

CITY OF SAND POINT NEWSLETTER



DAY ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

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City administrator Paul Day recently informed the Sand Point city council that when his contract expires in January, he will be leaving the position he has held for nearly sixteen years. "I've thought about moving on for the past few months and with the small boat harbor rehabilitation project under construction and nearing completion, I thought this would be a good time to make a graceful exit".

During Day's tenure, he cites numerous accomplishments and improvements to the city's infrastructure that he is most proud of. "When I first started back in 1998, driving into the city from the airport meant you had to pass the old garbage dump along the side of the road where smoldering garbage gave an unfavorable 'first impression' of just what a beautiful city Sand Point was. Working first with Mayor Gundersen and later with Mayor Gardner, we took on the task of building a new, DEC permitted landfill. With help from the QT Tribe getting a road built, the 'new' landfill is up and running and has been functioning for nearly 15 years now". The city has received

several accolades over the years about the condition and operation of this facility.

Moving the Public Works department out of the cramped building across from city hall and into their new building; getting the road built across the bridge allowing a second road access from the harbor to town; a new clinic; a new water treatment facility; paving the School Loop Road; building two gear sheds; filling in tidelands expanding the harbor uplands; and, the \$10 million harbor project are some of the things accomplished while Day has been the Administrator. "All these projects were a team effort and would not have happened without the on-going and positive support from the various city council members that I had the pleasure to work with as well as the hard-working men and women employed by the city". Day also mentioned that he is not leaving the city without some projects to do and working capital to do them with - citing a \$2.5 million grant that he helped secure that will be used to repave the road from the airport into town.

Asked what the future holds, Paul wouldn't admit that he's retiring adding: "With a daughter just starting high school and my penchant for golf trips, unless my wife Carmen wants to get a second job, I'll probably stay busy doing something - what that is I'm not too sure."

The city council has been soliciting applicants to fill this important position and over the past week has interviewed the three finalists. They are: Barbara Higgins, Jordan Keeler and Andy Varner. A hiring decision will be made at the next city council meeting.

*Submitted by:
Paul Day,
City Administrator*



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I want to thank the community for their vote of support approving the 1% sales tax proposition in the October election. With this in mind, it gives us an alternative source of revenue tax that is distributed fairly to all participants.

This gives the City flexibility to adjust our General Fund to offset some of the expenditures that we have accrued due to projects of past and those that are now in their early stages. As in our past newsletter, our sales tax contributes to about 33% of our General Revenue and with your approval it will increase our General Revenue around \$250,00.00. Although

this does not cover all of our financial obligations it is a positive move in the right direction. We are working with local industry to try and address some of these financial obligations and come to a comparable solution that makes it palatable for all.

We have been renovating our City Building both outside and inside with the help of Emil Mobeck and Company, he has replaced the T-111 on the Old Clinic, painted the outside and will finish some of the tasks that are much needed on this building. Robert Dushkin continues our maintenance program for the City he is repairing these buildings on a

need basis.

Our certified Water and Sewer Director has been upgrading our lift stations as well as maintaining the requirements and demands of our water treatment facility.

The Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor is moving along as scheduled, Pacific Pile expects to be through with the first stage of B and C floats by the first week of November. They will then be moving on to T and A floats. With their completion date set in February we wish them well and are working with them to accomplish this goal. *The electricity to B&C floats have been disconnected since Pacific Pile Started the demolition. The new power should be energized on B&C sometime around mid to the end of*

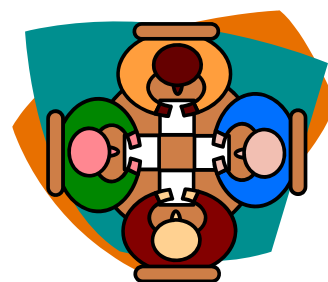
December. It will depend on the weather on the holiday interruption.

November will be a busy month, with the Council appointed of a new City Administrator, AML (Alaska Municipal League) meetings in Anchorage and the Fish Expo in Seattle our calendar is full.

With fall settling in and winter approaching we want to thank everyone for their patience and adjustments to our projects on hand, we are expecting them to go smoothly.

My office is open to any inquiries about any of these projects; please feel free to contact me or our office concerning any questions you may have.

-Mayor Gundersen



HARBOR NEWS

Harbor Project

There are a lot of things happening at the small boat harbor, as you know the rebuild of the Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor is in full swing, B and C floats have been removed and the construction co. (Pacific Pile & Marine) is in the process of replacing both float systems. This project is going to take some time, as soon as they are through with B and C sections they will move over to D and A floats. This project is slated to be complete in January or February 2013. Until then things are and will be a little hectic at the har-

bor, vessel owners will have to shift around for a while, you may even have to raft up with another vessel.

Harbor Crew

The harbor crew have been trying to make heads or tails of all the gear (reels, nets, skiffs, gear in general) over at the new harbor, if you own a skiff or reel over at the new harbor please mark your reel or skiffs. In the near future there may be a processing plant being built in the new harbor area, when they start their build all the skiffs and reels will have to be removed from the new harbor. Now may be

a good time to take your skiff and gear off the new harbor and store it elsewhere. As you can see storage space is at a minimum at the boat harbor. All reels, skiffs, etc., must be tagged with the owners and or vessel name, if you own it claim it please.

Upcoming Projects

Along with the re-build of the harbor there will be some other upgrades with in the harbor, the City will not be getting a new harbor house, however there will be some renovations done to the building. We have already started, a new

roof and new windows have been installed. By this upcoming spring the harbor house should be upgraded somewhat.

Ferry Schedule

There were only two ferry tie-ups this year, at this time I don't know if there will be another one or not.

Thank you,

-Richard Kochuten, Sr.

Harbormaster

HARBOR CREW

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

CITY OF SAND POINT LOGO CONTEST

The City of Sand Point is looking for a logo to use for new Sand Point, Alaska sweatshirts.

Who can enter the contest: Anyone

The deadline for logo design submissions is December 15, 2013

To be eligible to win, contestants should have their logo turned in by 4:00 PM on December 15, 2103!



Full contest description available at the City Office and on the City of Sand Point Facebook page!



Don't forget to 'like' us on Face-book for quick notices and updates! It's simple! Search 'City of Sand Point' through your Facebook page. Click on our page, then click 'Like.'

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

ATVs

One of Sand Point's favored local past times is riding off-road or All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), and over time local ordinances have been created to address issues which are considered to be potentially dangerous to ATV operators and riders, or otherwise endanger other members of our community. With either a lack of awareness of these rules, or simple disregard, common practice seems to have significantly strayed from the guidance of the ordinances, causing the need for the police department to begin focusing more of its energies on stronger ATV enforcement. Over coming months, local police officers will be actively issuing warnings and writing citations for the purpose of moderating behavior which threat-

ens public safety and is contrary to the city's existing ATV ordinance's and associated state laws.

It is important to keep in mind that ATVs are not toys. They are powerful machines, and they are capable of causing severe injuries or death to even the most experienced drivers. Each year scores of Alaskans are killed and hundreds are injured in ATV and off-road vehicle crashes. Some of the injuries are minor, but too many of these incidents result in head injuries which can have life-time effects. Ordinances have been created in order to reduce the risk of these things in Sand Point.

Some of our local ordinances include the following requirement for the street operation of ATVs:

- All ATVs must have

appropriate safety and protective equipment (headlights, taillights, mufflers, fenders and breaks)

- Operators of ATVs must be properly licensed
- The minimum age of an individual to operate and ATV on a roadway is 16 years of age
- Parents or responsible third parties may not authorize or permit anyone to operate an ATV on any roadway in violation of ATV Ordinance or other State traffic laws.
- Helmets and eye protection are required for **ALL** passengers on ATVs
- Helmets and eye protection are required for all youth drivers under the age of 18
- At **NO** time are

ATVs allowed on walking paths or boardwalks

- Riders cannot be carried on an ATV unless the ATV has a permanent seat intended for passenger use for that ride
- All ATV drivers must obey local and state traffic laws and all other 'rules of the road'

Beyond these few cited ordinances, it is important that all ATV operators are respectful of their neighbors and operate as quietly as possible in residential areas; and it is also extremely important the operators be cautious and respectful of pedestrians, other drivers on our roadways. Many local and state laws cover these issues, and those who disregard them are subject to enforcement action for each violation. In addition, their vehicles may be impounded and not

returned until proof of ownership is provided.

Violations of many of the ATV related ordinances are simple infractions which carry a first offense penalty of just \$10, but a second offense occurring within 12 months of the first will have a penalty of \$100, and any subsequent infractions require a court appearance, and

upon a plea or conviction will cost the violator \$300 each.

Please remember that the use of ATVs on our roadways is a privilege in our community, and one that many other communities the size of Sand Point do not enjoy. With respect for other roadway users, and with the compliance of local ordinances and state

statutes, local ATV riders will be much safer, and our ability to enjoy the privilege of on-road ATV use will very likely endure.

-Chief John Lucking Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Chief of Police*
John Lucking Jr.
- Police Officers*
Michael Livingston
Aaron Spencer
- Fire Chief*
Dave Stokes
- EMS Chief*
Susan Cartwright
- Administrative Assistant*
Mary Ann Krone
- 911 Dispatchers*
Anne Nielsen
Jesse Pesterkoff

City Ordinances relating to ATVs and off road vehicles apply not only to “3-wheelers” “4-wheelers” and “quads,” but also to snow machines, motorcycles and “side-by-sides.” More details about Sand Point’s ATV ordinance can be found online at:

<http://www.amlegal.com/library/ak/sandpoint.shtml>



PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

The Public Works Department is beginning to prepare for the winter, we have begun ditching the ditches and ordering chains for the graders.

Recently we had to order a new engine for the D6 Cat Dozer, the engine has been replaced and it is back up and running again.

We have been stacking the harbor demolition floats in the old rock quarry with the cooperation of the Shumagin Corporation.

Water/Sewer

In the Water and Wastewater department we have been preparing for the Nagai lift station upgrade. We have received all the new parts for the change.

-Dave Stokes,
Public Works Director

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



Remember...
as the mornings get colder
be aware of the
road conditions!

PHOTOS AROUND TOWN



**Harbor Photos Courtesy of :
Keith Cronin,
Pacific Pile & Marine, L.L.C.**



BINGO & PULL TABS

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE!

City of Sand Point Pull-tabs is having a raffle starting Sunday, November 24, 2013!
Spend \$50.00 you are automatically entered, or you can buy a ticket for \$10.00!

Prizes include:

- 16GB iPad Mini
- \$50.00 iTunes card
- The North Face hat / glove set
- DVD's
- Cookbook with Godiva Chocolates
- Knife Set
- \$100 Trident Gift Card
- Sweatshirt
- Bath & Body Works Soaps

*Gift Basket will be raffled off
after the New Year!*



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

\$250 Door Prize

Drawings to be held

on:
November 17th
December 8th
December 29th

**Bring a friend and
come join the fun!!!**

Gaming Auditor

Audrey Foster

Bingo Assistants

*Kathleen Harper
Susan McGlashan
Malerie Gundersen*

****Special Thanksgiving Bingo Sunday, November 24, 2013****

2013 GENERAL ELECTION

The City General Election was held on October 1, 2013. The results are as follows:

CITY COUNCIL SEAT A	Danny Cumberlidge	3 year term	
CITY COUNCIL SEAT C	Shirley Brown	3 year term	
PROPOSITION 1: SALES TAX INCREASE	Yes-86	No-56	
PROPOSITION 2: APOC OPT-OUT ORDINANCE	Yes-87	No-51	

The City appreciates the candidates who chose to run for the elected positions. Mayor Gundersen and Councilmember Shirley Brown will attend the Alaska Municipal League Conference this month in Anchorage.

*Congratulations to both Council Members!
Special thanks to the Election judges Dan Williams, Laiv Gundersen and Anne Morris!*

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!!!



Regularly Scheduled

City Council Meetings

November 12, 2013

December 10, 2013

January 14, 2014

February 11, 2014

Administration

City Administrator

Paul Day

Finance Officer

Krista Galvin

City Clerk

Shannon Sommer

Administrative Assistant

Kurtis Gundersen

Director of Public Safety

John Lucking Jr.

Public Works Director

Dave Stokes

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NEW PLAYGROUND FINISHED!



We would like to thank the following for their donation:

*Thank
you*

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Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, Inc.
Aleutian Housing Authority
Carl Moses
Qagan Tayagungin Tribe
Shumagin Corporation
TelAlaska**

LANDFILL HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Closed for Holidays

The Public may bring their garbage/refuse items to the landfill during the hours above unless the winds are above 20 mph, then it is by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, please call the landfill operator at:
(907) 383-8341

VETERINARY CLINIC

Dr. David A Colwell, DVM will be here November 12-14, 2013. He will be providing the following services:

- Annual dog and cat vaccinations
- Rabies vaccinations
- Spaying and neutering, dogs and cats
- Dental prophylaxis (cleaning)
- Geriatric and annual exams
- Nail trims
- Prescription medications

For more information, contact the Animal Control Officer at (907) 947-3807.



THE CITY OF SAND POINT OFFICE AND ALL DEPARTMENTS

WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013

IN OBSERVANCE OF: VETERAN'S DAY

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