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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Zak and Homer City Council
FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager
DATE: June, 2017
SUBJECT: June 12 City Manager's Report

Kachemak Bay Water Trail Pavilion Celebration

Mayor and Council are invited to a picnic and celebration of the Kachemak Bay Water Trail at the new Pavilion behind Pier One on June 17 from noon to 3. The picnic will be to thank donors, including the City of Homer, and volunteers that made the project possible.

Welcome New Deputy City Clerk Smith

Please welcome newly hired Deputy City Clerk 1 Hayley Smith. Haley is a Homer High Graduate and is excited to join the City of Homer team.

Homer steps it up challenge trophy

If you noticed a large gold trophy in the City Hall lobby, it is because City of Homer employees are the proud winner of the first annual Homer Steps it Up challenge. City employees participated in a wellness challenge with The Center, South Peninsula Hospital and Seldovia Village Tribe Clinic during the month of May. The challenge culminated in an awards picnic at WKFL Park on June 1 where various awards were handed out to participants and healthy snacks were shared. A big thank you goes out to organizers who put the multi organization competition together, include Mike Illg with the City of Homer. It was a fun way to get to know our neighbors and inspire some friendly competition. We hope to be able to participate in future years and grow the participating organizations.



Vote for Homer

Homer is in the running for the USA Today Readers’ Choice Best Alaska Attraction. Please ask EVERYONE to vote! <http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-alaska-attraction/> These articles trend really well, generate tons of free press and allow us to share with the world what we all know – Homer is the best place to live and play. You can vote once a day until Monday, July 3rd.

City Campgrounds

Last year at the request of the Parks Art Culture and Recreation Advisory Commission, Council increased RV camping fees to \$20 and got rid of the weekly rate. Preliminary numbers indicate people are choosing to pay a little bit more and move onto campgrounds with improvements. City of Homer campgrounds were down considerably over Memorial Day while all the other campgrounds on the Spit (private) were jam-packed. I will present council with an analysis at the end of the season to see if decreased use negates any increase in revenue from raised prices.

June Employee Anniversaries

I would like to take the time to thank the following employees for the dedication, commitment and service they have provided the City and taxpayers of Homer over the years.

Bob Painter,	Fire	26	Years
Levi Stradling,	Public Works	15	Years
Melissa Jacobsen,	Clerks	13	Years
Mike Illg,	Admin	11	Years
Manfred Kirchner,	Public Works	5	Years
Mike Szocinski,	Public Works	5	Years

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Thank you letter from Hospice of Homer

Thank you letter from Prince William Sound Regional Citizens’ Advisory Council