



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

- ❖ 5/21 the State of Alaska background check program had a cyber-attack and is still down. DHSS no longer has access to some electronic data. Hard copy & instructions can be found online but the process is extremely slow. Still trying to vet a few possible employees with great difficulty.
- ❖ Cummins Custom Woodworking has acquired all the required permits and is working with Reid Brothers to coordinate the pilings going in for the deck at the Manor.
- ❖ Johnson Controls was here last week to check the fire alarm system, everything is fine. We also completed our Boiler Inspection, and SE extinguishers will be here in June to service the kitchen hood system and extinguishers.
- ❖ PMC Doctors continue to see residents for routine appointments at Assisted Living. Mindy and Shelyn meeting with Dr. Hyer as Physician Liaison between the facilities at least monthly. Going very well.
- ❖ Water Staff performing annual spring maintenance on air relief valves on the Cabin Creek pipeline.
- ❖ Triennial Lead and Copper monitoring was completed with all samples within acceptable ranges. The annual Consumer Confidence Report for calendar year 2020 is available on the website.
- ❖ Rock N Road continues on the Scow Bay Pump Station project. Excavation for the southside gravity sewer and manhole is complete. Electrical work has commenced with an electrical inspection scheduled for June 9th. Pump testing and startup should occur on June 16th. Final connections to the live mains will occur after startup and the final concrete aprons will be poured and the site cleaned up. Final completion is scheduled for June 30th.
- ❖ The annual SEAPA shutdown is ongoing. The transition to the diesel plant went smoothly and our equipment is handling the loads very well. We will run the Blind Slough Hydro as much as possible during the shutdown to conserve fuel at the plant.
- ❖ SEAPA will have various contractors in Petersburg during the shutdown to perform maintenance on the feeder breakers at the Scow Bay Substation and to inspect various transmission poles on the island.
- ❖ Library summer programs started June 1, this year there are programs for all ages. Sign up online at <https://psglib.beanstack.org/> or at the library.
- ❖ Thank you to First Bank, Friends of Petersburg's Libraries and the many local businesses and individuals who make our summer programs possible. This year we raised \$8200, more than ever before.
- ❖ On June 1, 2021, Petersburg 911 activated a new public safety service. Persons with AT&T cell phones and in need of emergency assistance will have the option to send a text message to 911. This new Text-to-911 service is being implemented for the hearing- and speech-impaired citizens or when speaking out loud would put the caller in danger. Text 911 also works when on the edge of cellular network where there might

not be voice coverage, but a text can get through.

- ❖ Parts have shipped from Motorola for the new E911 dispatch system. Once all parts are here ProComm will schedule the installation date.
- ❖ Reminder to the public that new launch ramp permits are due starting June 1.
- ❖ First tour ship stop was last week, and all went well. Tour ship schedule is available in the newspaper and on the Borough website.
- ❖ EMS staff has been helping volunteers with Skills related to the EMERGE4 Course (State of Alaska online EMT course).
- ❖ SAR had a successful mission on Ravens Roost in May. They utilized their rope rescue skills to rescue a hiker who was stuck on a cliff (unable to go up or down). EMS also had a record breaking 33 calls in the month of May.
- ❖ The streets crew dug into 8th Street to install a sewer connection for the new PIA duplex.
- ❖ An undersized storm drain culvert near the intersection of Excel and 7th streets was replaced with a larger diameter pipe that should help prevent flooding during future rain events.
- ❖ To assist OBI Seafoods with their covid testing and mitigation efforts, the U-turn at the north end of Main Street was closed off beginning June 1st. This change is temporary and will remain in effect only until the end of processing season, or until such time as OBI decides it is no longer necessary.
- ❖ We are continuing to work through the FEMA process to obtain grant funding for repair of the flood damage at the Public Works yard. Federal grants require mountains of paperwork, but we are hopeful that the result will be full funding for repairs to the culvert and slope that failed during the early December rain event last year. Thanks to Jody for assisting us with this laborious process.
- ❖ Work continues for the Motor Pool shop project. Most interior demolition work is now complete and prep work continues on the structural steel. The contractor is preparing to demo roofing and siding and then begin putting the building back together.
- ❖ The Dept's new mobile column lifts have arrived, and testing is in progress. A manufacturer's representative will be visiting Petersburg later this month to conduct training on the new equipment.
- ❖ Congratulations to Scott Burt and Julie Anderson at Parks and Rec for their Lifeguard Instructor and Water Safety Instructor certifications! This class also hosted 2 Petersburg School District employees and Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department. Six individuals attended the class with a total of 11 certifications earned.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation is hosting another Lifeguard course. Please call if you are interested in summer work as a lifeguard for more information.
- ❖ The playground equipment for Sandy Beach has arrived and Rotary volunteers are working to get it installed. Please continue to be patient and understanding as park areas are being utilized during the installation.