



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 7 November 2022**

- ❖ Boat owners; harbor staff will be cleaning up floats of water hoses and clutter to make way for snow removal. Owners grab your stuff! Also, please call the Harbor Office with boat watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town.
- ❖ Harbor Staff continues to meet with the USACE and Contractor weekly meetings. Contractor expects to be on scene the second week of November and set up to start dredging after Thanksgiving. Staff will work with contractor and vessel owners on schedule for moving vessels once they are set up and break ground.
- ❖ We are working with Raincountry Plumbing and Heating to update plumbing in the Elderly Housing kitchen.
- ❖ Mountain View Food Service will be having their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. To order, call 907-772-4331 between Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> by noon, and specify for Thanksgiving Dinner. Meals will be a suggested donation of \$14.00 per person and this will be delivery only.
- ❖ A limited amount of traction sand is available to Borough residents free of charge at Public Works. A total of (10) 5-gallon buckets of sand may be obtained at no cost during the winter months. Anyone wanting sand through this program will need to stop by and let the office know first.
- ❖ Aaron continues to work on getting up to speed on the required ICS training and reviewing and getting familiar with our existing emergency plans.
- ❖ The Communications trailer has been gone though and returned to ready status after finding some minor issues during its last deployment.
- ❖ There will be a Modified FF1 course scheduled for early January 2023, as well as an EMT-1 Course planned to start some time in Jan-Feb 2023. If you are interested in either, please contact the Fire Dept.
- ❖ Cybercrimes are going up and this year the pricing for protection was difficult. We had higher premiums with less coverage. The application process was more difficult than it was a year ago.
- ❖ Parks and Rec will work with Rock-N-Road to begin clearing vegetation at the proposed Bike Park location to investigate feasibility and potential track layout.
- ❖ Youth Basketball season has wrapped up, Parks and Rec would like to thank all the volunteer Ref's and Coaches for their participation in creating another successful season!
- ❖ Liz met with representatives from DNR and the Governor's office regarding the borough's municipal land entitlements. The DNR stated they would be moving forward with adjudication of remaining selections over

the next six months, including adjudication on the parcel at Papke's Landing. We have monthly progress meetings scheduled with DNR entitlement office through May 2023.

- ❖ DNR Commissioner issued a notice allowing the Depts. of Transportation and Forestry an opportunity to provide additional comment on the borough's appeal of DNR's decision to retain parcels adjacent to Olson's Log Dump and the Woodpecker LTF. The borough wrote a letter objecting to the action and requesting DNR decide on the appeal. We have not heard back from DNR.
- ❖ DNR issued a draft patent deed for most of the lots within the Thomas Bay Subdivision for the borough to review. We are working through details regarding the acreage and status of the platted rights-of-way.
- ❖ Halloween Land Slide
  - As of the writing of this report, ADOT contractors, Reid Brothers Construction and Rock N Road Construction were able to open up the highway only 7 hours after the slide occurred.
  - SEAPA, AP&T and GCI all mobilized crews to work on repair of power, telephone and data lines.
  - PMPL was able to restore power to most all residents by mid-morning of November 1<sup>st</sup> by running the diesel plant for the northern side of the slide and operating the Blind Slough hydro in an "islanded" mode for homes on the south side of the slide.
  - SEAPA and PMPL crews worked through the night on November 1<sup>st</sup> to restore power to the final 15-20 homes that remained without power, transition back to SEAPA power and shutdown the diesel plant.
  - A huge thank you to PMPL staff who performed the exhausting work during this response or supported the effort in many ways.
  - Thanks also to Public Works, ADOT, Police and Fire Departments, and all the contractors for their assistance in supplying equipment and materials when needed.
- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro project pre-bid meeting was held on October 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. A good turnout of contractors attended. The bid date will be moved from November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup> to distance the bid opening from Thanksgiving and associated staffing and bid delivery issues that normally come with holidays.
- ❖ The library has been awarded a \$14,500 grant from the Healthy Communities program of the Alaska Community Foundation to expand arts and cultural programs.
- ❖ Programs offered at the library in November include Curiosity Creates afterschool program, Robotics for Kids, Basic Knitting with Lisa Schramek, a writing workshop with Orin Pierson, Yoga with Karen Malcom, Cedar Bark Weaving with Deb O'Gara, and Stories in Motion, a new twist on traditional library story time.
- ❖ Passport services have resumed at the library.
- ❖ Assisted Living has filled all their open rooms, and they had a great Halloween handing out treats.
- ❖ Derrick has implemented a new continuing education program and we have been able to get all RA's caught up after a software problem on the old system caused us some issues.
- ❖ Two Officers are attending SART training (Sexual Assault Response Team). This training was paid for by the State and is only costing the Police department the officers wages and per diem.
- ❖ The Police Department has seen a recent increase in DUI arrest and investigations. Petersburg Police Department wants to remind people to plan to have a ride home.

❖ Sgt. Ayriss is working on coordinating ALICE trainings for the Borough.