



# City of Homer

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## City Manager's Report

TO: Honorable Mayor Wythe and Homer City Council

FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager

DATE: October 12, 2015

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

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A short City Manager's report this meeting reflects the amount of time and effort budget preparations have consumed. Staff has been swamped with preparing budget, leaving little time for other pursuits and City business.

### **Accolades for Homer Public Library Staff**

Children's Librarian Claudia Haines has been asked to co-author a book about media mentorship. It will follow up the recent publication of the Association of Library Service to Children white paper "Media Mentorship in Libraries Serving Youth" (which she co-authored) and give librarians solid examples of what media mentorship can look like and ideas for ways to take on the role of media mentor in their communities. The book will be published by ALA Editions (American Library Association) in 2016.

Claudia has also been invited to speak at an event, "Supporting Diverse Families With Media," at Stanford University on October 30. Though she is using personal time to participate, the City is proud that Claudia's contributions to childhood literacy extend far beyond Homer.

### **Natural Gas Payments**

At the last Council meeting we discussed extending the grace period for payment of the Natural Gas HSAD to October 6. This over 30-day grace period would allow people to pay after they received their Permanent Fund Dividend. The Finance Department sent out delinquency notices to almost 600 lot owners who had not made a payment. About half of those lot owners made a payment: we are left with 308 lots that have not paid, received a deferral or exemption. Without interest, this represents over \$1 million dollars (total value of assessments). Per Resolution 15-081(S) and 15-017, a 10% fine (\$326.58) will be added to their amount due and the interest rate will increase from 4% to 10.5%. There are a few parcels that we are still working though issues with. For example, AKDOT&PF has refused to pay on 8 of their lots and I am asking them for either payment for benefited parcels or to bring an official request for exemption to the Council.

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Homer Foundation quarterly report

**HOMER FOUNDATION**  
Quarterly Report to Fund Holders  
*April - June 2015*

Fund Holder    City of Homer  
Fund            **City of Homer Fund**

Fund Type:    Field of Interest  
Fund Code:    1305

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**PORTFOLIO SHARE (Corpus)**

Beginning Balance	212,584.70
Contributions*	5,000.00
* Note: \$14,000 of the City's \$19,000 allocation went to grants, \$5,000 to the corpus of the fund.	
Withdrawals	-
Portfolio Market Change	(710.38)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>216,874.32</b>

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**AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION (Earnings)**

Beginning Balance	21,107.07
Earnings Allocation	626.44
Grants Awarded:	
none from this fund	-
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Grants Total	-
Transfers to Restricted Fund	(16,134.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>5,599.51</b>