



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 3 August 2026**

- ❖ Thank you to Apex Refrigeration and Mattingly Electric for wrapping up the upgrades on our Elderly Housing walk-in cooler and freezer project.
- ❖ Assisted Living successfully passed both an AHFC physical inspection of the facility in June and a surprise State of Alaska Food Establishment inspection in May.
- ❖ The library's 2026 Great Summer Challenge was the library's most successful summer reading program in recent years. A total of 170 children registered, and 99 completed all six weeks—a 29% increase over last year and the highest six-week completion total in the years compared. The program received record grant funding and community support, with every program dollar spent locally. Thank you to our generous donors, community partners, and families for making this year's program such a success.
- ❖ Contractors and engineers have been steadily working on the Aquatic Center sewer repair, finding many pipes plugged and sheared off/broken during excavation. They are now working in the men's locker room with continued cutting of concrete. Power and therefore internet will be down intermittently as a safety precaution. Continue to look for updates via Petersburg Pilot, KFSK, Facebook, and around the facility.
- ❖ Parks and Rec would like to thank Joey Boggs & USFS, DOT, P-Wrangell Insurance, Pat Blair at Wheelhouse Bikes, and PVFD/EMS for their assistance with the first annual Trekking Through the Tongass Gravel Bike Race - they helped make it a great success.
- ❖ The Scow Bay Generator #2 project is in contract amendment review with the borough lawyer and should be presented to the assembly in August.
- ❖ The new streetlights and poles were received and will be installed in the next few weeks.
- ❖ Steve is working on finalizing some ordinances Karl was revising prior to his retirement, in addition he has been moving the large commercial changes along to deal with any new big consumers, ensuring our current customers are protected.
- ❖ PMPL Line Crew and Frontier Tree have been clearing trees that are threatening contact with the lines.
- ❖ PMPL is taking advantage of our relationships built through SEAPA to gain some training for our operators and mechanics as the opportunities arise. Recently we had the opportunity to have our mechanic share in the generator governor training in Ketchikan.
- ❖ PMPL also wants to remind the community to never dig without a dig permit, they are free and done quickly by PMPL, Public Works, GCI and APT – These can be set up on the website or at Public Works office. This not only protects you physically, but also financially.

- ❖ Dust-control work continues. The current supply of dust-control product has been exhausted, but additional material is expected next week.
- ❖ Public Works is scheduled to replace planks on the Sing Lee Alley bridge.
- ❖ Motor Pool Division replaced the drag chain in the large sander and straightened the spinner chute. The sander unit still needs to be installed in the dump truck for testing and confirmation that the repairs are complete. Remaining sander work includes installing new wiring for the lights and backup alarm.
- ❖ Repairs to snow-removal equipment damaged last winter are continuing. Considerable work remains before the equipment is ready for the upcoming season.
- ❖ Sanitation staff have focused primarily on rebuilding computer files following restoration of the computer systems so customer billing can resume accurately.
- ❖ APEX Refrigeration was contacted to begin handling refrigerant recovery from refrigerators delivered to the facility.
- ❖ Staff are now coordinating directly with Republic Services for ordering empty shipping containers, a task that AML has provided for many years.
- ❖ New door hardware has been ordered for the Greens Camp vault toilets.
- ❖ The municipal building's air handlers are operational again following repairs to wiring issues. The remaining parts for the HVAC units have arrived, and installation work has been scheduled.
- ❖ Wastewater staff took advantage of the dry weather to grind most of the wood-waste stockpile. The grinder performs better when the material is dry.
- ❖ Two RFP's have been released for Wastewater Disinfection and Industrial Pretreatment Studies with a closing date of August 17, 2026.
- ❖ Over the past several weeks, water staff have remained busy with water deliveries, training a new operator, and performing brush control at the reservoirs.
- ❖ Water production is currently at a seasonal average of 1.3 million gallons per day (MGD).
- ❖ The Banana Point Breakwater Improvements project began Wednesday, July 29. Western Dock and Bridge of Ketchikan is installing a new breakwater system that matches the original layout. Construction is expected to take approximately two to three weeks.