



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 08 September 2026**

- ❖ Dawson Construction will be mobilizing the week of the 14th, starting with a preconstruction kick-off meeting for the Scow Bay Generator 2 project. A full schedule will be coming soon.
- ❖ CivicPlus onboarding is moving along. This is the mass notification system to be used by PMPL during outages and PSAs. Information on how to opt in to this service will be available soon..
- ❖ PMPL would like to remind customers that the Heat Pump Rebate Program is a first come first serve program and we anticipate PMPL's budget for this program to be gone by the beginning of October. We have information on an alternative program, through the Alaska Municipal league - Eligible participants can receive \$4,500 to \$8,000 in rebates toward the installation of a high-efficiency heat pump.
- ❖ Patron use limits are still in effect for pool lobby and deck, as well as mezzanine. Thank you for helping to ensure we can remain open per Fire Marshal requirements!
- ❖ Youth Basketball is still looking for a few coaches, referees and scorekeepers. Please contact Julie Anderson if interested.
- ❖ Glo is contacting vessel owners who have not moved their vessels in 24 months to discuss the next steps which include organizing a marine surveyor in January to allow their vessel continued mooring in the harbors.
- ❖ Tour ship season is winding down. ACL has presented their schedule for next year, which includes an additional vessel. No news on their construction plans, so am expecting the Harbor will be tying them up on C Flt, approximately double what this year's schedule of 17 stops was.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who showed up for the family fun day at Station 1. We appreciated the opportunity meet with the public and discuss public safety.
- ❖ The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency management, in partnership with the UAF Alaska Earthquake center listed and provided information related to local hazards to Petersburg. There is an opportunity to work with the AK earthquake center to develop modeling for new inundated maps, among other information.
- ❖ PVFD has a new ETT class that is being offered for high-school students in partnership with Petersburg School District. We have 6 students enrolled so far.
- ❖ Motor Pool Staff are fabricating a front counterweight for Unit 64 to offset the weight of the sander during winter operations.

- ❖ Preparation of snow chains for the large equipment is complete. Hard-facing was welded onto the chain links, allowing the Borough to reuse the chains for a second season and avoid an estimated \$15,000 or more in replacement costs.
- ❖ A reminder that our surplus equipment sealed-bid auction is ongoing. All bids will be publicly opened on September 11th at 1pm. See the borough's website or Facebook page for more information.
- ❖ Sanitation is preparing the landfill for the September 10 inspection by cleaning and organizing the site, ensuring signs are clearly visible, and addressing other inspection-related items.
- ❖ Staff will begin repositioning used oil in preparation for heating the facility in colder temperatures. Equipment that was cleaned and reassembled during the summer will be started and tested to confirm it is ready for winter operations.
- ❖ Staff are working with Island Refrigeration to restore proper operation of the Municipal Building HVAC units. They are also working with Building Maintenance, PCS and Siemens on the Municipal Building HVAC computer and control systems.
- ❖ Work is underway to consolidate the Siemens HVAC controls from the library and municipal building into one primary hub for easier access.
- ❖ WW staff began weekly cleaning of all submersible lift-station wet wells to reduce problems caused by "flushable" wipes and other debris that does not belong in the sewer system.
- ❖ Congratulations to Zane Browning on passing the ADEC Level 1 Wastewater Treatment exam.
- ❖ Staff are working to repair failed pipe supports for the sewer force main beneath the Sing Lee Alley bridge.
- ❖ Water dept. has completed the initial year of monitoring for regulated PFAS chemicals in the drinking water. None detected in any sample. ADEC will establish the routine compliance-monitoring schedule in part based on these results.
- ❖ Staff used specialized grout to smooth rough areas caused by erosion on the spillway face and toe of Cabin Creek Dam.
- ❖ Water demand has decreased from just under 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD) to approximately 1.2 MGD.
- ❖ The Petersburg Police Department continues to experience critical staffing shortages. Dispatch/Corrections is currently four positions short, and the police division is down the equivalent of 2.5 officer positions. Staffing across both divisions is stretched extremely thin, leaving limited capacity to absorb illness, leave, training, or other unexpected absences. Command staff continue filling patrol and dispatch gaps as needed to maintain minimum coverage and essential public-safety services. Recruitment and retention remain urgent priorities, as the current staffing level is not sustainable over the long term.