



Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 17 November 2025

- ❖ We are working on updating the Assisted Living waitlist, sending out letters for verification of applicants to remain on either an active or inactive waitlist.
- ❖ Assisted Living is looking for part-time and fill-in employees to help care for our wonderful elderly residents. Applications for employment can be found on the Petersburg Borough website.
- ❖ Steelhead Enterprises submitted the low bid for the Elderly Housing Freezer/Cooler Room Floor Replacement Project, with a completion date of May 1, 2026.
- ❖ We are looking for local professionals skilled in plumbing, flooring, electrical and drywall/handyman/minor construction eager for smaller projects, to add to our list. Must be registered with Petersburg Borough and properly licensed and bonded. Please contact Michelle Lopez at 907-772-3445.
- ❖ Due to unsafe travel weather, Parks and Rec Youth Basketball were unable to travel to Wrangell and will be rescheduling the tournament game and some practices. Please contact Julie Anderson for more information.
- ❖ Thank you to Petersburg IGA and Hammer & Wikan for the donations for a very successful Pumpkin Plunge, as well as to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their participation!
- ❖ We are preparing for the Holiday Jingle & Mingle to happen on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 4-6 pm at Sandy Beach as a multi-department collaboration.
- ❖ Jim Rehfeldt of Alaska Energy Engineering, LLC will be conducting an energy audit of the Community Center thanks to an energy conservation grant from the Department of Energy. Audit scheduled for Nov. 24th - 26th.
- ❖ PMPL is working with Rock N Road Construction for moving Scow Bay Generator #2 onto the concrete pad. The concrete is curing well and will be ready to accept the placement of the generator later in November.
- ❖ PMPL anticipates that the Scow Bay #2 design build contract will be ready for the Assembly's approval at the first meeting in December.
- ❖ Interested residents can get on the waiting list for the Alaska Heat Smart ACES program, which provides substantial heat pump rebates to qualifying applicants. You can get on the waiting list by visiting www.akheatsmart.org/aces/.

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- ❖ PMPL staff have been working on changing out Borough high-pressure sodium streetlights for LED units purchased with a federal grant.
- ❖ Reminder to boat owners that have not operated their boats in the last 12 months, starting in January there will be a storage fee added to their monthly bill that is equivalent to their monthly moorage fee.
- ❖ Derelict vessels continue to be a nuisance. Last week the abandoned F/V Valkyrie a 36 ft. fiberglass vessel owned by Don Richards ended up drifting into the Harbor. Due to the situation, Harbor Staff were forced to grab it. Discussions with the USCG went nowhere. Rather than towing it out and letting it continue to be a navigation hazard or litter on Wrangell Narrows/Fredrick Sound, we decided to haul it out at Scow Bay and demo it with the help of Public Works crew. These costs are covered by the Harbor and will be recouped from storage fees assigned to dormant vessels coming from the new ordinances.
- ❖ Reminder to boat owners, harbor staff will be cleaning up floats of water hoses and clutter to make way for snow removal. Also boat owners need to call the Harbor Office with boat watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town.
- ❖ Reminder for people not to park in the snow removal areas, otherwise vehicles will be towed.
- ❖ Staff and I are working on some proposed restrictions for the new Airport Subdivision lots. These ideas will be gathered and then shared with the Assembly for approval or edits.
- ❖ The Borough's Christmas tree is being cut and placed this week.
- ❖ Rock n Road has completed delivery of 1000 tons of winter traction sand. Residents are allowed to receive 10 buckets of sand per year at no charge. Check in at the public works office for more information.
- ❖ The new dump truck has been upfitted for the sander. With this new system we have full hydraulic control over the feed belt and dispersing disk, a great upgrade from the old system.
- ❖ The installation of fiber communication between the water plant and the storage tank has been completed. Thank you to PMPL and RMC Engineering for this upgrade.
- ❖ RMC has also installed new variable frequency drives for the sludge collectors in Sediment Basin #2.
- ❖ In the Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project: Installation of the electrical control systems is ongoing and coming along nicely despite a few minor issues. Siding and roofing should be going on soon.
- ❖ SCADA communications with several of our lift stations has been restored using a dwindling supply of now obsolete spare parts.
- ❖ All Public Works staff is attending American Red Cross CPR/First Aid training this month. Thank you to Aaron Hankins and PVFD for providing this training.
- ❖ Notice of Award has been sent to Western Dock & Bridge for the Banana Point Breakwater Improvement.

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