



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 5 July 2022**

- ❖ Officer Waechter graduated the Alaska Training Academy and is now back serving the Petersburg Community. We recently completed the Police Sergeant promotion process. Andrew Ayriss is the new Petersburg Police Sergeant. Chase & Crystal Kirby visited Petersburg this July 4th weekend. We are hoping to fill the open Police Officer position with Chase Kirby who is a certified police officer. Rachel (Raquel) Krafchow was hired to fill one of the vacant dispatcher positions.
- ❖ Sandy has submitted another request for at-home COVID test kits from the State. Unsure if this order will be filled as the State will not be ordering more tests for distribution.
- ❖ Windows in the Apparatus Bay roll-up doors have been replaced with tempered glass to meet code.
- ❖ During the regularly scheduled generator test we had a communication issue between the generator and electrical panel. Our electrical supply failed to switch back to utility power after the test. Mattingly Electric is looking into a remedy. In the meantime, we will have to manually throw some switches and start the generator in the event of a power outage.
- ❖ Petersburg Triathlon Club is moving forward with Parks and Recreation, with both on-site and off-site training sessions. Contact Scott Burt at Parks and Rec for more information.
- ❖ The last of the needed pool paint will be showing up at any moment and we can start the painting and curing process for the Leisure Pool – Thank you, City Cargo, for your diligence getting it to us as soon as it arrives on island!
- ❖ There will be another Lifeguard Certification Course happening at P&R in July. Please contact Parks and Rec for more information if interested.
- ❖ Adult Volleyball, Pickleball, Basketball, and Open Gym – a lot of Gym Schedule offerings this summer! See both the Aquatic Center and Gym Schedules on P&R Website and Facebook Page!
- ❖ STILL CRAZY BUSY in the Harbor! Transient numbers are up with a full schedule of July and August stops. Waiting list for permanent moorage continues to grow.
- ❖ Tour ship activity is steady and regular with the larger vessels using the Drive Down 3-4 time a week and lightering into the South Harbor Loading Zone. A big thank you to our local fleet who are playing so nice! The practice of reserving space on the inside has become common and staff appreciates the communication between skippers, staff, and other users.
- ❖ Harbor Parking is being enforced along Harbor Way and Harbor parking lots and take notice of the “no wake” zone outside all 3 harbors and the responsibilities for the owner/operator.

- ❖ Water, Wastewater, PMPL and PW staff have been responding to issues with contractors hitting utilities and working without a completed Dig Permit. As a reminder to the community, ALL underground work must conform to the Dig Permit process and cannot be started until all known utilities are marked. Additionally, if any warning tape is uncovered during an excavation, the contractor must resort to hand digging to uncover the utility prior to going back to machine excavation. If an unknown conduit or pipe is discovered, work must stop to contact the Borough and identify the infrastructure. Failure to obtain a dig permit is extremely unsafe and may lead to injury or death of the workers, and substantial costs to the contractor for damage to municipal or other private utilities. Apply for a dig permit on the Borough's website or call Public Works for more information.
- ❖ Water deliveries to outlying residents continue due to the dry weather.
- ❖ The wood waste drop-off site at 14th street is closed until further notice. Citizens and contractors will need to find alternate disposal sites for branches and brush. The landfill accepts this waste for a fee.
- ❖ The annual diesel run was ended two days early due to favorable weather conditions that helped the various contractors complete their work. Thanks to SEAPA for getting their work done as soon as possible and reducing diesel fuel costs for its member communities.
- ❖ PMPL hosted engineers from McMillen Jacobs and Gilkes Hydro on June 14 and 15th. The trip was beneficial to confirm various dimensions of the powerhouse and ensure that the full scope of equipment delivery is understood by Gilkes. This work was part of the equipment procurement contract for the Blind Slough Hydro Refurbishment project.
- ❖ PMPL Staff hosted our FERC Inspector on June 21 and 22nd for an annual inspection of the dam and powerhouse. The inspection went well.
- ❖ PMPL has two openings on our staff. We are seeking a Groundman/Operator to round out the line crew and operations staff, and we are seeking applicants to fill a soon to be vacant Meter Reader/Operator position. Interested applicants may apply through the Borough's HR department.
- ❖ Congratulations to Sandy Dixon on her retirement! We thank you for all of your dedication to the Borough and for the many trainings that you've offered to keep us all safe and ready to handle any first aid and CPR incidents while on the job. Enjoy your time "after work" ... you have surely earned some stress-free time with your family! Best wishes.
- ❖ Dry weather conditions continue, and streets are very dusty. We are still unable to obtain a supply of our regular dust control material (lignosite) but will be ordering some as soon as it becomes available. A PSA is being issued to ask motorists to keep speeds to a minimum on dirt streets which will help reduce the amount of dust generated by vehicle traffic.
- ❖ Reid Brothers is onsite and working expeditiously to complete the new Public Works culvert installation while the weather is favorable.
- ❖ A portion of the Public Works yard that was being used to store excavated materials unexpectedly let go this past weekend and caused a small landslide into the Hammer Slough Creek basin. We have reported the incident to permitting authorities and have mobilized the Public Works crew to begin clearing out the debris as quickly as possible. ADEC, the US Corps of Engineers and Fish and Wildlife have been notified.

- ❖ The Motor Pool received bids on 3 of the 7 surplus units being auctioned. So far, 2 have been paid for and picked up. Remaining surplus vehicles will be sold over the counter. For details contact Public Works at 907-772-4430.
- ❖ The scrap metal contractor removed approximately 1300 tons of scrap from the landfill. We are now working on a plan to clean up the metals area and do some seeding and slope stabilization.
- ❖ The State of Alaska's special Small Business Loan Program funded with covid relief dollars expires at the end of July. There are still some funds available to lend in this program at a low interest rate of 2.44%. The loan would need to be closed by end of July and funds disbursed in September. For more information, contact Liz Cabrera at 518-0242.