



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 7 September 2021**

- ❖ Sandy is working with Fire Chief Stolpe in reviewing various department policies.
- ❖ Fire Department working on specifications for new Fire Engine.
- ❖ Working on the Learn Not to Burn program (Fire Prevention in the schools), and a possible Fire Recruit class in early 2022.
- ❖ Thanks to SAR for organizing the Annual PVFD Picnic. The weather was horrible, so they cancelled Sandy Beach and did it at the Fire Station.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation will be adding additional parking at Sandy Beach to accommodate more usage of the area. Parking spots will be added behind Shelter 1 (southernmost shelter) and additional parking will be added on roadside by Raven's Roost Trailhead. A road culvert will also be replaced, and several dead trees will be removed for safety reasons. This work is slated to be completed during last week of September.
- ❖ Youth Basketball Registration is open! Online registration is available or visit Parks and Rec to get signed up!
- ❖ New Aquatic and Facility Fall Schedule is out! Viewable on P&R website, Facebook, and at facility.
- ❖ Stephanie is working with the electrical engineer and contractor for the Electrical Repairs to try and accommodate the School and VSC swim schedules.
- ❖ Visitation continues at Assisted Living. Call 772-2445 with any questions. We are requesting that visitors to wear masks, don't visit if any symptoms of being ill, and if you've traveled consider a covid test prior to visiting.
- ❖ We continue to have Resident Assistant positions open at AL. We have 2- 40-hour positions and a 30-hour position. Applications can be found on the Borough website.
- ❖ PMC Doctors continue to see residents for routine appointments at Assisted Living. A big thank you to Dr. Hyer! Mindy and Shelyn continue monthly meetings with Dr. Hyer as Physician Liaison. We are grateful for her willingness to do this. It continues to go very well.
- ❖ Our deck project is getting closer to being finished. We are now able to sit on the deck in the sun or under cover in the rain! ☺ The next part of our project is electricity, benches, planters, and deck furniture. If you would like to donate please contact Sally Dwyer at dwyersa@gci.net, and donations can be sent to the Petersburg borough at PO BOX 329, Psg, AK. "Decking out the Deck" in the MEMO. A huge thank you to Sally and all who have donated!

- ❖ The new Borough website is up and running. Apart from a few initial issues it seems to be working well and is getting lots of traffic. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions let us know.
- ❖ The library will be opening 11am-8pm on Mondays again starting September 13.
- ❖ We will not be offering passport services Sept 21 – Oct 15. People needing a new passport are encouraged to contact the library prior to Sept 20 to schedule an appointment.
- ❖ The library is co-hosting the Rainforest Festival Sept 9-12
- ❖ The Friends of the Library are holding a book sale Sat Sept 4, 11am-1pm in the Helmi Jensen Community Room
- ❖ South Harbor fire line has a split in the line. The Harbor is working with Tamico to repair.
- ❖ Winding down the tour ship stops... mid- Sept will be done.
- ❖ The streets crew has been catching up on brushing and ditching, with grading as weather permits.
- ❖ Operating short-handed as two members of the Streets crew are in Anchorage for asbestos abatement training through the end of the week. We are still catching up on this type of training for our crew due to many classes being canceled or unavailable over the last 18 months due to covid.
- ❖ FEMA representatives performed a site visit on August 31 to tour the washout area at Public Works, document their observations and help prepare paperwork for the ongoing grant process related to future repairs. Consultant Harai & Associates continues to make good progress on the design for the replacement culvert.
- ❖ Work is progressing on the Motor Pool Shop repairs with interior framing in progress. The project schedule has slipped a little and substantial completion will likely not occur by September 30th however the project is expected to be finished prior to the final completion date of November 30th stipulated by the contract. We do expect to have our Motor Pool operations moved back into the renovated space before the onset of winter.
- ❖ There have been several reports of bears roaming town and getting into garbage. We have started a public education effort to raise awareness of the garbage bear issue. A Public Service Announcement has been made via radio and website and we have an ad going in the Pilot as well.
- ❖ Chris working on a re-write of the Sanitation ordinance. In addition to rate changes (recommended by our rate study consultant), there will be stronger language incorporated requiring that garbage be kept secured from bears and other animals (dogs, ravens, etc.). For portions of the ordinance relating to bears, we are coordinating our effort with other agencies including Petersburg Police Department, the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, and the State Troopers.
- ❖ Sam is leading an effort to upgrade the waste oil filtration system at the baler building. This is the last phase of a significant project to improve the waste oil processing facilities at the baler and should result in a more efficient process and less equipment downtime.