closer to the powerhouse. It is anticipated that adding this vent will allow for more air to vent from the water stream and help at reducing total dissolved gas that has been a concern of the hatchery.
- ❖ Thanks to the Petersburg Indian Association Tribal Council for recently voting to approve PMPL as their sub-awardee on a DOE Tribal Grid Resiliency grant. The utility has budgeted for a 48% match of the grant funds for an overall project budget of approximately \$400,000. The funds will be used to complete the deployment of AMI meters across the community. Partnerships like this were the goal of the grant program and the great history of cooperation between PIA and the Borough has made for a smooth process toward electrical improvements that help all members of our community.
- ❖ The library's Summer Reading Program ended on July 13. This year, 71 kids completed the program — an increase over previous years. Thank you to the many donors who make this program possible.
- ❖ In August, the library will host several educational programs. On August 9, the UAF Cooperative Extension Services will offer classes on Probiotic Pickling, Food Preservation, and Starting a Homemade Food Business. Additional August programs include Yoga with Karen Malcolm and a Rainforest Writers Workshop. More information is available at [psglib.org](http://psglib.org).
- ❖ Fire Marshall approval has been obtained for the Elderly Housing Cooler Repair Project.
- ❖ Youth Volleyball Camp starting mid-August. Information on Facebook, contact the front desk for more information or to get signed up.
- ❖ If you are interested in coaching, refereeing, or score keeping for the Parks and Rec Youth Basketball season, please contact Julie Anderson.
- ❖ Lifeguard Certification course coming Aug 22nd - 24th. Contact Scott Burt to get registered.
- ❖ Facility Maintenance and Deiter Klose will be working to restore the handrail on Troll Booth Bridge beginning 1st week of August. Please use caution while they work on it. Thank you for your patience!