



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 17 August 2026**

- ❖ PMPL personnel have finished installing the thirteen new streetlights. The flag holders for the streetlights were shipped separately and should be arriving soon. The amount of light these fixtures throw across the street should make a big difference during the winter months.
- ❖ The line crew has been very busy with utility locates, tree cutting, and removing obsolete equipment and line structures as well as new services.
- ❖ Approximately twelve hundred new meters have been ordered for the continued deployment of the new metering system.
- ❖ PMPL is moving forward with implementation of the CivicPlus Mass Notification System. The system will provide a more effective way to quickly notify customers of outages, emergencies, planned work, and other important utility information through text, email, and other communication channels. More information will be coming shortly.
- ❖ Upon the reopening of the pool, lifeguards will undergo a thorough and extensive skills check to refresh their amazing skills. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard, please contact Scott Burt at the Community Center.
- ❖ Youth Basketball at Parks and Rec is gearing up! Registration is now open on their website or stop in to get registered! Support staff are always needed for scorekeeping and referees, please contact Julie Anderson to sign up.
- ❖ We would like to remind trail visitors to be courteous of other users. Foot traffic only on City Creek Trail and remember to leash and pick up after your pets at any public space per Petersburg Borough Municipal Code.
- ❖ Reminder to boaters of the no wake zone outside all 3 harbors and responsibilities for wake damage on the owner/operator. Please contact the Harbor or Police Department if wake is noticed.
- ❖ Streets Crews assisted the Water Division in locating and repairing a water-main leak on Haugen Drive. They are also preparing for another round of repairs on Sing Lee Alley bridge.
- ❖ Crane consultants are scheduled to certify the four-post lift, boom truck, shop bridge crane, and manlift.
- ❖ A second surplus equipment auction is forthcoming. Among other items, Public Works will be offering a CAT 950-wheel loader for sale.

- ❖ Sanitation Staff are cross training another Public Works employee to provide coverage while short-staffed.
- ❖ Sanitation is also coordinating with Tongard Construction to remove the scrap-metal pile for recycling.
- ❖ ADEC's biennial landfill inspection is scheduled for September 10th. Another supply of bear straps has been ordered. Bear straps are available at Public Works and at the Baler Facility at no charge.
- ❖ Building Maintenance staff transported obsolete equipment from the library to the landfill and delivered bins of books to the baler for recycling. They also refilled the museum fountain, inspected its pump, and repaired a toilet flange at the assisted-living facility.
- ❖ Wastewater staff have been addressing pump failures, completing groundskeeping, and performing routine maintenance and minor repairs. The crew is also keeping up with routine laboratory work and daily operations.
- ❖ We continue to be critically understaffed in Dispatch, the PD, Finance and Assisted Living. We are hoping to finalize the PMEA union contract soon so negotiated wage increases can be implemented.
- ❖ The Jail had a surprise audit of our juvenile functions in the jail. Passed with no issues.
- ❖ We continue to work with the Hospital on the possibility of them helping us out with Assisted Living. We continue to have challenges with the costs and staffing.
- ❖ Water Staff identified and isolated another serious leak on Haugen Drive. Public Works crews repaired the line, reducing water loss by nearly 250,000 gallons per day. The plant is currently producing an average of 1.7 million gallons per day to meet demand.
- ❖ Western Dock & Bridge has completed installation of the new Banana Point breakwater ahead of schedule. Thank you to Petersburg Indian Association and Denali Commission for the financial support that made this project possible.
- ❖ Public Works will receive the Clearwell Replacement Project's 65% design plans from GV Jones Inc. The firm will also schedule an in-person visit to the water plant to gather additional information for the Clearwell Project.
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