City of Homer
2005 Annual Report
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There is much to note about developments in Homer in 2005, but one event will truly go down in history: Our little town got its first real traffic light! Perhaps we are not so little any more.

Several other events also deserve mention:

**City Council gives green light to stores up to 66,000 square feet.** In response to a public vote in October 2004, the City Council passed Ordinance 05-02, increasing the allowable area of buildings used for retail and wholesale businesses to 66,000 s.f. Soon, the Fred Meyer Corporation came forward with plans to build a store of that size in Homer’s “Town Center.” The project remained the topic of much discussion throughout the year. At the end of 2005 Fred Meyer had not yet applied for a building permit, but all indications were that the project would move forward.

**Voters approve sales tax increase.** In a special election in April, Homer voters approved a 1% increase in the local sales tax, thus averting budget cuts that would have impacted public services. The City Council in turn reduced the local property tax rate by one-half mill.

**Three plans completed; two adopted.** From its inception in 1998 as the “Town Square Project,” the Homer Town Center Development Plan was finally completed through the hard work of the Town Center Development Committee and City Planning staff. The plan was approved by the Homer Advisory Planning Commission and forwarded to the City Council. Two other plans were adopted by the City Council: the Homer Non-Motorized Transportation and Trail Plan and the Homer Transportation Plan. Homer was also the subject of an Alaska Department of Transportation study (the Homer Intersections Planning Study) which will help bring about needed improvements at major intersections.

**New Library Capital Campaign ends; construction begins.** After 2½ years of fundraising, the New Library Project Capital Campaign ended with a $1 million dollar appropriation from the Alaska Legislature. A total of $7.88 million was raised through an incredible effort by the Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Library, and City staff. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on May 16 and construction on the 16,000 square foot building began shortly thereafter. The new library is scheduled for completion in late summer 2006.

**Improvements completed on the Homer Spit.** Local residents and visitors alike were happy to see three new restrooms constructed in the vicinity of the Small Boat Harbor. Another improvement was paving the parking areas at the top of Ramps 1, 2, 3, and 4. More improvements are coming, with development of a Spit Parking Plan and design of major modifications to expand the Deep Water Dock.

**New Animal Shelter completed.** Homer’s new Animal Shelter opened its doors to the public in January, providing a dramatic increase in quality of life for the animals within and for the staff and volunteers who work there. The new shelter is in the same location as the previous facility, next to the Department of Public Works.
2006 budget adopted. Exercising one of its most difficult responsibilities, the Homer City Council adopted a budget for 2006 that addresses depreciation, cost of living increases for employees, some personnel and equipment needs, fund balances, funding for non-profit organizations, and support for Community Schools.

Homer remains a wonderful place to live and work and I am very optimistic about the future of the community. The City government is fiscally sound and the economy is expanding at a steady rate. Homer’s elected officials remain committed to enhancing the quality of life and to providing the level and quality of services its residents desire. I look forward to working with the City Council to further diversify the local economy and provide new, stable, well paying employment opportunities for Homer residents. I also greatly anticipate moving forward with the City’s agenda of improving the infrastructure necessary for public health, safety, and welfare. This includes expanding water and sewer systems, repairing roads, constructing trails, improving parks, and providing financial support for the non-government organizations that provide such vital services to the community. In short, Homer is a healthy and vibrant community in many ways and the future is bright as long as the community works together to achieve its common goals.
Mayor and City Council

The City of Homer is a First Class Municipality with an elected mayor and city council. The mayor is elected to serve a 2-year term. City council members serve staggered 3-year terms. Expiration of the term for each member is noted in parentheses below.

The municipal election in October 2005 gave Homer two new City Council members, Mike Heimbuch and Matt Shadle. The names and photographs here represent the governing body at the end of 2005.

Val McLay (2006)  
Dennis Novak (2006)  
Mayor James C. Hornaday (2006) and his dog Sparky  
Doug Stark (2007)  
Mary (Beth) Wythe (2007)  
Mike Heimbuch (2008)  
Matt Shadle (2008)
Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees

The Mayor, City Council, and City employees are grateful to the many local citizens who volunteer their time to serve on advisory boards and short-term committees. The following individuals contributed hundreds of hours in 2005 to help ensure a high quality of life in Homer now and in the future.

Library Advisory Board

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<td>Sue Mauger</td>
<td>Bette Seaman</td>
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<td>Hannah Harrison (student)</td>
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Parks & Recreation Commission

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<td>Tim Dougherty</td>
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<td>Deborah Poore</td>
<td>Lou Stewart</td>
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<td>Mimi Tolva</td>
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Planning Commission

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<td>Lane Chesley</td>
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<td>Rick Foster</td>
<td>Bruce Hess</td>
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<td>Ray Kranich</td>
<td>Devony Lehner</td>
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<td>Fred Pfeil</td>
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Port & Harbor Commission

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<td>Otto Kilcher</td>
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<td>Sean Martin</td>
<td>Melvyn Strydom</td>
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<td>Catherine Ulmer</td>
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<td>Brantley Edens (lifetime honorary members)</td>
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Public Arts Committee

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<td>Connie Alderfer</td>
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<td>Asia Freeman</td>
<td>Don Henry</td>
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<td>Angie Newby</td>
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Road Standards Committee

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<td>Steve Smith</td>
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## City Facts & Figures at a Glance - 2005

**Date of Incorporation** - March 31, 1964

**Area in Square Miles** - 15 sq. mi. of land and 10.5 sq. mi. of water

**City Population (official estimate)** - 5,435

**Borough Population (official estimate)** - 51,224

**City Employees** - 92 full time; 10 part time

**Public Works (including Parks & Rec)**
- Full and part-time employees - 29
- Miles of streets maintained - 46
- Miles of water distribution line - 42.1
- Miles of maintained wastewater line - 48.7
- Campground use
  - (RV and tent nights) - 9,403
- Park acres maintained - 242
- Miles of trail maintained - 5.03

**Public Safety (Police and Fire)**
- Full and part-time employees - 32
- Fire Dept. volunteers - 38
- Combined Fire/EMS calls - 580
- Requests for police services - 5,878
- Arrests - 364
- Days of jail time served - 1,046.5
- Animals turned in or impounded - 600
  - Animals adopted - 289
  - Animals euthanized - 176

**Port & Harbor**
- Full and part-time employees - 13
- Small boat harbor stalls - 920
- Dock landings (not including state ferry)
  - Deep Water Dock - 96
  - Pioneer Dock - 43
- Tons of ice sold - 4,261
- Crane hours billed or metered - 2,819
- Public, Fire, EMS, and Police assists - 296

**Public Library**
- Full and part-time employees - 7
- Library volumes - 34,791
- Library circulation - 89,964
- Attendance - 88,372
- Volunteer hours - 2,570

**Planning**
- Full time employees - 4
- Construction permits issued - 103
- Construction value - $21,611,400

**City Clerks Office**
- Full time employees - 3
- Meetings attended & documented - 139
- City Council ordinances, resolutions, and memoranda processed - 639 (386 final)

**Finance**
- Full time employees - 7
- Grants managed - 41
- Leases managed - 34
- City mill levy (property tax) - 4.5
- Borough mill levy - 6.5
- Kenai Peninsula College mill levy - 1.0
- South Peninsula Hospital mill levy - 1.75
- City sales tax - 4.5%
- Borough sales tax - 2.0%
- City Assessed Value
  - Real property - $426,736,862
  - Personal property - $20,711,630

**City Tax Receipts**
- Property tax - $2,012,170
- Sales tax - $6,150,695

**City Long Term Debt**
- General obligation bonds - $920,000
- Revenue bonds - $870,000
- Assessment bonds - $10,527
- Capital leases - $212,257
- Notes payable - $8,940,597
- Authorized but not issued - $1,039,000
City of Homer Employees - 2005

Names of department heads appear first in each category.

**Administration**
- Walt Wrede
- Sheri Hobbs
- Rachel Livingston
- Gary Richardson
- Steve Bambakidis
- Anne Marie Holen
- Dan Olsen

**City Clerk’s Office**
- Mary Calhoun
- Jo Johnson
- Melissa Jacobsen

**Finance**
- Dean Baugh
- Michele McCandlish
- Joanne Perret
- Lisa Vaughn
- Jo Earls
- Laurie Moore
- Lori Sorrows

**Fire Department**
- Robert Painter
- Elaine Grabowski
- Dean Thoemke
- Steve Boyle
- Dan Miotke
- Tim Yarbrough

**Volunteer Firefighters**
- Dr. Bill Bell
- Kathy Boyle
- Marti Christensen
- Pete Coots
- Jose Diaz
- Arli Emery
- Mary Griswold
- Carey James
- Maynard Kauffman
- Joe Miles
- Patty Murray
- Trevor Mumma
- Robert Purcell
- Josephine Ryan
- Matt Schneyer
- Jennifer Sokol
- Terry Sumption
- Doug Van Patten
- Josiah Wynn
- Christian Black
- Denise Bryant
- Sean Connelly
- Samantha Cunningham
- Candy Edwards
- Robert Gaedecke
- Jeannine Hollerbach
- Pat Johnson
- Susie Malone
- Jason Miller
- Nick Mumma
- Karyn Noyes
- Martin Renner
- Matt Sabelman
- Brian Schmitz
- Carla Stanley
- Gary Thomas
- Mark Walter

**Library**
- Helen Hill
- Peter Coots
- Katherine George
- Kathleen Pankratz
- Joanna Baugh
- Jole Ellis
- Susan Gibson

**Planning**
- Beth McKibben
- Engebretsen
- Lani Eggertsen-Goff
- Beverly Guyton

**Police Department**
- Mark Robl
- John Browning
- Roger Cornett
- Mike Eastham
- Bill Geragotelis
- Will Hutt
- Lary Kuhns
- Greg McCullough
- Patti Morris
- Cory Rupe
- Steve Smith
- Wayne Stanley
- Chuck Thorsrud
- Cheryl Bemowski
- Ineke Buchman
- Andy DeVeaux
- Jona Focht
- Kelly Huddleston
- Mark Kruzick
- Stacy Luck
- Paul Meyer
- Randy Rosencrans
- David Shealy
- Ed Stading
- Janie Stewart
- Barth Troughton

**Port & Harbor**
- Steve Dean
- Wes Cannon
- Dan Cornelius
- Aaron Glidden
- Bryan Hawkins
- Julia Martin
- Mark Whaley
- John Bacher
- Matt Clarke
- Chris Dabney
- Dana Harrington
- Bonnie Judge
- George Tyrer

**Public Works**
- Carey Meyer
- John Berele
- Russell Cheney
- Ken Frazier
- Dan Gardner
- Tamara Hagerty
- Don Henry
- Mitch Hrachiar
- Jan Jonker
- Bob Kosirek
- Steve Martin
- Jim Nelson
- Mike Riley
- Glenn Satterfield
- John Wythe
- Ed Barcus
- David Bolt
- Harlon Engebretsen
- Barbara Garcia
- Richard Gibson
- Julie Harris
- Jim Hobbs
- Patrick Johnson
- Richard Klopp
- Gerald Lawver
- Brian McCarthy
- Terry Overton
- Kurt Roe
- Levi Stradling
City Manager’s Office

The City Manager’s Office is housed at City Hall and includes the City Manager, Administrative Assistant, Personnel Officer, and Special Projects Coordinator. The Systems Manager and janitorial staff are also considered part of the City Manager’s Office.

The Homer City Manager serves as chief administrative officer of the City and is responsible for the effective and efficient administration of all City services through the supervision of administrative staff and department heads. Walt Wrede has served as City Manager since February 2003.

The City Manager works closely with the Mayor and City Council, department heads, and other community leaders to identify and accomplish projects that are in the best interest of the community and to solve problems that might come up. He is responsible for overall budget preparation and shares responsibility with the Mayor and Council for articulating the City’s needs to state and federal officials to secure funding for capital projects.

The City Manager is often the first person a community member calls with a question or complaint about City operations. Fortunately, his assistant, Rachel Livingston, is often able to help. Phones, scheduling, and tracking down information are all part of a normal work day. In 2005 Rachel also contributed significant time to the Japanese Sister City program, the New Library Project, and the Public Arts Committee.

Sheri Hobbs has been Personnel Officer for the City of Homer since 1994. She provides invaluable assistance to the City Manager and department heads on personnel matters and can answer virtually any question employees or prospective employees have about hiring, retiring, and benefits. She also produces the employee newsletter, serves as manager of the airport building, and oversees the City janitorial staff. In 2005, she facilitated hiring of 62 full-time, part-time, and temporary employees (including election workers) and helped 69 others transition out of City employment.

The Special Projects Coordinator, Anne Marie Holen, is responsible for producing the annual Capital Improvement Plan and the Annual Report, and seeks funding for City projects through grantwriting and the preparation of legislative request materials. In 2005, she also helped produce the Town Center Development Plan.

Systems Manager Steve Bambakidis is responsible for keeping the City of Homer computer systems running smoothly, including troubleshooting and maintenance for 16 network servers and more than 100 desktop computers. He maintains the City’s website as well as specialized automated systems for the Police and Fire Departments and Department of Public Works. In 2005, he installed a new phone system and upgraded the wireless system at Port & Harbor offices. He also installed new public use computers at the Homer Public Library and upgraded the City’s anti-virus protection.
For many members of the Homer public, the City Clerk’s Office provides the primary point of contact with local government. As evidence of this, the Homer City Clerk’s Office logged 20,824 phone calls, e-mails, and faxes in 2005, along with 3,858 in-person contacts.

The City Clerk is an official of the City of Homer, appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council. Mary Calhoun has held the position of City Clerk since 1990 and was Deputy City Clerk before that.

The City Clerk attends meetings of the Homer City Council and keeps the journal for the Council and its advisory bodies and committees. The Deputy City Clerks attend the Council’s advisory Commissions and Board meetings and ensure that regulations for public meetings are met. In 2005, staff from the City Clerks Office attended 139 meetings.

The Clerk’s Office manages municipal records and makes them available to the public, provides for codification of ordinances and authenticates or certifies records, prepares agendas and packets for the governing body and advisory bodies as assigned, administers oaths of office, acts as the parliamentary advisor to the City Council, and performs other duties required by law, the City Manager, and/or the Mayor or Council.

Public notice and information is essential in a democracy. The City Clerk’s Office records a weekly informational segment aired on public radio station KBBI and maintains informational kiosks in five locations within the community: Safeway, Captain’s Coffee, the Harbormaster’s Office, Pudgy’s Meat Market, and City Hall. The Clerk’s Office also produces and distributes a quarterly newsletter for City residents and sends a welcoming letter to new businesses.

The Clerk’s Office maintains a website (http://clerk.ci.homer.ak.us) which contains public notices and announcements, invitations to bid and requests for proposals, a calendar of events, and various current and archived documents including policy and procedure manuals, fee schedules, port tariff, meeting agendas and minutes, City Code, ordinances and resolutions, and election information.

The City Clerk administers all municipal elections and assists with borough and state elections. Two elections were held in 2005. In a special election on March 22, 63% of voters said YES to the question “Shall the City of Homer Sales Tax rate of levy be increased by 1 (one) percent from 3.5% to 4.5%?” As promised, the City Council then reduced the local property tax by one-half mill.

The regular City election was held on October 4, to elect two City Council members. Mike Heimbuch and Matt Shadle were elected to serve 3-year terms. A total of 1,221 Homer residents cast ballots in the election.

The Clerk’s Office works with special needs students who assist the City Clerk with multiple tasks and especially bulk mailings. Their assistance is invaluable.
The City of Homer Finance Department provides overall administration of the financial activities of the City. The Finance Department is proud to have received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 21 consecutive years.

The Finance Department

- assists in the development of an annual budget and prepares a year-end comprehensive annual financial report.
- provides accounting services for all departments of the City.
- monitors all general ledger account activities.
- administers all accounting functions related to accounts payable and receivable, purchasing, budget and payroll systems, reception, utility, port and ambulance billings, and capital projects.
- monitors and accounts for the financial activities of grants entered into by the City.
- administers the City property leases.

Finance Director Dean Baugh left the position in late 2005 after being with the City since 1998. After his departure, Lisa Vaughn, Accounting Supervisor, acted as the Interim Finance Director. In this capacity, Lisa finalized the FY2006 budget and handled the City’s investments, among other duties.

In 2005 the Finance Department took over the maintenance of the street and address files for the City. Joanne Perret is responsible for keeping these files up to date with address/street data from Planning, permits from Public Works, records of new meter hook ups, utility line diagrams and other engineering information, and records of utility connects and disconnects.

The chart below shows the increased workload that the Finance Department is handling on a regular basis, with no increase in staffing.

The staff is able to manage the increased workload in part due to electronic processing. However, the most important factor in the efficiency of the Finance Department is the dedicated employees who are committed to see that the job is done.

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<td>3,158 checks/direct deposits</td>
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<td>19,916 generated</td>
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Planning

The Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for reviewing all Conditional Use Permit applications, variances, rezones, sign permits, and zoning permits. Additionally, staff facilitates long range planning efforts such as updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Staff works with the public to resolve zoning violations and to enforce the parking and zoning codes. The Planning Department maintains a website at http://planning.ci.homer.ak.us/dahome.htm to assist the public in understanding Homer’s zoning code and to provide easy access to relevant documents.

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A sign across the Sterling Highway from Safeway and construction of vacation homes at Land’s End point to growth and changing demographics in Homer.
The trend of rapid change due in large part to new technology in public libraries nationwide continued during 2005, and the Homer Public Library was no exception. Libraries have become much more than repositories where books are kept. Today, librarians teach users how to find, evaluate, and use information in many formats. We strive to merge the best parts of traditional library functions with new technology so we may continue to provide excellent library service to the community of Homer.

**New Library Project:** The successful conclusion of the New Library Project capital campaign and the start of construction for a new library were by far the most significant events for the Homer Public Library in 2005. Impressed by tremendous support within the Homer community and a large grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, major funders including the U.S. Department of Agriculture–Rural Development, U.S. Department of Commerce–Economic Development Administration, and the State of Alaska provided the final $3 million needed to put the project out to bid. A fun and festive Groundbreaking event was held on May 16, beginning with a procession from the current library to the new library site. Actual construction by local firm Jay-Brant began less than two weeks later. By the end of the year, Homer residents only had to “JUST IMAGINE” the inside of the library, since the exterior was largely complete. A Grand Opening is planned for September 16, 2006.

**Visitors and Cardholders:** The library assisted over 88,000 visitors in 2005 or 7.6 visits per capita. (The national average is 4.6 visits per capita). The library issued 380 city resident, 320 borough resident, and 57 temporary library cards during 2005. Seventy-seven percent of community residents have library cards.

**Collection, Circulation, and Interlibrary Loan:** There are 34,791 items in the library’s collection. During 2005, 1,534 items were added to the collection, and 1,465 out-of-date, damaged, and/or lost items were withdrawn. Staff recorded 89,964 circulations during 2005, or 7.9 items per capita. (The national average is 7.0 items per capita). The library was able to provide interlibrary loan service for patrons through its subscription to OCLC, a bibliographic database that provides access to other libraries’ resources throughout the state, nation, and world. During 2005, the library borrowed 1,189 items for Homer library cardholders and loaned 610 items to other libraries (a 63% increase over items loaned in 2004).

**Programs:** The library is fortunate to have many talented members of the community volunteer as readers for Story Hour, ensuring that the weekly pre-school Story Hour program continues to be popular with young children and their parents. The 2005 Summer Reading Program, “It’s Fantastic,” focused on larger-than-life literature such as myths, science fiction and fantasy, folktale and folklore, legends and tall tales, and fairy tales and fables. 2515 children and their families participated in the 8-week program of reading, activities, and lots of fun.

Also during 2005, 19,145 patrons used the library’s six public computers for their electronic research and communications needs.

**Grants:** Once again, the library received support from The Homer Bookstore to continue with the Born to Read program. This program welcomes
new babies born in South Peninsula Hospital with a gift bag containing a letter of welcome, a book suitable for babies, and a library card registration form. Other grants assisted the library with books and computers: the Public Library Assistance Grant from the Alaska State Library provided the library with additional funds to purchase books and the federal E-rate program provided substantial assistance with telecommunications expenses.

Volunteers: The increase in the number of volunteers since the start of the New Library Project has been phenomenal. In 2005, 486 people volunteered almost 2,570 hours, an increase of over 90 percent since 2002. In addition to the capital campaign activities, the Friends of the Library worked hard to raise money for the library through innovative fund-raisers such as their own book, *Where Were You? Alaska 64 Earthquake*, a compilation of local reminiscences of the 1964 Good Friday earthquake. As always, the Friends of the Library's book and plant sales were very well attended by the community. The “Top Drawer Collection,” a Friends program that publishes and catalogs the work of local writers, continued to bring local talent into the library where it may be shared with the community.

The library could not function without the help of generous volunteers and local businesses and service organizations who assist with shelving, book processing, Story Hour, Summer Reading Program, National Library Week, and many more programs and services. The library is deeply grateful to the members of the Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Homer Public Library, and the committee members of the New Library Project. In addition, we thank the Reid family for once again providing the library’s beautiful hanging baskets and maintaining the library’s memorial garden during the summer months of 2005.
**Homer Volunteer Fire Department**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**
The Fire Department is committed to protecting and serving the public when members of our community are threatened by fire, accidents, and natural or man-made disasters. To accomplish this mission the Department will deliver proactive emergency risk management, emergency services, and educational prevention programs.

**General Information:** The Homer Volunteer Fire Department is a small combination fire department (meaning that there are both paid and volunteer members) providing fire, emergency medical services, and rescue to the residents of Homer and the surrounding areas. The Fire Department operates as a registered agency with the State Fire Marshal’s Office and under annual contract to Kachemak City and the Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA). Currently there are six authorized paid positions within the Fire Department: Chief, Assistant Chief, Departmental Services Coordinator, and three Emergency Service Specialists (Firefighter/EMT-III). The Fire Department’s activities are spread among three functional areas: Departmental Services, Fire Services, and Emergency Medical Services.

In 2005 the Fire Department responded to 455 fire and emergency medical calls within Homer City limits; 19 calls to Kachemak City; 99 calls to KESA; and 7 calls to other areas of greater Kachemak Bay. Members of the Homer Volunteer Fire Department contributed 4,285 hours of time responding to calls and spent over 6,000 hours in training.

**Departmental Services:** The Departmental Services section of the department provides member support, facility management, and all public education and prevention activities of the fire department. Members provide outreach education through public and private schools, church groups, childcare centers, and through participation in local events such as the Safe Kids Fair and Annual Health Fair. Departmental Services also coordinates the issuing of City of Homer and State Division of Forestry Open Burning Permits. Departmental Services members provided 843 hours of prevention and other activities in 2005.

**Fire Services:** The size and complexity of the Homer area provide an enormous opportunity for firefighters and staff. Under the fire service umbrella fall the following activities: structural firefighting, wildlands firefighting, marine firefighting, aircraft firefighting, heavy rescue and extrication, confined space rescue, and hazardous materials response. The Fire Department is authorized by the State of Alaska Fire Service Training Officer to conduct certified Firefighter I and Firefighter II training. All firefighters are, as a minimum requirement, certified to the Firefighter I level (a training program averaging 300 hours).

In 2005 the Fire Department responded to 16 structure fires, 29 wildlands fires, 12 vehicle fires and 54 requests for public assist. Fires resulted in a fire loss to the community of about $270,000 dollars, while property saved amounted to over $965,000.

**Emergency Medical Service:** The largest functional area of the Fire Department doesn’t really involve fires at all. Emergency medical calls typically account for up to 80% of all Fire Department activities each year. 2005 was no exception as the Homer Volunteer Fire Department members responded to 469 medical emergencies including those to Homer, Kachemak City, and KESA.

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department is a State Certified “Out of Hospital” Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service. Advanced Life Support services are provided by emergency medical technicians with advanced training including EMT-II, EMT-III and Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics. In addition to the basic level classes
required for certification, Fire Department personnel also participate in a multitude of other classes and drills to improve their medical skills and abilities. Some of these courses include: Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation Program, Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals, and Basic Trauma Life Support.

Homer Volunteer Firefighters demonstrate use of ventilation equipment (above) and techniques for fighting a car fire (left).
The Homer Police Department utilizes community-based policing along with proactive enforcement to keep Homer a safe and healthy community. Twelve police officers, seven community jail officers, and seven civilian public safety dispatchers were employed at the Police Department in 2004.

In 2005, the Department received 5,878 requests for service, down 4.3% from 2004. Likewise, the number of arrests made in 2005 (364) was down 15% from the previous year. 464 property crimes and 75 violent crimes were logged, up 14% in both categories. Homer saw a slight increase in motor vehicle accidents, with a total of 168 reported in 2005. The accidents led to 20 injuries and four fatalities.

The Department operates and maintains a seven bed state contract jail facility. Prisoners can be held up to ten days. In 2005, prisoners served a total of 1,046.5 days in the Homer Community Jail, a decrease of 27% from 2004.

The Homer Police Department experienced significant personnel changes in 2005, with six new hires (Ed Stading, Jim Hipbshman, Mike Eastham, Ineke Buchman, Cheryl Bemowski, and Jona Focht) and eight resignations. The Department was pleased to promote Lary Kuhns to the position of Investigations Sergeant in July.

Homer police officers receive extensive training to improve their skills and service to the community. In 2005, eight officers spent a total of 560 hours in training, covering such topics as breath test recertification, Taser instruction, domestic violence, and computer crime. Officers and jail staff also received training for handling hazardous materials and firearms.

Two officers are certified Commercial Vehicle Inspectors and regularly conduct intensive safety inspections of local commercial vehicles. The Department also maintained a cooperative agreement with neighboring law enforcement agencies by providing an officer to train and deploy with the Kenai Peninsula Special Emergency Response Team (SERT).

The department's 9-1-1 service includes TDD for the hearing impaired. Homer 9-1-1 dispatches all emergency agencies such as Police, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Alaska State Troopers, Search and Rescue teams, Civil Defense, Alaska State Parks, and Fire/Rescue/EMS south of Ninilchik including across Kachemak Bay and the outlying Russian villages.

HPD is the designated emergency communications and operating center for the southern Kenai Peninsula in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The department operates with the enhanced system which allows 9-1-1 emergency operators to have instant access to the addresses of the 9-1-1 callers.

The Police Department supervises the operation of the Homer Animal Shelter. A new, larger Animal Shelter opened in January 2005. The shelter is open three hours daily and is operated by a private contractor.
Misdemeanor and Felony Related Charges 1996-2005

Motor Vehicle Accidents 1996-2005
The staff of the Homer Port and Harbor Department operates, maintains, and administers the largest single basin boat harbor in Alaska as well as the adjacent Deep Water Dock and Pioneer Dock—and does it 24 hours a day.

**Fishing Support and Activity:** The city-operated ice plant sold 4,261 tons of high quality flake ice to the fishing fleet and local processors in 2005. This is the second highest annual total since the ice plant began operation in 1983. This ice was used to preserve the quality of over 20 million pounds of salmon, halibut, sablefish, and pacific cod landed at the Port of Homer in 2005. Homer was once again the number one halibut port in Alaska with over 10 million pounds delivered locally.

**Small Boat Harbor:** The Small Boat Harbor consists of a 48 acre basin with 920 reserved slips, 6,000+ lineal feet of transient floats, the Homer Fish Dock with 483’ vessel berthing on sides and face and eight cranes, the Homer Ice Plant producing up to 100 tons of flake ice per day, a wood grid and a steel grid, five-lane boat launch ramp, and barge/landing-craft loading ramp. At the end of 2005, 133 boat owners were on the wait list for a reserved stall in the small boat harbor.

Preliminary studies have been conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the University of Alaska, Anchorage School of Engineering to plan for future expansion, to relieve congestion, meet projected demand, and improve security.

**Port:** The Port consists of the Deep Water Dock with 345 feet of face plus three mooring dolphins, two mooring buoys, 40’ water depth (MLLW) at the face; and the Pioneer Dock with 469’ face, and 40’ water depth (MLLW).

The Deep Water Dock saw an increase of almost 25% in landings from 2004 to 2005. These included the Navy Ship *Cromelin*, NOAA ships *Rainier* and *Fairweather*, processor *Discovery Star*, and numerous tugs and barges. Of particular note was the 360’ x 100’ barge *Sitka Provider* which loaded 2,915 tons of equipment for the Red Dog mine.

The City of Homer received federal funds in 2005 to commission a detailed design and economic analysis for future expansion of the Deep Water
Dock to improve its freight handling capability.

The Pioneer Dock was busy in 2005 providing berthing for the USCG Buoy Tender Hickory, preferential berthing for the Alaska Marine Highway ocean class ferries (Tustumena and Kennicott), and the transfer of 9,652,593 gallons of fuel by tug and barge to the nearby Petro Marine terminal.

There were two cruise ship landings at the Pioneer Dock in 2005. The City of Homer continues to work with the Chamber of Commerce to market Homer as a cruise ship destination.

Projects: Projects completed at the Port of Homer in 2005 include three new public rest-rooms, paving to improve access at Ramps 1, 2, 3, and 4, a new fish cleaning facility at Ramp 6, and a $450,000 cathodic protection project at the Deep Water Dock.

Future projects funded but not completed include an extension of potable water to floats P, Q, R and S, a high mast light at System 5, a new restroom in the vicinity of the Fish Dock, and driveway access improvements at the Fish Dock.

Training: Staff training completed in 2005 included hazardous materials handling, bloodborne pathogen exposure, AED, CPR, emergency trauma training, facility security and advanced marine fire fighting. The senior operating staff also maintains current USCG Captains licenses at a variety of tonnages.

HOMER SEAFOOD LANDINGS IN MILLIONS OF POUNDS
1996-2005

Homer maintained its reputation as “The Halibut Capital of the World” in 2005, landing 10,716,246 pounds of halibut—28% more than the next closest port (Kodiak).
Public Works

The Homer Public Works Department provides many of the most visible public services in the community, including maintenance of 6.8 miles of “urban” gravel roads, 25 miles of “rural” gravel roads, and 13.7 miles of paved roads. Public Works staff also maintain all 13 City-owned buildings, 18 parks, four play fields, and two campgrounds.

The Parks Coordinator, Tamara Hagerty, is responsible for procuring and planting seeds for the Homer Beautification Program. She also supervises the maintenance of public restrooms, all parks and cemeteries, and airport parking and camp fee collection. Maintenance of Calhoun Trail, Beluga Trail, Fairview Trail, Poopdeck Trail, and the Homer Spit Trail are also the responsibility of the Public Works Parks Division.

The Motor Pool Mechanics are responsible for maintaining the City’s 106 light vehicle and heavy equipment pieces—all the Public Works, City Hall, Police Department, Fire Department/EMS and Port & Harbor rolling stock.

The Water Utility (1,272 active service connections) consists of 42.10 miles of distribution main lines, four storage tanks, 332 fire hydrants, 567 main line gate valves, 22 pressure reducing stations, the water treatment plant facility, and the raw water pump station facility. The Wastewater Utility (1,359 active sewer service connections) consists of 48.65 miles of collection main lines, 731 sanitary sewer manholes, 9 sewer lift/pump stations (including two residential stations on the Spit), the Spit Fish Outfall pump station, and the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Port Maintenance helps keep the Deep Water Dock, Pioneer Dock, high mast lighting system, boat launch ramp, fire carts/pumps, commercial barge ramp, finger floats, port water and electrical service, wood grid, steel grid, and miscellaneous Port & Harbor equipment in good working order.

Public Works provides construction management, engineering, and inspection services for City construction projects and a wide range of capital improvement projects.

Highlights of 2005 include construction of a 12-bay Large Equipment Storage Shed by Public Works employees.
Construction of the new Homer Public Library began in late May and proceeded on schedule during the summer, fall, and winter months. The project will be completed in late summer 2006.

Construction of three new restrooms on the Homer Spit was completed in time for the 2005 summer tourist season. Four LID projects were also completed: Thompson Drive sewer, East End sewer, Hillside Acres water/sewer, and East End water/sewer. Approximately 60,000 cubic yards of fill was placed at the site of the new Jack Gist Recreational Park.

Public Works water treatment plant personnel made improvements to the City water system through modifications to the fixed inlet piping at Bridge Creek Reservoir. The improvements allow the inlet pipe to move up and down in order to extract water from the lake at different depths in response to lake upset conditions. In this way, raw water quality is improved and the plant operates more efficiently.

The Alaska Department of Transportation completed major road improvements on Bartlett Street and Hohe Street, including the replacement of water lines. Although some minor punch items will be completed by the Contractor, Public Works has assumed maintenance responsibilities for the roads.

Carey Meyer (far left) and Ben Gibson (far right) lead yet another tour of the new library during construction in fall 2005. In between are Library Director Helen Hill, Mayor Jim Hornaday, legislative aide Jane Alberts, and state Senator Gary Stevens.
The City of Homer’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a long-term guide for capital project expenditures. City administration, department heads, advisory boards and commissions, City Council members, non-profit organizations, and the general public are all encouraged to provide suggestions for the CIP. While inclusion in the CIP does not guarantee funding for a project, it can be very helpful since many agencies will not consider funding a project unless it is identified as a community priority in an official plan adopted by the local government.

In October 2005, the Homer City Council approved the Capital Improvement Plan for 2006-2011 with descriptions of 59 projects including roads, trails, buildings and other structures, land acquisition, and equipment.

The City Council was pleased to note that funding for the following projects from the 2005-2010 CIP had been identified or procured:

- Community Ice Rink
- Deep Water Dock Corrosion Control
- New Homer Public Library
- Public Works Large Equipment Shed
- Refurbishing HVFD Tanker 1

At its October 10 meeting, the Homer City Council passed several resolutions relating to the 2006-2011 CIP.

Resolution 05-101 identified three projects of “significant area-wide benefit”:

- Deep Water Dock Construction Phase 2
- Water Treatment Plant/Alternative Water Source Feasibility Study
- Kachemak Bay Branch UA Campus Expansion, includes possible purchase of City Hall which may assist in obtaining a new City Hall in the Town Center

Resolution 05-102 and 05-119 identified seven projects for inclusion on the federal legislative request list:

- Water Treatment Plant Expansion
- Water Treatment Plant Upgrade/Alternative Water Source
- East Boat Harbor
- Homer Intersection Improvements
- Heath Street Extension

City’s annual request to the Alaska Legislature:

- Water Treatment Plant/Alternative Water Source Feasibility Study
- Deep Water Dock Construction, Phase 2
- Kachemak Bay Branch UA Campus Expansion
- Skyline Drive Fire Station
- Homer Intersection Improvements
- Harbor Pedestrian and Bike Pathway
- Heath Street Extension

Resolution 05-100 identified five projects to forward to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for funding consideration:

- Water Treatment Plant/Alternative Water Source Feasibility Study
- Deep Water Dock Construction, Phase 2
- Kachemak Bay Branch UA Campus Expansion, includes possible purchase of City Hall which may assist in obtaining a new City Hall in the Town Center
- Skyline Drive Fire Station
- Homer Intersection Improvements
- Harbor Pedestrian and Bike Pathway
- Heath Street Extension

Resolution 05-103 and 05-119 named five projects for inclusion on the federal legislative request list:

- Deep Water Dock Expansion
- Water Treatment Plant Upgrade/Alternative Water Source
- East Boat Harbor
- Homer Intersection Improvements
- Heath Street Extension
In addition to numerous roads, trails, and water & sewer projects, the City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan calls for replacement of four major buildings: City Hall, the Police station, the Fire Hall, and the Port & Harbor building. All four were constructed or remodeled as City buildings between 1975 and 1986.

The graph at right depicts Homer’s population growth from 1960 to 2005. The City of Homer was incorporated in 1964. Population figures for 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 reflect actual Census data. The 2005 figure is the most recent estimate from the Alaska Department of Labor. Some of the increase in population between 2000 and 2005 is due to Homer’s annexation of 4.58 square miles in April 2002. The area population outside city limits (e.g., Diamond Ridge, Kachemak City, and Fritz Creek) has also increased sharply in the last 30 years, impacting local government in Homer.
## Financial Indicators

### CITY OF HOMER

#### Statement of Net Assets

**December 31, 2005**

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<th>Assets</th>
<th>Governmental</th>
<th>Business-type</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>$ 6,653,821</td>
<td>695,282</td>
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<td>Accounts</td>
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<td>Capital assets not being depreciated--Land and construction in progress</td>
<td>14,122,487</td>
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<td>Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation</td>
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<td>53,385,547</td>
<td>80,039,790</td>
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<td>80,535,187</td>
<td>$ 131,773,267</td>
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| Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable | 1,736,681 | 383,479 | 2,120,160 |
| Accrued payroll and related liabilities | 137,060 | 42,394 | 179,454 |
| Accrued interest | - | 154,531 | 154,531 |
| Prepaid rentals and deposits | - | 582,858 | 582,858 |
| Deferred revenue | 13,045 | 18,000 | 31,045 |
| Noncurrent liabilities: | | | |
| Deferred lease revenue | 15,857 | 396,000 | 411,857 |
| Due within one year: | | | |
| Accrued leave | 62,558 | 25,519 | 88,077 |
| Notes payable | - | 311,881 | 311,881 |
| Bonds payable | 450,280 | 250,000 | 700,280 |
| Capital lease obligations | 92,393 | - | 92,393 |
| Due in more than one year: | | | |
| Accrued leave | 307,084 | 221,649 | 528,733 |
| Notes payable | - | 7,167,200 | 7,167,200 |
| Bonds payable, net of deferred loss | 480,247 | 590,366 | 1,070,613 |
| Capital lease obligations | 119,864 | - | 119,864 |
| Net pension obligation | 500,933 | 233,481 | 734,414 |
| Total liabilities | $ 3,916,002 | 10,377,358 | $ 14,293,360 |

| Net Assets | | | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 39,633,946 | 65,800,613 | 105,434,559 |
| Restricted for debt service and capital projects | 3,768,592 | 2,870,245 | 6,638,837 |
| Unrestricted | 3,919,540 | 1,486,971 | 5,406,511 |
| Total net assets | $ 47,322,078 | 70,157,829 | $ 117,479,907 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | $ 51,238,080 | 80,535,187 | $ 131,773,267 |
### CITY OF HOMER

**Statement of Activities**

**Year Ended December 31, 2005**

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<th>Activities</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
<th>Program Revenues</th>
<th>Net (Expense) Revenue and</th>
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<td>Fees, Fines,</td>
<td>Operating Capital</td>
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<td>General government</td>
<td>$ 1,800,060</td>
<td>433,860</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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<td>Public safety</td>
<td>3,322,075</td>
<td>389,826</td>
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<td>1,066,319</td>
<td>61,572</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>293,831</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>154,831</td>
<td>3,507,733</td>
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<td>Airport</td>
<td>149,341</td>
<td>125,316</td>
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<td>Parks and recreation</td>
<td>356,721</td>
<td>181,924</td>
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<td>483,859</td>
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<td>Community services</td>
<td>582,677</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(562,677)</td>
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<td>Unallocated interest</td>
<td>70,829</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Total governmental activities</td>
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<td>Port and harbor</td>
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<td>2,507,815</td>
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<td>68,090</td>
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<td>Water and sewer utility</td>
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<td>2,805,377</td>
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<td>Total business-type activities</td>
<td>8,500,331</td>
<td>5,113,192</td>
<td>289,502</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$16,142,184</td>
<td>6,305,690</td>
<td>729,240</td>
<td>4,650,970</td>
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#### General revenues:

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<td>Taxes</td>
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<td>Property taxes</td>
<td>2,091,977</td>
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<td>6,150,695</td>
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<td>Grants and entitlements not restricted to a specific purpose</td>
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<td>225,979</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>150,223</td>
<td>101,060</td>
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<td>251,283</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>202,080</td>
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<td>202,080</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfers</td>
<td>110,000</td>
<td>(110,000)</td>
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<td>Total general revenues and transfers</td>
<td>$7,697,607</td>
<td>1,224,307</td>
<td>8,921,914</td>
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| Changes in net assets   | 6,338,960 | (1,873,330) | 4,465,630 |
| Beginning net assets    | 40,983,118 | 72,031,159 | 113,014,277 |
City of Homer Tax Revenues by Source, 1996-2005

- Property Tax
- Sales Tax

City of Homer Expenditures, 1996-2005

- Water & Sewer
- Port & Harbor
- General Fund

Homer Annual TAXABLE Sales by Quarter - 1996-2005

- 4th Quarter
- 3rd Quarter
- 2nd Quarter
- 1st Quarter

Graph provided by Kenai Peninsula Borough

Financial Indicators: Charts & Graphs
Graph provided by Kenai Peninsula Borough

Cost of Various Goods in Homer, 2000-2005

*Source: Cooperative Extension Service, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Surveys were completed in December of each year. Food costs are for adults 20-50 years.
**Phone Numbers and Addresses**

### City of Homer Departments

**CITY HALL** ........................................... 235-8121  
491 E. Pioneer Avenue  •  Homer, AK 99603  
- Water & sewer billing questions ---- ext. 2228  
- Planning Department -------------- 235-3106  
- City Clerk ------------------------ 235-3130

**PUBLIC WORKS** .............................. 235-3170  
3575 Heath Street  •  Homer, AK 99603  
- Parks & Recreation -------------- 235-3170  
- City street maintenance questions--235-3170

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** ...................... 235-3150  
4060 Heath Street  •  Homer, AK 99603  

**EMERGENCIES** ............................. 9-1-1  
- Animal Shelter ------------------- 235-3141

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** ......................... 235-3155  
604 W. Pioneer Ave.  •  Homer, AK 99603  

**EMERGENCIES** ............................. 9-1-1  
- Port & Harbor --------------------- 235-3160  
4350 Spit Road  •  Homer, AK 99603

- Billing questions------ 235-8121 ext. 2228

**Public Library** ............................... 235-3180  
141 W. Pioneer Ave.  •  Homer, AK 99603

### Other Frequently Called Numbers

- **Alaska State Ferry** ........................ 235-8449
- **Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center:** 235-7740
- **College (Kachemak Bay Branch)** ---- 235-7743
- **Dept. of Motor Vehicles** ............. 235-7341
- **District Court** ......................... 235-8171
- **District Recorder** ..................... 235-8136
- **Division of Family & Youth Services** 235-7114
- **High School** ........................... 235-8186

- **Pool** ........................................ 235-7416
- **Community Schools** ................. 235-6090

- **Homer News** .............................. 235-7767
- **Homer Tribune** ........................... 235-3714
- **Ice Rink** ................................... 235-2647
- **Kenai Peninsula Borough** .......... 1-800-478-4441

- **Homer office** ............................ 235-8840
- **KBBI** ....................................... 235-7721
- **Legislative Information Office** .... 235-7878
- **Public Health programs** .......... 235-8857
- **Solid Waste Baling Facility**  
  (“The Dump”) ............................. 235-6678
- **South Peninsula Hospital** .......... 235-8101
- **South Peninsula Women’s Services**  
  (Haven House) ............................ 235-7712