City of Sand Point Newsletter



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City Requesting Funding Assistance From the Aleutians East Borough

Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor is in terrible condition and getting worse with each passing season. It is estimated to cost upwards of \$17 million to totally replace the harbor's badly worn infrastruc-Last year, the City applied for a \$5 million grant from the state of Alaska to assist in rebuilding the harbor - the heart of Sand Point's economic base. Luckily, we received the full \$5 million requested but with one large caveat - it has to be matched dollar-for -dollar with non-state funds!

Since that time, the City has been on a quest to try and find these matching funds. We submitted grant applications to the Denali Commission and the federal CDBG program. Shortly, we will submit an application to the federal USDA program for assistance. Needless to say, in these tough economic times, federal dollars are harder and harder to come by.

What we cannot do is lose

this one-time opportunity to rebuild our boat harbor - and we cannot do it alone!

Over the past 18 months, the City has been seeking financial assistance from the Aleutians East Borough. Letters have been written to the Mayor and a presentation was made before the Borough Assembly a few weeks ago concerning this vital project. The City is asking the AEB to match any local funds raised, up to a cap of \$2 million. In other words, the City is willing to go out and borrow up to \$2 million to go towards the harbor project and is asking the AEB to match that ef-

At the city council meeting on March 13th, a Resolution was passed stating that the City of Sand Point will place \$2 million of city funding in the harbor project account. These funds may come from bonds, borrowed money or the general fund. At the same time, we are asking the Borough Assembly to vote on a similar

proposition that will allocate \$2 million of Borough funds for this project. Of course, if other grant funding is found, this would lessen the amounts needed by both parties.

To me, this is a no-brainer. The harbor must be protected from further damage or total loss. The City is willing to incur a large debt over a long period of time to make this project a reality – we have no other choice. The Borough has the revenue available right now without incurring any debt. Both the City and Borough receive their lion's share of revenue from the very fisheries so dependent on safe and well-operated harbors. I would think that having the state of Alaska put up 50% of a \$10 million project to improve our community and insure economic stability over the next 20 years is a no-brainer indeed.

By Paul Day, City Administrator

From the Mayor's Desk

Visit to Capitol

On our recent visit to the capitol, the Administrator, Paul Day, and I met with lobbyist Mark Hickey concerning Sand Point City projects. This includes the airport road improvement project, the main city dock, and the Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor, which is in need of major repairs.

We met with representative Bryce Edgmon and Senator Lyman Hoffman expressing our concerns with funding for the airport road improvement project and the ferry terminal known as the main city dock. We are asking for the State's assistance on both of these projects.

Recent Changes and Additions

We'd like to thank our former Mayor Glen Gardner Jr. and Council Member Bill Cumberlidge for their dedicated service to the City of Sand Point.

Council Member Dennis McGlashan Jr. recently resigned from his seat on City Council to take the Water/Wastewater Supervisor position. We'd like to thank former Council Member Dennis McGlashan Jr. for his

-Mayor Martin Gundersen

service to the City of Sand Point and welcome him aboard as an employee. The City Council appointed Danny Cumberlidge to fill Seat A until the next election, and we'd like to welcome him aboard as well.

We'd also like to welcome Dave Stokes back as our Public Works Director as of February 4th and thank Paul Karlsen for temporarily filling this position and doing a great job.

Issues

As you all know, this has been a cold, snowy winter and we are working on the road system trying to keep it graded and pot holes filled. We apologize for any inconvenience you may encounter. With this in mind, we are looking forward to the return of Brechan Enterprises to further their project in asphalting the school loop road. Hopefully they will be starting in April of this year.

We are encountering a high rate of burglaries and criminal activity in our community and are trying to address these issues. Hopefully we can get these resolved and the perpetrators held accountable.



Mayor Gundersen presenting former Councilmember Bill Cumberlidge an award for appreciation of service.



Mayor Gundersen presenting former Mayor Glen Gardner Jr. an award for appreciation of 12 years of service as Mayor.

Harbor News

Reminder

Here at the Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor, Sand Point Ordinance 2011-05, adopted since June 14, 2011, states "The owner of any boat tying up to the City Dock or either wall as a place of temporary moorage shall pay [4] times the transient moorage fee calculated on a daily basis until the vessel is moved from this space." These are designated loading and offloading areas only. You are more than welcome to use these areas, however; get your work done and move your boat to it's designated moorage space. Transient moorage fees are as follows: 32 ft. to 46 ft. \$23.00/day x 4=\$92.00/day, 47 ft. to 60 ft. \$30.00/day x 4=\$120.00/day. If you need more time at the wall or dock, let the harbormaster know. If the work you are doing on your vessel can be done at the stall, it is recommended that you do it there, instead of tying up the wall or dock space.

-Harbormaster Richard Kochuten Sr.

The main gripe with the harbor users is the tying up of the load and offloading areas.

Harbor Storage

For those of you that have reels stored at the harbor, please mark them so the harbor crew knows what belongs to whom. The city is in the process of cleaning up the developed property at the harbor, i.e. the place where all the endskiffs and longline reels are stored. Also, coming soon, the city will be sending storage fees for skiffs stored at the harbor: Skiffs under 16 ft. -\$100/ year [or any fraction thereof 16 to 20 ft.-\$150/ year [or any fraction thereof], 21 ft. and up, \$9.00/ft. [or any fraction thereof]. There is also a fee for leaving your freight at the city dock as a temporary storage place: \$8.00/100 sq. ft/day. Minimum charge shall be \$8.00/day. There is also storage at the new harbor, which should work really well for pot

storage. Let the harbormaster know if you would like storage there if space is available. These revised rates have been in effect since June 2011. I am running about 6 months behind schedule, but am finally getting up to speed.

Odds and Ends

As you probably saw, the fire rescue boat was totally frozen into its moorage space earlier this year. The City has decided to move it to a new location further out on the B-float.

The harbor has acquired a snow blower. Hopefully, we will no longer have to hire someone with a 4 wheeler and plow to clear the floats anymore. The machine seems to be working very well. Thanks to you who have been kind enough to take time and plow the floats for us these last few years.

The arrival of the first ferry run is scheduled to arrive around the middle of April. The schedule is pretty much the same as the last couple of years, arriving Thursday evenings from Chignik and returning from Dutch Harbor Sunday evenings.

Upcoming Projects

The rebuild of the Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor is still in the works. Hopefully, with the proper funding, this will happen soon. The float system in the harbor is in poor condition, but the guys keep bandaging it together. Brechan Enterprises is scheduled to be here this summer doing roadwork. They will also be putting black top in the new gearshed and along the East Wall, which will help keep the mud down a little especially along the East Wall.

HARBOR CREW

Harbormaster
Richard Kochuten Sr.
Harbor Maintenance
Andrew Gilbert
Jeremy Krone
Randy Wilson
Night Watchmen
Sam Brandal
Knute Gilbert Jr.

Police Department News

DPS New Hires

Since the last newsletter, there has been a number of newly hired folks within the Department of Public Safety. Among them are Police Officer Daniel Beilen, Emergency Dispatchers Austin and Cheryl Roof, Fire Chief Jason Bjornstad, Fireman David Stokes, Jail Guard Michael Carroll, and Emergency Medical Services Jina Julian, Karen McMillan, and Evelyn Porcincula. Please take a moment to welcome these folks and let them know their services are much needed and appreciated by the entire community.

Criminal Acts

First and foremost on my list of enforcement in the Sand Point community is the drug activity which is affecting our entire city. This activity leads to other crimes such as burglaries, thefts, criminal mischiefs, and the list goes on and on. I can tell you this much....enforcement results are just around the

corner. The ones who are actively engaged with drugs will soon be feeling the wrath of their misdeeds. This means more will be done sooner than later

Safety Note

It's been a rather cold winter so far, with lots of snow making our roadways extremely dangerous to drive on. We've been blessed in that no one has been seriously hurt from automotive accidents. Knock on wood. For the most part, everyone has done their part by slowing down and driving cautiously due to the conditions of the roads. You can pat yourselves on your backs for that.

The biggest hazards I've seen are broken down vehicles left in the middle, or 1/2 way in the roadway for a prolonged period of time. This causes a hazard to other drivers.

Again we have been lucky that drivers have been safety minded and have avoided accidents from

-Chief Joseph Shoemaker

vehicles left in the roadway.

If you breakdown while driving your vehicle, you should make effort to move your vehicle to a safe location until you have it repaired or towed away.

It's been the unwritten policy of this police depart-

ment to locate the owner or operator of the broken down vehicle and have them move the vehicle to a safe place. However, if the vehicle is left unattended we may end up towing the vehicle and issuing the owner of the vehicle a citation, both of which would cost a sum of money.

Job Opportunities

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has openings for Temporary Part Time Jail Guards that starts out at \$16.63 per hour, it's a position paid by the State of Alaska and offers benefits and retirement. This position also provides a yearly "cost of living increase." These guards only work when we have a prisoner in jail. There is no way of saying how many prisoners we will end up with. We seem to be busier during the summer months than in the winter. You pick the shift you'd like and your name is called when needed to take a shift. All interested persons should see Ms. Mary Ann Krone at the Sand Point Police Department for applications.

The DPS also has a "all-volunteer force" in addition to the paid positions. If you don't have 40 hours a week to put forth, but are looking for something to do that really makes a difference to everyone in the community., then this is the place for you. Plus you'll receive a stipend from the City of Sand Point and a lot of free professional training. They are meaningful positions of emergency responders, often referred to as "first responders." So come on down and join up with your local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and/or Fire Department. You can do both and there's plenty of room for you here.

Over the past 8 1/2 years that I have been here, I have seen many lives and property saved by these volunteers. Believe me, there is no better feeling on earth than to go home knowing that you were responsible for saving someone else's life. If you are interested, please see me, Jason Bjornstad, Fire Chief, or Susan Cartwright, Chief of EMS.

Mitigation Awareness

-Chief Joseph Shoemaker

Infrequently asked Hazardous Mitigation Questions

What are the warning levels of the Tsunami warning messages?

Warning- Danger! Run for high ground and follow emergency instructions.

Advisory- Possibly dangerous local currents. Move off the beach and stay out of the water.

Watch- Potential danger. Stay tuned for more information.

Information Statement-Relax. No local danger, but a distant ocean basin may be in danger.

What is the rule of thumb about the magnitude of earthquakes that generate tsunamis?

Earthquakes of large magnitude (>M 7.0 Richter scale) sometimes result in the generation of Tsunamis.

What are the four steps of the Tsunami Warning Center product flow chart?

Step 1 Pacific Tsunami Warning Center and/or West Coast/Alaska Warning Center issue a Tsunami warning/advisory/watch/informational message.

Step 2 The message is received by the National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Offices, state/provincal, county, local emergency services offices, broadcasters, Emergency Alert System, other federal agencies, international partners, and the public.

Step 3 County/local officials issue county/local tsunami or evacuation (when needed) message.

Step 4 This message is received by local jurisdictions, broadcasters and the public.

More Tsunami information may by obtained thru URL: http://nthmp.tsunami.gov/documentss/guidebook-final.pdf

In a case where there is an emergency forcing you to evacuate your residence, you most probably will have to leave on a moment's notice and in doing so you most likely will not have time to gather up critical documents you may need later. I've listed a few things you may want to put on a thumb drive and take with you quickly:

-Personal Identification -Inventory (photos) of Household Goods -Birth Certificates -Insurance Paperwork -Bank/Credit Card Account Numbers -Marriage Certificates -Divorce Degrees -Immunization Records -Drivers License

-Social Security cards -Medications you (and family members) are on and their doses
-Stock and Bond Certificates -Emergency Contact List/Phone numbers -Wills
-Copy of recent Tax return -Copy of Pet(s) Vaccinations and Medical Records -Deeds

-Proof of Residence -Pictures of all family members and pets



The **Shumagin Corporation** is offering a <u>\$5000.00 REWARD</u> for any leads to the arrest of any person or persons involved in the robberies at the Anchor Inn Lounge and Sand Point Tavern. Please contact the Sand Point Police Department at 383-3700. Thank you!

CHIEF OF POLICE

Joseph Shoemaker

POLICE OFFICERS

Nate Taylor Daniel Beilen

FIRE CHIEF

Jason Bjornstad

EMS CHIEF

Susan Shoemaker
ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANT

Mary Ann Krone

Public Works

-Dave Stokes, PW Director

Water/Sewer

Supervisor Dennis
McGlashan Jr. and Operator, Eugene Alford
Sr. will be getting sent
out to get certified. We
are working on upgrading the lift stations and
have been dealing with
water/sewer issues as
they arrive due to the
record cold temperatures.

Solid Waste/ Landfill

Please stop dumping large objects or large amounts of garbage alongside the dumpsters. This garbage needs to be dumped at the landfill. We are working on a new sign to erect at the beginning of the new dump road that will state whether the landfill is open or closed and include the hours of operation. If the landfill is closed during normal hours, it is usually due to high winds.

Street Maintenance

The Public Works crew has been staying on top of the roads and icy conditions. We apologize for any disturbance we are causing at night due to the back up alarms and graters, but it is safer to do the work at night before the roads get busy and the snow gets packed down. The crew is working on ditching alongside the roads when they can.

PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL

DIRECTOR

Dave Stokes

SHOP FOREMAN

Paul Karlsen

OPERATORS

Julius Karlsen John Jacobsen

LABORERS

Walter Osterback Travis Gilbert

WATER/SEWER SUPERVISOR

Dennis McGlashan Jr.

WATER OPERATOR

Eugene Alford

SOLID WASTE OPERATOR

Brandon Gundersren
SOLID WASTE LABORER

Wade Johansen

Library & Gym Schedule

LIBRARY

MONDAY-SATURDAY

6:30 PM-9:30 PM

GYM

MONDAY & SATURDAY

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

4th-7th Grade

8:00 PM-9:30 PM

8th-Adult(Basketball)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

K-3rd Grade

8:00 PM-9:30 PM

8th-Adult (Basketball)

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM-8:00 PM 8:00 PM-9:30 PM Preschool & Parents 8th-Adult(Basketball)

BOTH ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS.



Public Works crew clearing the harbor parking lot after the big snow storm.

Elders ---- Here and There

Over the holidays I attended a buffet dinner at Alaska Native Medical Center. The hospital had won the Baldwin Award for excellence and celebrated by having a dinner for staff members and their families. Hundreds of people attended, and the menu included huge piles of king crab, shrimp, and the largest prime rib roasts I have ever seen. In the middle of the table was a huge ice sculpture of a salmon. The children were entertained with many activities such as face painting, professional photos with Santa Claus, and even horse carriage rides around Anchorage. Upon entering, I was seated as an elder at one of several rooms of tables. While I met and conversed with elders from places like Wrangell and Metlakatla, speeches and finally the blessing of food took place while four to six lines of people about a block long each formed

food lines. We elders waited and waited, wondering what we were supposed to do. Finally, I got rather indignant, figuring that amid all the splendor, something had gone awry. My daughter, sensing my discomfort stated, "Go for it, Mom." I did. I walked oldly to the front of the line, picked up silverware and a plate, and presented it for a slice of prime rib. Either someone saw me or someone reminded the speaker because suddenly she announced, "Oh, Yes, Elders go first." From that moment on, we were given the most attentive service.

In Sand Point we have community potlucks, which are less formal affairs, where or great cooks provide most of the food by bringing their favorite dishes. A religious representative says the blessing, the people line up and fill their plates and sit at tables conversing with friends and family. For

-By Mary Olsen

vears we have followed the tradition of "Elders go first." No one ever formally defined what an "elder" was. I assumed it was someone sixty-five or older, as it's defined legally. At first, only about a half dozen people came up as elders. I appreciated the thoughtfulness and respect for our age. Over the years, I have observed how we have gradually grown in the number of elders who proudly rush to the front of the line. It's a good thing now to be an elder.

I don't know whether we have gradually developed a community awareness that the elderly are an endangered species or if it's because I have become stooped and decrepit, but I really appreciate the care and respect I receive. The clinic staff is always solicitous and caring. At the store, if not the clerks or family members, former students and other helpful people carry out my groceries. We have water

aerobics at the pool just for seniors to help keep us flexible. The city doesn't charge us for water usage; we just have to keep the water running. And if we for some reason don't, they have even been known to pack water to us. And speaking for all of us who have attended, we appreciate the dinners provided by Trident Seafoods, both the food and the chance to visit with friends. I even get a sense that with all these years of living, learning, and experience, there is a respect or perhaps even an eagerness to hear our stories and what we have to say. Being an elder where you are beloved is good, whether here or there.



Letter from a Concerned Citizen

-Unknown



Dear Drug Dealer,

Please leave and quit selling drugs!!! You are killing your friends & family. Go get a real job and make your money honestly! When you wake up each day, does it feel good looking in the mirror and knowing that you are contributing to the destruction of many lives and families? Children are being neglected, people are stealing whatever they can from anyone, peoples teeth are rotting out and their

eyes are so black and sunk in, I'm amazed they aren't dead. They may put the pipe, pill, or needle in, but it all begins with you. How will it feel when you kill one of your friends or family? Will it be worth the \$ you just made? Will you comfort those who loved them; like their child who now is growing up without a father or mother? Just go AWAY!!! Don't fool yourself. We know who you are; it's only a matter of time.

Dear Drug User,

Stop using! Get help! You are responsible for you. Is it worth it? Do you feel like you are living your life to the fullest? Who's taking care of your child,

not you because you are high! Smile, does a mouth full of rotten teeth look good to you? It's the drugs rotting them, not genetics. At what point will you stop blaming everyone else and start being accountable for you. Don't your children and family deserve better than this. You think because they don't see you using that your addiction is not that bad or because you don't use as much as your buddy that you are not an addict, Wake up!! YOU ARE AN ADDICT! If you are a parent, is this the best you can do for your child? How selfish are you? If you have children in your home, they are being affected by the fumes

of the drugs even if you are using in another room. So, now not only are you an addict, you are predisposing your child to become one also. Wow, that must feel great!!! The effects of the drugs on your child are already taking place, their your bodies deserve better than what you are giving them and so do you!

Dear Addicts Family,

HE/SHE IS AN ADDICT!
- Quit making excuses and enabling them! This addiction will kill them sooner or later if they don't get help. Get help for yourself, educate yourself, find out what you might do to help them. Learn what enabling means.

Sand Point Clinic Has Help Available



If you or a family member need help for substance abuse, or you need someone to talk to you, please call the Sand Point Clinic at (907)383 -3151 or the EAT (Eastern Aleutian

Tribes) Behavioral Health Cope Line at 1 (800)478-2673.

Other Numbers you can contact are as follows:

Alaska's Care Line 1-877-266-4357

24 Hour Crisis Line

1-866-746-4080

National Suicide Prevention Life Line
1-800-273-8255

Youth Crisis Line 1-800-448-4663

Janice Shuravloff Memorial Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Janice Shuravloff Memorial Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7th, 2012.

The egg hunt for ages 0-2 will be held at 1:00 PM at the New Gear Shed. The egg hunt for preschool-12th graders will be broken up by age groups at 2:30 PM at the turn off to

Green Hill. Golden eggs found will be traded for Easter baskets for 6th grade and under and gift certificates for junior high and high school students.

Egg coloring will be held at the City Gym for all ages on Friday, April 6th, from 3:00-4:00 PM.

Eggs and coloring supplies will be provided. Decorated eggs will be used for the egg hunt the following day. Volunteers are welcome! This event has a large turnout so if you have little ones, please come with them.



Community Cleanup

The 2012 Annual Community Cleanup will held May 9th-11th, weather permitting. The community will clean up on the 9th and 10th. Community members and businesses participating can pick

up garbage bags at the City Office. Those participating will receive a chance to win great prizes, including a BBQ grill. The students with the support of the school staff, will be cleaning on Friday, May 11th. There will be a BBQ at the school after everyone's hard work, followed with a prize drawing with donations from local and regional businesses.

With everyone's help, we

can get OUR community looking it's best!

City League Basketball in Sand Point

There will be a city league basketball season this spring, beginning the week of March 25th, and ending with a tournament April 26-28. The sign up sheet is at the AC Store and there will be a fee of \$20. The teams will be co-ed,

made up of 7 to 8 players, including high school students and adults. Teams will be provided with jerseys to return at the end of the season. The \$20 fee will be used for t-shirts for the players and tournament awards.

The games will be refereed by volunteers.

Any proceeds from the tournament will go towards purchasing new equipment for the gym. Contact Jade Cromer at the City Of-



fice at 383-2696, or George Cromer & Troy Poage at the Sand Point School at 383-2393.

SUVER SALMON DENEZ

SAND POINT, ALASKA

Silver Salmon Derby

Calling all artists...Sand Point Silver Salmon Derby is looking for a new logo for the 2012 Salmon Derby. Let us know if you are interested in helping us out! This is a great way to contribute to this wonderful fundraising

event. If you are interested, please contact Rayette McGlashan at rayettemcg@hotmail.com or

4th of July Planning Committee



The first meeting for the 4th of July Planning Committee will be meeting Monday, April 23rd at 5:00 PM. Anyone interested in volunteering this year, please attend. The more people

we have volunteering, the more we can do for the kids and the community. We are also up for new ideas. Invite your friends to sign up to help on the day of the 4th of July carnival to help with the booths, food, or foot races. Future meeting times and dates will be scheduled at the upcoming meeting. Contact Jade Cromer at the City Office with questions. 383-2696.

Sand Point Tavern Soon To Be Smoke Free



At the February 2012 Shumagin Corporation meeting, the Board of Directors voted that the Sand Point Tavern become a smoke-free facil-

ity upon the construction of a building away from the entrance for smokers. It is estimated to come into effect by early summer. This will be added to the already "smoke-free" Anchor Inn Lounge.

City Holidays

LIC SAFETY

CHIEF OF POLICE
Joseph Shoemaker

The City Offices and Departments will be closed on the following holidays through July 2012:

Seward's Day- Monday, March 26, 2012 Memorial Day- Monday, May 28th, 2012 4th of July- Wednesday, July 4th, 2012 POLICE OF-FICERS Nate Taylor Daniel Beilen FIRE CHIEF

Bingo & Pull Tabs

Pull Tabs

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Bingo-Sundays

Doors open @ 5:30 P.M. Pull tabs @ 5:30P.M. Bingo Starts @ 6:30 P.M.

Come and join the fun!!!

\$250 Door Prize Drawings to be held on:

March 18th April 8th April 29th May 20th

Special Bingo Friday, April 6thDE-PARMENT OF PUB-

Gaming Auditor

Shannon Sommer

Bingo Assistants Kathleen Harper Susan McGlashan Robin Kenezuroff



City of Sand Point Officials & Meetings

Elected Officals

Mayor Martin Gundersen

City Council Members

Seat A Danny Cumberlidge

Seat B Allan Starnes

Seat C Shirley Brown

Seat D Jack Foster Jr.

Seat E Marita Gundersen

Seat F Karen Johansen

Meetings held @ 7:00 PM

(2:00 PM workshop)

Public Welcome!!!



Regularly Scheduled

City Council Meetings

April 10, 2012

May 8, 2012

June 12, 2012

Administration

City Administrator

Paul Day

Finance Officer

Krista Galvin

City Clerk

Jade Cromer

Administrative Assistant

Kurtis Gundersen

Director of Public Safety

Joseph Shoemaker

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