



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 03 November 2025**

- ❖ In October, the library hosted an art show, featuring 50 submitted pieces. The opening event drew more than 80 attendees. A portion of art sales will benefit the Petersburg Library Art Education Endowment.
- ❖ We are gearing up for the Pumpkin Plunge on Thursday.
- ❖ Youth Basketball season is wrapping up, and we are headed into All Stars phase with the Wrangell Youth Basketball team! HUGE thank you to all of our coaches that came forward to assist this year, and all those that took on other needed positions. PSG in WRG on Nov. 8th, WRG in PSG on Nov. 15th.
- ❖ Viking Swim Club will be hosting November Rain on the weekend of Nov 14th - 16th. Please check with Parks and Rec about Aquatic Center schedule for pools and sauna usage.
- ❖ Got our bid opened for Aquatic Sewer Repair - came in much higher than we have budgeted.
- ❖ THANK YOU to Public Works for the manlift which allowed us to get the Community Center building pressure washed!
- ❖ PMPL recently hired Frontier Trees to remove some problem trees in the community. The most recent was at 302 Haugen Drive and the process went very well.
- ❖ The generator pad was recently formed and poured for Scow Bay Generator #2. Now we wait for curing to achieve proper compressive strength before moving the generator into place. Thanks to Rainforest Contracting for the concrete work.
- ❖ PMPL received the Versa Tube temporary structure that the department will erect around Generator #2 for the winter. Some parts were incorrect but the supplier, Northern Enterprises, has addressed this and the correct parts are on their way at no additional cost.
- ❖ PMPL continues to work with Dawson Construction to finalize a contract for the design build aspects of the Scow Bay Generator project.
- ❖ Southeast Conference and Alaska Heat Smart have announced that the ACES (Accelerating Clean Energy Savings) program that offers substantial rebates for heat pump installations has received final approval from the EPA. PMPL will be posting program information on the Borough website and Facebook pages.
- ❖ PMPL has a new citizen work request form as part of the Borough's website. Go to PMPL's web page and fill out the "Report an Issue" form to bring any number of non-emergencies, electrical related issues to our attention. Please note that for emergency situations like power outages or downed power lines, please call PMPL at 907-772-4203 or the Police department at 907-772-3838.

- ❖ Petersburg Police Department participated in the PIA hosted Trick or Trunk. Officers handed out glow necklaces again during Halloween.
- ❖ The streets crew has begun winterizing fire hydrants and equipment for the winter months.
- ❖ Bear straps for garbage cans continue to be available at Public Works. These are available to Sanitation customers free, upon request.
- ❖ Two sample bear resistant refuse carts have been received and are being placed into service for testing and compatibility with our collection trucks.
- ❖ Streets crew are continuing the construction of a road and pad for two new disposal cells within the landfill. The first cell will be used for biosolid disposal, and the second cell will be used for demolition debris.
- ❖ Maintenance staff assisted a technician from Johnson Controls in repairs to the sprinkler system pump, the replacement of check valves at the Baler Facility and the replacement of a backflow preventer in the library's sprinkler system.
- ❖ Building Maintenance and Apex Refrigeration have found a way to isolate the broken heat pump at the municipal building to allow them to replace the condenser while maintaining heat to the building with the fully operational unit. This work is scheduled to begin soon.
- ❖ Last weekend we experienced a communication failure between the water plant and the control valve supplying water to the distribution system. We have temporarily re-established communication using radio frequency but expect a reliable fiber communication system to be completed next week.
- ❖ Staff continue to conduct a leak survey of our water distribution system as time allows.
- ❖ Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project: The control room addition is under construction and existing building modifications are ongoing. Siding has been received and is ready to install. Electrical engineer Mark Morris made a site visit this week for inspection and to consult with the electrical subcontractor.
- ❖ The new Wastewater Discharge Permit goes into effect on November 1st. Justin continues to update operational procedures to ensure the utility continues to exceed minimum testing requirements.
- ❖ PEDC and the Harbor hosted the community in discussions regarding the Scow Bay Work yard project.
- ❖ Staff and I continue to discuss the proposed ACL small cruise ship dock project.
- ❖ Reminder to boat owners harbor staff will be cleaning up floats of water hoses and clutter to make way for snow removal, and to call the Harbor Office with boat watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town.
- ❖ Harbor Maintenance finalized work on the South Harbor fire line and replaced joints that had been leaking. The fire line is up and running.