

City of Sand Point



Should We Raise Our Tax Rate?

This is the first in a series of discussions concerning the idea of raising our local sales tax rate from 3% to 4%.

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Facts:

- Our current sales tax rate is 3% - It has not changed in the last 15 years!
- Sales tax is one of the primary sources used to fund city government. It accounts for approximately 33% of our general revenue on a yearly basis. Our 2% fish tax accounts for about the same 33% of general fund revenue.
- Raising the sales tax rate would NOT raise the fish tax rate.
- It is estimated that a 1% increase in our sales tax rate would raise approximately \$250,000

Did you know?

- For the first time, the city has taken on a long-term debt commitment. To help fund improvements to the small boat harbor, the city has received \$3 million in bond funds that we must repay. This repayment amounts to approximately \$180,000 yearly for the next 30-years.
- Our current Water/Sewer/Refuse rates do NOT cover the cost of providing these services to the residents of Sand Point. The city has subsidized these services for the past several years and it is estimated that this year alone, these rates will be subsidized approximately 45% or \$250,000.

Please discuss these important issues with your families, neighbors and elected officials. Any change in the sales tax rate requires a vote of the citizens of Sand Point. It is anticipated that this proposed 1% increase to the sales tax rate will be placed on the October ballot for voter approval.



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TO:
BOXHOLDER
SAND POINT, AK 99661

Boat Harbor News

Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor Renovation

The boat harbor has been very busy. As you probably know there is going to be a MAJOR renovation at the harbor, starting mid-August this year. It has been four years in the making, including a lot of pencil pushing, conference calls, meetings, and for some, travel. All the floats are being replaced with new and updated floats, new walkways fingers, and an upgraded electrical system. There will also be a fire system installed. There will be some re-aligning of the float system, the dock is scheduled for demolition, the grid is going to be rebuilt in its entirety. While the renovation is in process, the City/ Harbor asks ALL fishermen NOT to clean or bring any cod/ pollack socks into the harbor as it tends to bring the sea lions into the harbor. The construc-

tion company, Pacific Pile and Marine, will have to shut down operations if there are any sealions in the area. Also, there will be NO offloading of fish of any kind within the boat harbor. We are asking that all tenders stay outside the harbor to offload fishing vessels. The renovation is scheduled to be complete sometime in January or February 2014. All in all there will be a shifting of some vessels in the harbor. The floats will be reconstructed in two phases, float system B and C first followed by A and T. In the mean time, vessel owners will have to bear with us and tie vessels at alternate locations in the harbor. The floats are being built by Trans-Pac and installed by Pacific Pile and Marine.

Stored Gear

As you may have heard, the processing company Silver Bay may be com-

ing to Sand Point to build a plant over at the new harbor. The area they are planning to utilize is the area between the Sea Land vans and the turn to the city dock, [the area that is presently being used for storage]. Fishing gear and supplies will have to be cleared from the area. If you have any gear in that area let the harbormaster know what it is, put your boat name on it, or take it home. As you all know, storage at the harbor is very limited. We have been looking at alternative sites for storage, however nothing definite has been decided on.

City Dock

Within the next year, the fender system at the city dock is up for a rebuild, hopefully there will be funding available from the State to do this project.

Boat Haul-Outs

The city is looking into purchasing some type of gang plank or walkway

so the guys don't have to climb the ladder to board or disembark from the vessel prior to it is being lifted or launched. For safety reasons, there is to be no more riding by anyone during the hauling or launching of any vessel by the City of Sand Point. Thanks for your understanding.

Clean-Up

The clean-up at the harbor went very well. Sorry for not getting much help from the harbor crew. It was boat moving season and the crew was very busy. Many thanks to all the people who were involved, the boat harbor is much better for it.

-Harbormaster
Richard Kochuten Sr.

HARBOR CREW

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Richard Kochuten Sr.
Harbor Maintenance
Eugene Alford
Andrew Gilbert
Jeremy Krone
Night Watchmen
Sam Brandal
Knut Gilbert Jr.

Bingo & Pull Tabs

Pull Tabs

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday
6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Bingo- SUNDAYS

Doors open @ 5:30 PM

Pull tabs @ 5:30 PM

Bingo Starts @ 6:30 PM

Come join the fun!

\$250 Door Prize
Drawings to be held on:

August 4
August 25
September 15

Gaming Auditor
Shannon Sommer

Bingo Assistants
Kathleen Harper
Susan McGlashan
Veronica Wahl



City of Sand Point Officials & Meetings

Elected Officials

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 Rayette McGlashan

Meetings held @ 7:00 PM

(2:00 PM Workshop)

Public Welcome!

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Regularly Scheduled City Council Meetings

August 13, 2013

September 10, 2013

October 8, 2013

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Public Works Director

Dave Stokes

Harbormaster

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Office located at room
10 in the Municipal
Building on Main St.

Community Cleanup



Our annual community cleanup was successfully held the week of May 21th and ended with a barbeque and prize drawing on Saturday, May 25th. The weather cooperated besides a few rain showers during the week and the community responded by an outstanding show of participation and support.

We had daily door prize drawings for particular areas of town for adults and children. In total, we had 75 adult participants and 69 children during the week, with many of them showing up every day to participate. Thank you to all our participants and to the generous businesses that donated, including the Aleut Corporation, Aleutians East Borough, Aleutian Housing Au-

thority, Alaska Central Express, AC Value, Carla Chebetnoy, City of Sand Point, Coastal Transportation, Harbor Café, Peter Pan Seafoods, Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, Shumagin Corporation, TelAlaska, Trident Seafoods, WASTAC, and Western Marine Construction.

Logo Contest

The City of Sand Point is looking for a logo to use for new Sand Point, Alaska sweatshirts. This logo will not take the place of the City of Sand Point logo currently used in our media.

Grand Prize: \$300

Official Rules and Deadline:

Who can enter the contest: Anyone.

The winner will be announced on August 23, 2013.

How to win: The logo should include locally relevant images: i.e., animals, sea life, scenery, boats, plant life, etc. The logo should also include the words “Sand Point, Alaska.”

The winner will be selected based on the following:

1. How well the design reflects the essence of the community of Sand Point.
2. How adaptable the design is for use on promotional items (T-shirts, mugs, etc.) as well as for print, web, and social media.
3. How well the logo translates to other color formats: B&W, duotones, 2Color, and Reverse.

How to enter: To be eligible to win, contestants should have their logo turned in by 4:00 PM on August 16, 2013.

To: sptcity@arctic.net or City of Sand Point, P.O. Box 249, Sand Point, AK 99661.

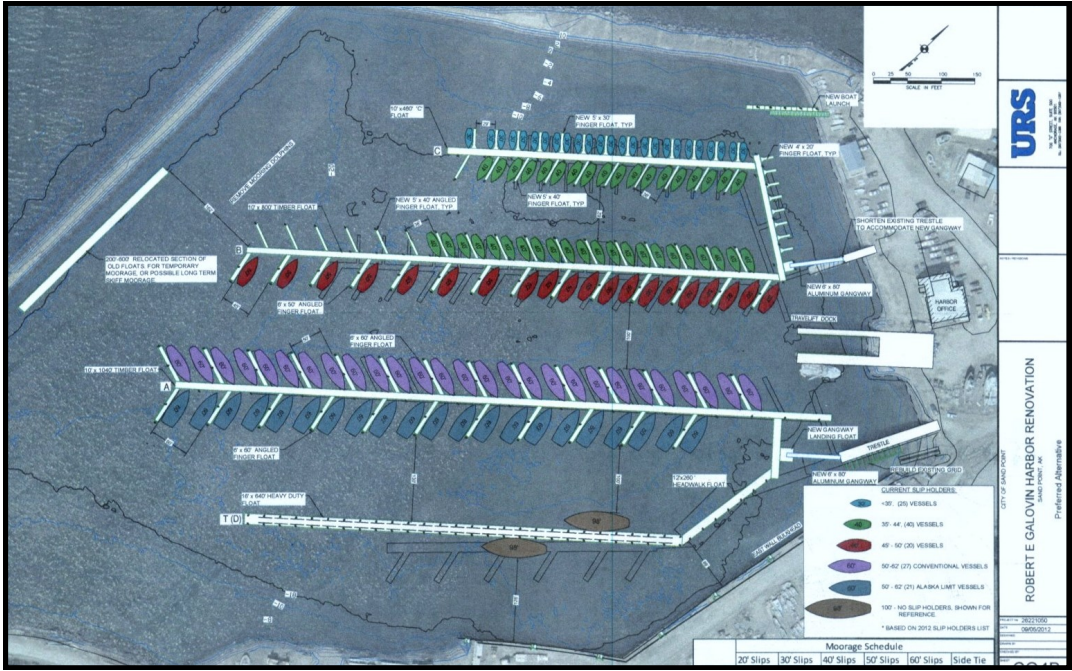
For more information, contact the City Office at 383-2696.



Tentative Schedule for Harbor Project

The Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor renovation project is scheduled to begin within the next 30-60 days. Listed below is Pacific Pile and Marines tentative construction schedule. Please understand that these dates are just a “best guess” at this time as barge schedules, weather and availability of materials all play a part in how the project will come together. If/when timeframes change, we will do our best to keep you informed.

Phase One West Side / Floats B and C	Planned Date:
· Work barge arrives on site	8/17
· Demo begins	8/20
· Materials barge with floats arrives	8/17
· Float and piling installation begins	8/27
· Utility installation	10/8
· Phase one substantially complete	11/5
Phase Two East Side / Floats A and T	
· Demo begins	10/31
· Materials barge with floats arrives	not determined
· Float and piling installation begins	11/21
· Utility installation	12/14
· Phase two substantially complete	1/15
Final inspections and project completion	1/15 to 2/15



Emergency Planning

The spectacular show from Pavlof's volcano this summer is a reminder that we live in a place which can be significantly affected by natural events or catastrophes beyond our control. As the local government department responsible for Emergency Management and Planning, it is a reality we at the Police Department take very seriously. As an agency, it is our responsibility to plan for disasters which might affect the community, and we know that even when a contingency plan for disasters which might affect the community, and we know that even when a contingency plan has been created, our work is not done. Plans must be regularly reviewed and updated to take into consideration

changes that may have occurred since the last plan was devised. For this reason, we will soon be convening meetings to solicit ideas from members of the community for how best to upgrade our emergency planning committee tasked with updating our current emergency operations plan. We want all voices in the community to be heard, so we encourage you to offer your wisdom to this planning effort. If you are interested in participating on the emergency planning committee, please contact Officer John Wahl at the Sand Point Police Department. Meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

While planning on a community level is important, so is family preparation.

Disasters can happen suddenly, and it sometimes takes a little time to gear up a community-wide response. It is important that each family be prepared to look after themselves until such time as help can arrive. Likewise in a true emergency, there may not be enough help to go around if everyone in town is dependent on city services for survival. We all have a responsibility to prepare in advance as much as we can for potential emergencies that might reasonably befall us. Have you checked your emergency kits lately? Do your children know where the kit is, and what is in it? If an earthquake or other natural disaster struck suddenly when some of your family was not at home, would everyone

(especially the children) know what to do in order to be safe? These are just some of the questions you should consider when devising your own family disaster plan. The internet provides a wealth of information on things you can do at home to prepare in advance for possible emergencies. We encourage you to visit Alaska's emergency information site: <http://www.ak-prepared.com/prepare> or the federal homeland security one: www.ready.gov for guidance on things you can do now to be prepared for when a disaster strikes.

-Chief John Lucking Jr.

Safe Routes To School

SPPD is pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded a grant from the state that is aimed at making local children safer when they are out walking or biking on city streets. The grant will allow us to do some fun safety events with the children in coming months, but will also enable

us to convene a planning committee of parents, school personnel and city government representatives so that we can consider as a community what impedes children from being safe while walking or biking to school, and look for ways to mitigate those hazards. The primary purpose of the Safe

Routes to School program is threefold: 1) To enable and encourage children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school. 2) To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.



4th of July Celebration



THANK YOU!



The annual 4th of July Celebration started with a parade through town, followed by a barbeque and carnival down at the boat harbor gear shed. We had a great turnout for the afternoon and appreciated all the help from the City staff and volunteers. We appreciated the generous donations from the following businesses: AC Value, Aleutians East Borough, Aleutian Housing Authority, Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, Peter Pan Seafoods, Sand Point Generating, Shumagin Corporation, and Trident Seafoods.

Employment Opportunity

The City is accepting applications for the following full-time permanent position:

POSITION: City Clerk
SALARY: \$18.63/hr. starting pay + benefits

This position is under the direction of the Mayor and Sand Point City Council and works with other personnel at City Hall to insure prompt and courteous service to the citizens of Sand Point.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Preparing and assembling meeting agendas, post all meetings and public notices timely, attend all council meetings and take minutes, draft and prepare ordinances and resolutions, maintain municipal records and files, issue various city licenses and permits, responsible for city leases and agreements, open and distribute incoming mail to appropriate departments, conduct city elections, passport agent, and assist the general public and city employees with any questions or concerns.

*** POSITION WILL BE OPEN UNTIL FILLED ***

THE CITY OF SAND POINT IS A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE.

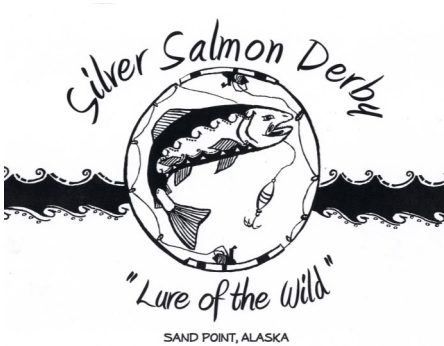
Applicant must pass mandatory drug screening at the time of employment.

THE CITY OF SAND POINT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

Women & Minorities Are Encouraged To Apply.

Contacted the City Office at 383-2696 for applications or more information.

2013 Silver Salmon Derby Raffle



\$20 per ticket
Grand Prize

Anchorage Getaway which includes
2 round trip tickets on PenAir Tickets & \$1000

Cash
2nd Prize
50" TV
3rd Prize
Ipad Mini

Tickets are being sold by: Tina Anderson, Rayette McGlashan, Cheryl Lyn Lundgren, Jade Cromer, Tiffany Jackson, Carla Chebetnoy & Bob Barnett



Like ‘Sand Point Silver Salmon Derby’ on Facebook for other updates and news closer to the event.

Enforcement Advisory

Every season brings special concerns when looking after public safety, so we want to remind you that now that school is out the department will be focusing a bit more on traffic enforcement in an effort to keep local children safe on the streets. We are asking you to not use road shoulders

in town for parking as our streets are already narrow and parking that way creates a driving hazard for others. We also ask that you please slow down when driving and watch for kids that are walking, biking, and skateboarding along or near roadways. The little ones can be hard

to see, and don’t always think before darting into traffic. Please drive defensively and help insure it will be a safe and happy summer for everyone.

-Chief John Lucking Jr.

Do You Know Where Your Kids Are?

Another important summertime reminder is that Sand Point has a curfew for youth under 18 years of age, and that they are prohibited from being out on the streets or in other common areas between midnight and 5 AM during the summer vacation unless they are accompanied by a parent or another competent

adult (*which does not mean just a slightly older companion*). As a parent, you could be held responsible and be subject to prosecution should your child be found in violation of the curfew ordinance. The purpose of the curfew is to prevent excessive noise disturbance, acts of vandalism and other mis-

chief young people might manage to get into when unsupervised, as well as to look after their personal safety. It is not often that GOOD things happen to children who are out on the streets after midnight.

-Chief John Lucking Jr.

Your Thoughts

You should know that your police department works hard to keep you safe in both obvious and unseen ways. Whether patrolling the streets, investigating crimes, planning for emergencies, or

looking for ways to make the community safer, we are here to serve and protect the city of Sand Point. Our doors are always open to residents who have questions or want to express concerns, so please

don’t hesitate to let us know if we are meeting your expectations.

-Chief John Lucking Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief of Police

John Lucking Jr.

Police Officers

Michael Livingston

Aaron Spencer

John Wahl

Fire Chief

Dave Stokes

EMS Chief

Susan Cartwright

Administrative Assistant

Mary Ann Krone

911 Dispatchers

Anne Nielsen

Jesse Pesterkoff



Public Works News

The Public Works Department has a busy summer schedule ahead. Currently, we are repairing broken board walk areas as needed. If you see any area which is a safety concern, please let us know. The crew is also installing a remote hydraulic control box on the incinerator that will help prevent the crew from having to breathe in the smoke and ash while incinerating.

During the next couple months, we have many projects planned. There will be a water main added which will begin at the

gear shed and run to the new harbor. While the crew is working in that area, we ask that you please be aware and limit driving in that area unless necessary. We have already removed many of the derelict trailers in the trailer court and will finish up the last few and also a house in Little Sanak.

As the weather permits, we will assist in the assembly of the new City playground equipment and footing. While the new addition to the playground is being constructed, for you and your



Public Works assisting with Head Start playground.

children's safety, please avoid use of the City playground.

The City partnered with the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, Inc., Head Start Program in installing their new playground footing, which is made up from recycled rubber tires. The addition of rubber mulch makes a safer playground surface for the young children who use it.

*-Public Works Director
Dave Stokes*

We will be working with the Public Works Department on installing the new water main to the new boat harbor. The project will take up to three weeks to complete.

*-Water/Wastewater
Supervisor*

PUBLIC WORKS CREW

Director

Dave Stokes

Shop Foreman

Paul Karlsen

Operators

Julius Karlsen

John Jacobsen

Recycling Foreman

Walter Osterback

Water/Wastewater Supervisor

Dennis McGlashan Jr.

Water Operator

Dallas Faamausili

Solid Waste Operator

Brandon Gundersen

Solid Waste Laborer

Wade Johansen



Water & Sewer Department

We continue to look for water leaks to repair. In the last six months, we have cut water usage down by 50% by identifying and repairing major leaks found. By reducing water usage, it saves the City on electricity and chemical costs.

The Trident Lift Station has been completely upgraded and we have ordered the material needed to update the Nagai Lift Station. It is our goal to update all the major lift stations over the next few years.

Stellar Observations

Aim for the stars. The word stellar literally means star or the highest standard of performance. An observation is a higher standard than just look or see. It means in addition to perceiving with the senses, to make a connection to our prior knowledge. A perfect example of a stellar observation was made right here in our own neighborhood. Between 174-1743 Vitus erring sailed east from Kamchatka and stopped on one of our islands to bury a crewmember that had died of scurvy, a deadly disease caused by lack of vitamin C. The man's name was Shumagin, for whom our group of eastern Aleutian Islands was named.

On board Bering's ship, the St. Peter, was a Danish botanist named Georg Stellar. While he made many discoveries during the two year long voyage, his "stellar observation" was made when they encountered some native Aleuts on the islands. To avoid contracting scurvy, sailors setting out on a journey always carried a supply of citrus fruit such as oranges, lemons, and limes. But they are perishable and Bering could not acquire any in a

northern climate because they only grow in warmer southern climates. While acquiring water in the area, they got in trouble with the natives and had to leave and return west. Before they eventually returned to Russia, they had lost their ship, their captain and over half of their crew to scurvy. However, Stellar had observed that the Aleuts did not suffer from scurvy and did not eat citrus fruit. He put those two facts together and started looking at what they did eat. Somewhere they were eating a source of vitamin C. He tried various foods and found that the answer lie in seaweed, a readily available and rich source of vitamin C. That discovery saved the lives of the remaining crew and upon return the crew rewarded Stellar with a large share of their profits from the furs they had collected.

Not all observations are stellar ones like Stellar, Henry Ford, Jonas Salk, Thomas Edison, Madam Curie, Albert Einstein made, but we can all make them, and they are worthwhile because they add to our understanding of the world and an appreciation of the wonderful place that it is. For example, last year was Alaska's coldest winter on record. I love to play in the dirt and

plant vegetables and flowers. But I wasn't able to until June 5. I found that even at that late date the soil had thawed about three inches deep. As I dug, I kept finding what looked like short little sticks in my hand. I returned a few days later to dig again and found that those little sticks had turned into wiggling little worms. I discovered that in the winter worms hibernate our turn dormant. What a great adaptation to these climatically conditions.

A few days ago I made another observation. We had a few warmer days above freezing, so I had been cleaning up the dead leaves and grass in the flower beds, getting them ready for spring planting. I walked along the flowerbed next to the boardwalk. I saw dozens of daffodil leaves had come up about an inch and a half above the surface, as had some new plant with a reddish bud. I was encouraged that spring was nearly here. The next day the wind had turned north-northwest and the ground had frozen again. Again I walked along the boardwalk, looking. There were no leaves or plants to be seen. I was puzzled. I know that upon freezing water expands because I had observed how my pop

cans upon freezing had exploded and burst. And I knew that the ground from freezing and thawing caused our condition we call tundra or a buckling of the ground, causing our lump and bumps. And I know that when the ground had thawed the day before I had had to replant several bulbs, which had become uncovered. What I now observed was that in freezing and expanding, the soil had covered those first plant shoots, basically telling them it was too soon to expose themselves and the ground was protecting them from freezing or becoming wind burned. Wow, I thought, what a wonderful thing this earth is.

Become stellar person and reach for the stars. Become and observer and you will learn more and maybe save your life. If you make stellar observations, you may save others' lives and maybe even the world.

By Mary L. Olsen