

# City of Sand Point Newsletter



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## Special Election to be held on November 6, 2012

The Sand Point City Council has moved forward with the procedures required to hold a Special Election this November. The purpose of the election is to ask the citizens of Sand Point if they approve applying for bond funding to help rehabilitate the Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor.

The City is moving ahead with the design and expects to have the project ready to build next summer. A \$5 million grant from the Department of Transportation (DOT) was awarded to the City for this project. That money must be matched dollar-for-dollar, with ‘non-state’ funding.

The Aleutians East Borough has promised \$2 million to help with the match requirement. Therefore, the City is seeking the remaining funds through a General Obligation (GO) bond.

The wording on the Special Election ballot reads:

PROPOSITION A  
\$3,000,000 BONDS  
ROBERT E. GALOVIN SMALL BOAT HARBOR

Shall Ordinance No. 2012-03 be approved; and shall the acquisition of property, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, expansion and improvement of the Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor in the City of Sand Point, Alaska, be approved; and shall the City incur debt and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) as authorized in Ordinance No. 2012-03 for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition of property, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, expansion and improvement of the boat harbor in the City, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment and facilities in connection therewith?

BONDS:	o	YES
BONDS:	o	NO

For more information about the project, please contact one of your city council members, Mayor Gundersen, City Administrator Paul Day or call the city office -383-2696.

*Written Absentee Voting By Mail Ballot Requests will be accepted on October 17, 2012 through November 2, 2012. Absentee Voting in Person in the City Clerk’s Office will be open from October 22, 2012 until November 5, 2012 at 12:00 pm.\*\**

## 2012 General Election Results

The City of Sand Point General Election was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. Danny Cumberlidge was elected for Seat A, a one-year term, Mari- ta Gundersen was elected to return to Seat E, a three-year term, and Ray- ette McGlashan was elected for Seat F, also a three-year term. The City appreciates the candidates who choose to run for

elected positions. Ray- ette McGlashan and Dan- ny Cumberlidge will at- tend the Newly Elected Officials and Alaska Mu- nicipal League confer- ence next month in An- chorage. *A special thank you to outgoing Council Member Karen Johansen for her 6 consecutive years of dedicated service to the City of Sand Point.*



*Councilmembers taking their Oath of Office.*

## From the Mayor's Desk

Hopefully this past sum- mer and fall have been good for everyone. As we near closer to winter, I wanted to take time to reflect on some of the projects that have been completed and those that are moving forward. First of all, I want to thank the public for their patience during our con- struction period with the paving and road detour that was implemented for these projects. The new paving has been a major improvement to our community. The road from Cut 'R' Loose to Trident Seafoods was included in the paving

project, but due to the condition that the road was in, it did not meet the time frame to be paved this year. With the improvements to this road, it has saved the City 25,000 gallons of water daily that were due to old water leaks that were discovered this summer. This road will be addressed in our next paving project.

We want to thank the council, past and present administration, Brechan Enterprises, Trident Sea- foods, Inc. and our Pub- lic Works crew for their effort in making these

projects a reality.

### Upcoming Projects

We have been working on some new and up- coming projects. First, is the rebuilding of the Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor. After sev- eral workshops by the selection committee, the preliminary concept has been selected and URS is moving forward in the final Design Phase. We want to thank the Aleu- tians East Borough (AEB) for their support in this project. Our road to the airport project is moving forward and we

will hopefully have some direction later this fall.

We are moving forward in the selection of a new Chief of Police for our police department. Alt- hough this has been a lengthy process, we are trying to select a candi- date that will fit our com- munity and its needs.

Finally, we want to thank all those who have par- ticipated in our commu- nity events throughout the summer and fall. We appreciate their efforts in making these happen.

*-Martin Gundersen, Mayor*

## Sand Point Residents Get a Smoother Ride Around the Loop

The City of Sand Point has recently completed major paving projects in town. The 2.5 mile School Loop Road has been in the planning and designing phase for over three years. Finally, the project has been completed. In addition, the City also managed to pave the area in front of the East Wall, the interior of Gear Shed #2 and a partial paving of the

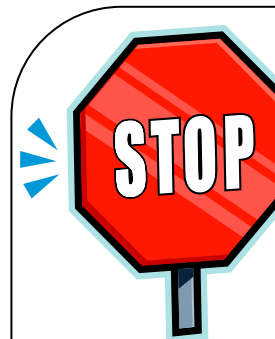
road from the old clinic to the harbor bridge. This section of the road needed major work near the Shumagin Corporation and Anchor Inn Motel and the Sand Point Public Works crew did an outstanding job repairing the road base. It is anticipated that this short section of the road will be paved next summer.

-Paul Day, Administrator



*View from the school parking lot with the new pavement.*

## New Traffic Pattern



The intersection where Red Cove Road, Nagai Avenue and Humboldt Lane converge is going to have a different traffic pattern in the very near future. During the design and paving of the School Loop, that particular intersection was designated to be a 4-way stop. The City intends to make the recommended changes within the next few weeks. Please be aware of this upcoming change and as always, drive safely!

## Employment Opportunities

The City of Sand Point is now hiring for the following positions:

**Animal Control Officer:** \$16.90/hr. Part-time, permanent.

**City Clerk**  
Temporary, Full-time  
\$18.63/hr. November-February.

**Building Maintenance Assistant**  
Temporary, 20-40  
hours/wk. \$16.09/hr.

**911 Dispatcher**  
Full-time, permanent  
\$800.00/mo. 8 hours/day,  
7 days/week.

For more information, a job description, or application, please contact the City office at 383-2696.

All positions are open until filled.

The City of Sand Point is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply.

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SAND POINT, AK 99661





## Harbor News

### Completed Projects

A lot has happened since the last report. As you can see the East Wall has been blacktopped, as well as gear shed #2. The crew has been busy clearing the developed lots of reels and skiffs at the harbor and moving them to the new harbor. If you own one of the reels that were moved to the new harbor please tag it.

### Harbor Activity

At the September council meeting, it was mentioned that a fish processing company coming is pursuing a lease of property in Sand Point.

If this happens, the fish company will be setting up shop at the new harbor. All the gear [reels, skiffs etc.] will have to be once again moved. They will not be moved back to the old harbor but off the harbor complex. This is just a heads-up that your reel and or skiff may soon wind up at the old rock quarry. Jeremy Krone, Harbor Maintenance, recently attended crane training in Woodland, Washington last month.

### Harbor Renovations

The Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor is going to be rebuilt in the

very new future. So far, the City has ten million dollars gathered for this project and it is moving forward at a rapid pace. There was a design committee chosen to select a proposed design that was drawn up by URS. They drew up five designs and the one that was chosen was the best design that fit the rebuild especially with a new processing company coming to the area. This isn't going to happen overnight however the city is making progress toward a new rebuild.

### City Dock

Due to extracurricular activities at the City

Dock, the dock will be gated off in the near future after hours.

### **REMINDER:**

A friendly reminder to commercial fishermen and recreational boaters: The speed limit in the harbor is **4 mph**. Speeding in the harbor is dangerous.

*-Richard Kochuten, Sr.  
Harbormaster*

### **PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL**

#### **HARBORMASTER**

*Richard Kochuten, Sr.*

#### **HARBOR MAINTENANCE**

*Jeremy Krone*

*Randy Wilson*

*Andrew Gilbert*

#### **NIGHT WATCHMEN**

*Sam Brandal*

*Knute Gilbert, Jr.*

#### **HARBOR HOUSE**

**383-2331**



*Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor— October 2012.*

## 2012 Sand Point Little League



*Photo provided by Hilary Nyberg.*

Sand Point Little League, funded by the City of Sand Point, was held during the month of August. Participants included: Hawk Jackson, Devin Osterback, Saylor Gronholdt, Xavier Taylor, Zya Taylor, Dick Cumberlandidge, Edmond Cumberlandidge, Josh Audette, Acey Audette, Parker Larsen, Steven Galovin, Paige Lundgren, Karl Smith, Chance, Boston March, Devin Roehl, Faith Karlsen, Jesse Starnes, Wolf Jackson, Matthew Bravo, and Maynard Maligaya. Thank you to Hilary Nyberg for coaching the kids!

## City of Sand Point Officials & Meetings

### Elected Officials

**Mayor** *Martin Gundersen*

### City Council Members

**Seat A** *Danny Cumberlandidge*

**Seat B** *Allan Starnes*

**Seat C** *Shirley Brown*

**Seat D** *Jack Foster Jr.*

**Seat E** *Marita Gundersen*

**Seat F** *Rayette McGlashan*

### Regular Scheduled

### City Council Meetings

There will be no November meeting due to the Alaska

Municipal League

Conference.

December 11, 2012

January 8, 2013

In the City Chambers

@ 7:00 PM

(Workshop at 2:00 PM)

**PUBLIC WELCOME!**

### Administration

**City Administrator**

*Paul Day*

**Finance Officer**

*Krista Galvin*

**City Clerk**

*Jade Cromer*

**Director of Public Safety**

*John Lucking Jr.*

**Public Works Director**

*Dave Stokes*

**Harbormaster**

*Richard Kochuten Sr.*

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## Gym & Library Schedule

**Parks & Rec Supervisor**  
Kim Johansen

**Librarian**  
Marta Varga

The next Read a Book and Watch the Movie will be on Nov. 3 at 6 P.M. in our library featuring ERAGON with treats, popcorn, and hot cocoa. This event is sponsored by the AEB. Teens are welcome to attend!!!!



### LIBRARY

MONDAY-SATURDAY  
6:30 PM-8:30 PM  
CLOSED ON SUNDAY

### OPEN GYM

MONDAY & SATURDAY

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

8:00 PM-9:30 PM

K-6th Grade

7th-12th

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

8:00 PM-9:30 PM

K-6th Grade

Adult Basket-

ball

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

8:00 PM-9:30 PM

Tiny Tots

Adult Gym

CLOSED ON FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

## City Holidays

*The City Offices and Departments will be closed on the following holidays through January 2012.*

**Veteran's Day:** Monday, November 11, 2012

**Thanksgiving:** Thursday, November 22, 2012

**Thanksgiving Friday:** Friday, November 23, 2012

**Christmas:** Tuesday, December 25, 2012

**New Year's Day:** Tuesday, January 1, 2012

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## Bingo & Pull Tabs

### **Pull Tabs**

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

### **Bingo-Sundays**

Doors open @ 5:30 P.M.

Pull tabs @ 5:30 P.M.

Bingo Starts @ 6:30 P.M.

**\$250 Door Prize Drawings to be held on:**

November 4th

November 25th

December 16th

January 6th

January 27th

February 17th

**Come and join the fun!!!**

### **Gaming Auditor**

Shannon Sommer

### **Bingo Assistants**

Susan McGlashan

Kathleen Harper

Ariel Gundersen

## Public Works Department

### Water/Sewer

In the past few months, we have been working on the road from the Triplex to Trident Seafoods and it has been an ongoing project. We had to clean up all of the galvanized piping that was on the main, and as of today, we are saving approximately 25,000 gallons per day. Dennis McGlashan Jr. had a week of training with former Water & Sewer Director Allen Hill.

If you would like to see the most recent water report, visit the City's website at:

[www.ci.sandpoint.ak.us](http://www.ci.sandpoint.ak.us)

### Solid Waste-Landfill

We are actively getting parts to replace portions of the incinerator that need repairs. We appreciate everybody's patience due to a lot of winds and the landfill being closed. We appreciate Trident Seafoods sending up some employees to help clean up along the fence line at the landfill. Please continue recycling glass and cans. Be sure to keep other trash out of the recycling dumpsters.

### Shop/Street Maintenance

We have been trying to stay on top of the rocks on the roads and getting them cleared off. We put down 3,000 lbs of patch material to fill pot-holes in the past few weeks. We have been actively trying to keep the small rock on the new asphalt. We would appreciate if people would keep their vehicles on the asphalt and off the gravel. Fortunately, we have purchased and received a street sweeper to help with this problem.

-Dave Stokes,  
Public Works Director

## PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL

### **DIRECTOR**

Dave Stokes

### **SHOP FOREMAN**

Paul Karlsen

### **OPERATORS**

Julius Karlsen

John Jacobsen

### **LABORERS**

Walter Osterback

Travis Gilbert

### **SOLID WASTE**

OPERATOR

Brandon Gundersen

### **SOLID WASTE LABORER**

Wade Johansen

### **WATER/SEWER SUPERVISOR**

Dennis McGlashan Jr.

### **WATER OPERATOR**

Eugene Alford

### Landfill Hours

Monday -Friday

9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

## City Playground

The City began the process of searching for new playground equipment this summer to replace the old, rusted and damaged section shown at the right. We have asked businesses to donate to the cause and have received generous donations from the following businesses: Alaska Earth Sciences, Aleutian China Restaurant, Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, Aleut Corporation, Antofagasta Minerals, Full Metal Minerals, Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, Shumagin Corporation, TelAlaska, and Western Marine Construction. Coastal Transportation is kindly working with the City on assisting with the shipping. We appreciate all the businesses contributions. Stay tuned for more details!





## 2012 Silver Salmon Derby Photos

*Photos by Tina Anderson*

### Silver Salmon Derby Winner Results from Labor Day Weekend

#### Adults

1. Sara Lee 10 lb. 11 oz.
2. Raymond Holmberg 10 lb. 2 oz.
3. Raynelle Gardner 10 lb. 1 oz.

#### Kids (17 & under)

1. Jerimiah Wilson 10 lb. 14 oz.
2. Edwin Gundersen 10 lb. 5 oz.
3. Brittany Gardner 9 lb. 9 oz.

#### Kids Pogie Derby

1. Kaydence Wilson 6 lb. 4 oz.
2. Ian Merrifield 3 lb. 8 oz.
3. Paige Lundgren 3 lb. 1 oz.

A portion of the funds raised by the Silver Salmon Derby go towards the Sand Point EMS, Boys & Girls Club, and the Teen Center. Thank you to all of the committee members, numerous volunteers, the businesses and individuals that donated, making this a greatly anticipated annual event.



*Ryder Gundersen and his catch.*



*Face painting fun!  
Kyla Tijerina*



*Wolf Jackson victorious at the  
pie eating contest.*



*Jerimiah Wilson with his winning fish.*



*Silvanna Morris with her silver.*



*Keira Galovin with face paint.*



*PJ Brown-salmon filet contest  
winner.*

## Sand Point Fire Department

The Sand Point Fire Department depends on volunteers to make the team successful. We have a pretty good sized team, but we can always use extra hands on deck. We meet every Sunday's at 1 p.m. at the fire hall at the

City Building. Please stop by during this time and learn more about the department. You can help make a difference in your town. Now, for a little fire safety tid-bit, be sure to change your batteries in your smoke de-

tectors regularly. Fall and Spring are great times to remember this.

*-Jason Bjornstad,  
Fire Chief*



## Chief Shoemaker Moves On



never completely lost his southern accent, having spent over 25 years in Alaska both in the military and law enforcement has 'helped' him in that regard.

Hunting and fishing, especially for halibut, are things he is going to miss about Sand Point- that, and the people and characters living in our community. "I know it may sound corny, but I truly enjoyed helping the people that needed my help" said Chief Shoemaker.

His future plans include continued working in the law-enforcement field and fishing.

We want to thank Chief Shoemaker for always trying to do the right thing for our community and we wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

*-Administrator, Paul Day*

## Animal Control

Please work to keep your dogs safe by keeping them restrained in your yard with a fence or runner. The City of Sand Point is in the process of hiring a Animal Control Officer.

A big thank you to the SPCA for coming to Sand Point to provide affordable veterinary care for our local pets. Thanks to Debbie Gundersen and Jason Bjornstad for their assistance in this process.



### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

#### ACTING CHIEF

*John Lucking, Jr.*

#### POLICE OFFICERS

*Michael Livingston*

*John Wahl*

#### ADMIN. ASSISTANT

*Maryann Krone*

#### EMS CHIEF

*Susan Shoemaker*

#### FIRE CHIEF

*Jason Bjornstad*

#### 911 DISPATCHERS

*Carmen Dushkin*

*Cassandra Tompkins*



## New from the Sand Point Police Department

Dear Community Members,

First let me say how fortunate I feel to be in this community. For many reasons, from the first moment I stepped off the plane, I felt at home here. As some of you already know, I spent 19 years living in Unalaska where I greatly enjoyed being a part of the core community and a member of the city's progressive police force. I rose through the ranks there and spent 3 years as Chief before relocating to Soldotna in 2003. During the 9 years I served as Chief of Police in Soldotna, I missed the closeness to the sea and the unique sense of community that I've found in Alaska's fishing towns like Sand Point. While the length of my stay here is indeterminate at this time, I am pleased to be a part of establishing a new beginning for the Sand Point Police Department. I have been tasked by your City Administrator, Mayor, and City Council, to help transition your department into the type of service organization that will meet this community's needs, and I am steadfastly committed to

doing my best to accomplish that. It is a new day for the Sand Point Police Department, and, I hope you will find the change for the better.

I know that the relationship between the SPPD and the community has been taxed from time to time in the past, but I want to assure you that my door will always be open to all with an interest in solving problems that arise head-on. I am also willing to listen to the cares and concerns of *every* citizen. Feel free to stop in at the PD to say "hello". I'd like to hear your thoughts.

On this new day, know that we too have new goals... As individuals, the other officers here and myself will be invested in our town, and participate in community activities as good neighbors do. We will dedicate ourselves to the young people of the community. Children are our greatest resource, and our officers will be committed to reaching out and being a resource to them, both at school and in their neighborhoods. As officers we will act professionally and commit to be fair, but not petty. At the same time will take a

firm stand on crime and safety concerns, and specifically will be aiming to address the apparent drug problem plaguing the community. Know now that if you participate in the drug trade then you every effort will be made to hold you accountable for your actions.

While new to the community, the current SPPD officers are not new to law enforcement. Officer Michael Livingston has deep roots in the region, having been raised in and around Cold Bay. Mike is deeply invested in supporting the youth of our region, and has a long history of being an active teacher in culture camps at almost every town and village along the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands. Mike is a twenty year veteran and retired member of the Anchorage Police Department, and he brings a vast amount of police knowledge and skill, as well as mature and calm good sense to your department. Mike has been working for SPPD for approximately three months now and he intends nothing other than to continue to call Sand Point home for a

long time.

Officer John Wahl is a 17 year law enforcement professional who recently hails from Douglas, Wyoming. John has worked in Haines Alaska as a Police Officer and a Police Sergeant, and he too brings good skills and a respectful attitude to our community. Although he has been here only a month, John has already become invested with local programs and activities, to include attendance at the local Baptist Church. I think you will find both John and his wife Veronica, eager to establish themselves as contributing members of the Sand Point community. Thanks for allowing us to introduce ourselves. Together we look forward to the opportunity to serve and protect the City of Sand Point and we hope in the months ahead to earn both your respect and support.

Respectfully,  
John H. Lucking, Jr.  
Acting Chief of Police  
On behalf of the Sand Point Police Department

## 2012 Silver Salmon Derby Photos



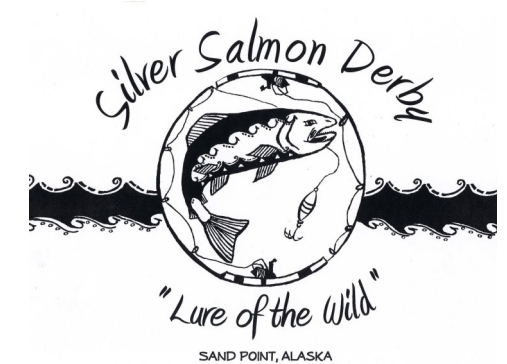
*The Silver Salmon Derby committee.*



*Kids heading to the fishing grounds.*



*Judges testing for the best fish pie.*



*Watermelon eating contest!*



*Mayor Martin Gundersen and wife Julie volunteering for the BBQ.*