



City of Homer 2012 Annual Report

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Manager's Message.....

2012 proved to be another rewarding but challenging year for the City of Homer. The fiscal challenges included continued economic stagnation, uncertainty about future revenues, and rapidly increasing health care costs. The disconnect between what residents want from government and what they are willing to pay for continues to generate debate. Despite this, the City government remains in a fiscally sound and stable position. According to the FY 2012 Audit, the fund balance in the General Fund was a healthy \$6,088,612 which is approximately fifty percent of the General Fund budget. Revenues exceeded budget projections by \$760,175 and the excess of revenues over expenditures was \$590,181. The City Council made large transfers to depreciation accounts and General Fund debt is low. The City has been very successful in obtaining funding for capital projects however, the revenues for maintaining this expanding infrastructure is a topic that needs further attention. In 2012 the City began work on a number of large capital projects that will improve infrastructure and stimulate the economy. These projects include trail extensions and upgrades, road paving, improvements for cruise ship passengers and tourists, park improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, and securing financing for a trunk line to bring natural gas to Homer.

The Port and Harbor Enterprise Fund is operating in the black in the sense that real operating expenses, including a transfer into depreciation accounts, did not exceed revenues. Operating revenues in FY 2012 were \$3,917,599. This is an increase in revenues of approximately \$400,000 over 2011 due to increased activity at the Deep Water Dock and implementation of the first phase of adopted fee adjustments. The additional funds were earmarked primarily for transfers into depreciation and bond repayment reserves. For the purpose of the audited financial statement, the auditors have determined that the depreciation expense should be \$1,369,668, which is more than was actually transferred. Therefore, on paper, the fund had an operating loss of \$724,017 in FY 2012. The depreciation reserves are far less than optimal considering the assets the Fund is responsible for. The port and harbor is scheduled to receive about \$24 Million in capital investments in the next two years, financed by a combination of bonds, grants, and

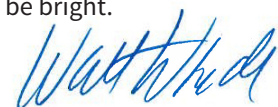
enterprise fund contributions. The Port and Harbor serves as an important regional economic engine and the staff do an excellent job providing services to the public. We look forward to making new investments there and improving services to our customers.

The Water and Sewer Special Revenue Fund had a fund balance of \$3,204,482 at the end of 2012. It has a depreciation reserve balance that is significant, but below recommended levels. Revenues exceeded budget projections by \$399,543 in 2012 due in part, to fee schedule amendments. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,724,810

but that is primarily attributable to a large capital outlay. The Fund has a significant debt load however, debt service is paid through assessments and dedicated taxes. The Water and Sewer Fund has significant challenges and some structural problems that must be addressed. In addition, the Council has appointed a Water and Sewer Rate Task Force to address perceived inequities in the rate model. Political pressure to keep fees down has placed constraints on maintenance and operations. Given all of these limitations however, the Public Works Department has done an excellent job

operating this utility and providing a first class service to the community.

The City of Homer strives to be as efficient, productive, and responsive to the needs of its residents as possible. The City staff continue to look for ways to operate more efficiently and to do more with less. I am proud of the work, the professionalism, and the high level of service that is provided to the public by all City departments. The Library, the Port and Harbor, Public Works, Police, Fire, Finance, Planning, the Clerk's Office, and Community Recreation all had major achievements and successes in 2012. The City's overall success in 2012 was due in large part to the diligence and hard work of the Mayor, the City Council, the Boards and Commissions, citizen volunteers, and dedicated public employees. I believe that a review of this year's annual report will confirm that the City government is functioning at a high level, that its fiscal policies are sound, and that Homer continues to be a very attractive place to live and conduct business. I believe the future for Homer continues to be bright.



City Manager Walt Wrede celebrating his birthday and enjoying apple pie.

Mayor & Council



Homer City Council in June 2012. Members from top right to left: Beau Burgess, Bryan Zak, City Manager Walt Wrede, David Lewis, City Clerk Jo Johnson, Barbara Howard, Beth Wythe, Mayor James Hornaday, and Francie Roberts.

The City of Homer is a First Class Municipality with an elected mayor and city council. The mayor is elected to serve a two-year term. City Council members serve staggered three-year terms.

In the October 2012 municipal election Beau Burgess was elected to a three year term and Council Member Beth Wythe was elected Mayor. James Dolma was appointed to fill Mayor Wythe's vacant council seat in late October 2012.



James Dolma (2013)



David Lewis (2014)



Francie Roberts (2012)



Mayor Mary E. (Beth) Wythe (2014)



Bryan Zak (2013)



Beau Burgess (2015)



Barbara Howard (2014)

City Advisory Bodies

The Mayor, City Council, and City employees are grateful to the many local citizens who volunteer their time to serve on advisory commissions, standing committees, and short-term committees and task forces.

The following individuals contributed hundreds of hours in 2011 to help ensure a high quality of life in Homer now and in the future. Names represent membership as of December 2012.

Planning Commission

Don Stead	Franco Venuti
Shelly Erickson	Tom Bos
Jennifer Sonneborn	James Dolma
Roberta Highland	Larry Slone

Port & Harbor Advisory Commission

Catherine Ulmer	Pete Wedin
Bob Howard	Robert Hartley
Steve Zimmerman	Mike Stockburger
Glen Carroll	

Library Advisory Board

Eileen Faulkner	Monica Cogger
Phil Gordon	David Groesbeck
Tamara Fletcher	

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Bumpo Bremicker	Tricia Lillibridge
Deb Lowney	Dave Brann
Robert Archibald	Lars Bell

Economic Development Advisory Commission

Lindianne Sarno	Nicholas Schmitt
Neil Wagner	Brad Faulkner
Nantia Krisintu	Adi Davis, Student Rep.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Francie Roberts	Roberta Highland
Stephen Smith	Caroline Venuti
Kevin Walker	

Public Arts Committee

Angie Newby	Trina Fellows
Adele Groning	Marianne Aplin
Michele Miller	

Lease Committee

Nicholas Schmitt	Regina Mauras
Rick Abboud	Bryan Hawkins
Steve Zimmerman	Terry Yager

Permanent Fund Committee

Barbara Howard	Beth Wythe
Jo Johnson	Regina Mauras
Matt North	

Water and Sewer Rate Task Force

Sharon Minsch	Beth Wythe
Lloyd Moore	Beau Burgess
Ken Castner	Bob Howard



City Planner Rick Abboud and Council members Roberts and Zak look on at the ceremony for inaugurating the renovations to City Hall. The City Hall Renovations Task Force was able to disband after completing their work overseeing the remodel to City Hall that was complete in February of 2012

City Workforce.....

Names of department heads appear first in each category. Names represent employment as of December 2012.

City Manager's Office

Walt Wrede	Katie Koester
Nick Poolos	Mike Illg
Andrea Browning	Tomasz Sulczynski
Andrea Petersen	

City Clerk's Office

Jo Johnson	Renee Krause
Melissa Jacobsen	

Finance

Regina Mauras	Joanne Perret
Jo Earls	Lori Sorrows
Laurie Moore	Julie Swisher
Jenna deLumeau	

Library

Ann Dixon	David Bernard
Amy Gordon	Teresa Sundmark
Holly Aderhold	Mercedes Harness
Claudia Haines	Debra Waldorf
Susan Gibson	

Police Department

Mark Robl	Jayne Probst
Will Hutt	Stacy Luck
Randy Rosencrans	Jim Knott
Lary Kuhns	Steve Smith
Larry Baxter	Paul Clark
Janie Buncak	Dave Shealy
Rick Pitta	Chuck Thorsrud
Eve Dickmann	Ed Stading
Ian Overson	Jake Ruebelmann
Erica Hollis	Ryan Browning
Mark Kruzick	Jeri Trail

Port & Harbor

Bryan Hawkins	Dana Harrington
Mike Lowe	George Tyrer
Matt Clarke	Cliff Albrecht
Elton Anderson	Mark Whaley
Chris Dabney	Brad Somers
Rachel Tussey	Brian McCarthy
Lisa Ellington	Pike Ainsworth
Aaron Glidden	
Don Huffnagle	

Fire Department

Robert Painter	Dan Miotke
Chris Cushman	Tim Yarbrough
Elaine Grabowski	

Volunteer Firefighters/EMTs

Stephanie Anderson	Jesse Kirby
Tom Appelhanz	Dan Lindberg
Dr. Bill Bell	Brandon Lovelace
Lars Bell	Ben Lowe
Tim Blackmon	Barrett Moe
Dan Bunker	Kiel Moe
Marti Christensen	Paul Pellegrini
Samantha Cunningham	Martin Renner
Jose Diaz	Zina Reutov
Jonathan Doan	Paul Revesz
Candy Edwards	Marsha Rouggly
Dylan Faulkner	Josephine Ryan
Forrest Greer	Joe Sallee
Mary Griswold	Jake Schmutzler
Wes Head	Terry Sumption
Zac Hobbs	Gary Thomas
Lilly Hottmann	Doug Van Patten
Pat Johnson	Justin Zank
Tom Jordan	
Maynard Kauffman	

Public Works

Carey Meyer	Mike Szocinski
Manfred Kirchner	Bob Kosiorek
Rusty Cheney	Jerry Lawver
Jan Jonker	Dan Olsen
Ken Frazier	Mike Riley
Levi Stradling	Gary Richardson
Dan Gardner	John Wythe
Richard Gibson	Dave Welty
Angie Otteson	Jake Tesch
Ken Lewandowski	Joe Inglis
Todd Cook	Dale Bothell
Mike Parish	Darren Hill
Mitch Hrachiar	Martin Gonzales
Joe Young	
Richard Klopp	

Planning

Rick Abboud
Dotti Harness
Travis Brown
Julie Engebretsens

City Manager's Office.....



City Manager Walt Wrede with wife, Mary McBurney, celebrating his tenure as the longest serving City of Homer City Manager. Walt celebrated his 9 year anniversary with the City in February of 2012.

The City Manager's Office is housed at City Hall and includes the City Manager, Administrative Assistant, Personnel Director, and the Community and Economic Development Coordinator. The Systems Manager, Assistant Systems Manager, and Community Recreation Coordinator 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 administration of all City services. Walt Wrede has served as City Manager since February 2003.

The City Manager works closely with the Mayor, City Council, department heads, and other community leaders to promote Homer's best interest and problem solve. He is responsible for overall budget preparation and, with the Mayor and Council, articulates the City's needs to state and federal officials to secure funding for City projects and programs.

Administrative Assistant to the City Manager Andrea Browning who manages the City Manager's phones, schedule, and correspondence. She also issues special event permits, prepares City leases, and fields questions and requests regarding the Airport terminal.

Personnel Director Andrea Petersen is responsible for citywide personnel functions including ensuring compli-

ance with City of Homer Personnel Regulations and State and Federal laws. She also analyzes employee programs for effectiveness, implements human resources best practices and performs special projects. Under Andrea's guidance, the Employee Committee created a wellness program for employees and their families.

Community and Economic Development Coordinator Katie Koester writes grants for the City and publishes the Annual Report and Capital Improvement Plan. She provides staff support to the Economic Development Advisory Commission, is the City representative on MAPP of the Southern Kenai Peninsula and serves as a liaison between the City and other community organizations. Katie also assists the Mayor, City Manager, and City lobbyist in regard to legislative activities. Major projects for 2012 included public information for the Natural Gas HSAD and writing the Harbor Facility Grant for the City.

Michael Illg coordinates the Community Recreation program. Community Recreation offers many recreational programs, health and wellness opportunities, educational classes, and special events such as running races, film festivals, gear swaps, and a bike rodeo for community members of all ages. Michael also works with Parks Maintenance coordinating park use, field use agreements, and assisting with park and trails related projects.

Information and Technology Manager Nick Poolos and assistant Tomasz Sulczynski are responsible for troubleshooting and maintenance of more than 140 computers, 20 network servers and the phone lines for the entire City. Major projects in 2012 included data manipulation and warehousing support for the Natural Gas HSAD and network and security improvements at the library.



Mayor Wythe presenting Community Recreation Coordinator Mike Illg with the 2011-12 Outstanding Organization Award from Alaska Recreation & Parks Association.

City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk is an official of the City of Homer, appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council. Jo Johnson was Homer's City Clerk in 2012. Melissa Jacobsen held the position of Deputy City Clerk II, and Renee Krause was Deputy City Clerk I. The part-time Clerical Assistant position was not funded for 2012.

The City Clerk and both Deputies are Certified Municipal Clerks. The City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk II are National Parliamentarians.

The Office of the City Clerk provides a direct link between the residents of the City of Homer, their elected officials, and local and government agencies. The Clerks publish agendas, prepare packets, administer oaths of office, and act as the parliamentary advisory to Council and Advisory Commissions. They attend and record meetings, and edit and compile minutes of the City Council and advisory body meetings.

Advisory bodies include the Library Advisory Board, Advisory Planning Commission, Port and Harbor Advisory Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the Economic Development Advisory Commission. The four standing committees are the Lease Committee, Permanent Fund Committee, Public Arts Committee, and Transportation Advisory Committee. The Water and Sewer Rate Task Force was an advisory group tasked by City Council in 2012.

The City Clerk attends meetings of the City Council, while the Deputy City Clerks attend meetings of the advisory bodies. In 2012, staff from the City Clerk's Office attended 176 meetings. In addition, they helped prepare 60 ordinances, 103 resolutions, and 188 memoranda; and processed 103 public records requests.

During the fall of 2012 the Clerk's Office sent certified mailings to owners of 3,855 parcels of the proposed city-wide Natural Gas Special Assessment District. Objections were received and tallied. The special assessment district passed with less than 15% of the affected lots objecting. A temporary assistant was employed to help facilitate the extra workload.

The Clerk's Office provides for the safeguard of permanent records to preserve the history of the City of Homer. Municipal records are categorized, indexed, filed, and retained in accordance to the retention schedule. Permanent paper records are scanned into digital documents for space

conservation and easy accessibility. Losing funding for the Clerical Assistant position significantly reduced the amount of permanent records that were transferred into digital form in 2012.

Invitations to Bid and Requests for Proposals are administered by the City Clerk. Advertisement of solicitations, formation of Plan Holder lists, and bid openings are managed by the Clerks.

The City Clerk's office records a weekly informational segment aired on public radio station KBBI and maintains informational kiosks in four locations within the community: Captain's Coffee Roasting Company, Harbormaster's Office, Redden Marine Supply of Homer, and City Hall. The Clerk's Office also produces and distributes a quarterly newsletter for City residents and maintains a website (<http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk>) which contains a wealth of information, including meeting agendas and minutes.

The City Clerk is the election supervisor, facilitating local elections, and the City Clerk's office serves as absentee voting officials for State elections. A Regular election was held on October 2, 2012 to elect the mayor and two council members. City Council Member Mary Wythe was elected as Mayor. City Council incumbent Francie Roberts was re-elected to a three year term and appointed council member Beauregard Burgess was elected to a three-year term. On October 2, 2012 a Borough Election was also held.



City Clerk Jo Johnson double checks the outgoing certified mailing for the Natural Gas Homer Special Assessment District while IT Manager Nick Poolos works on her computer.

Finance Department

The City of Homer Finance Department provides overall administration of the financial activities of the City. The Finance Department is proud to have received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 28 consecutive years.

The best part of 2012 was moving back into newly renovated offices at City Hall. The Finance Department now boasts freshly painted walls, new carpeting, a new wall for a much needed office, along with a renovated small kitchen and bathroom area. The Department moved a couple times (and got to clean house), but it was worth it to move into a new home.

In 2012, the finance staff had the pleasure of assisting the Water and Sewer Rate Task Force. Much time was spent printing reports and crunching numbers to create the spreadsheets with the data requested by the task force. The process was challenging and took a lot of overtime hours, but it was a good experience to help the task force reach their goal of creating a new water and sewer rate model.

The highlight for the Finance Department is being able to assist all the City departments and the citizens of Homer.

The Finance Department Provides the Following Important Functions:

- Administers all accounting functions related to Accounts Payable, Receivable, Purchasing, Payroll, Budget, Reception, Utility, Port, Assessment, and Ambulance Billings, Capital Projects, Leases, Investments, and Grant Reporting.
- Provides Accounting Services for all departments throughout the City.
- Coordinates the development of the annual budget with department heads and the presentation of the budget to Council.
- Synchronizes the annual audit and audits completed by granting agencies. Ensures that all documents are provided for their utilization in an easy to follow manner.
- Implements Internal Controls for all accounting practices.



Halloween 2012: Finance Director Regina Mauras or The Joker from Batman?

Planning & Zoning.....



Travis Brown greets customers at the newly renovated Planning Department.

The Planning and Zoning Office strives to ensure the community develops in a safe and attractive manner that enhances the quality of life for residents. The office provides long-range planning via the 2008 Homer Comprehensive plan, advisory and technical support for the Homer Advisory Planning Commission, review of several types of zoning permits, and implements the Homer Zoning Code. Staff works with property owners, surveyors, builders, and engineers to permit development plans that are appropriate for the applicant as well as our community.

Several planning efforts went into effect in 2012. Staff worked up an ordinance rezoning over 125 acres within the city to Conservation District. After research, public outreach, and many planning commission meetings, staff created new rules and boundaries for zoning on the spit to be made official in 2013. Staff collaborated with other departments, commissions, and committees to establish a plan for the Pier One Lot site on the spit. The planning commission and staff spent time drafting a sign code ordinance as well. Forty-nine Zoning Permits were issued in 2012, a 22.5% increase over the previous year. One permitted project was the Kenai Peninsula Borough's new Homer Transfer Facility on the Sterling Highway, and development is currently underway.

Another project was the completion of the renovation and expansion of City Hall. Planning

and Zoning worked tirelessly to move into their new location across the hall in time for an open house in August. Complete with several offices, a welcoming front window, a meeting room, and south facing windows, the well-designed space was a joy for staff to finally get settled into.

The APA National Planning Conference in Los Angeles was attended by two staff members. Rick Abboud and Dotti Harness-Foster attended many classes including *Non-Motorized Transportation in Small Towns*, *General Action Plans*, *Bridging the Attorney-Client Gap*, and *Non-profits as Anchors*.

Planning Technician/GIS, Julie Engbretsen, continued to be a vital resource to the Parks and Recreation Committee providing professional expertise and technical support. She also helped to create the Special Assessment District for the

natural gas line as well as work on many of the previously mentioned planning efforts. Dotti's busy summer included educating the public about the newly revised sign ordinance via her "Sign Workshops" as well as facilitating sign code compliance with many local business owners. Dotti also successfully partnered with local property owners to have a couple of abandoned structures in town removed. Staff welcomed a new Planning Clerk to the team, Travis Brown, in December.



The ukulele band playing in the Planning Department at the City Hall Open House.

Homer Volunteer Fire Department

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1952 by a group of local citizens concerned with providing adequate fire protection for Homer and the surrounding areas. Incorporated in 1954 as non-profit organization, the Homer Volunteer Fire Department Inc. (HVFD Inc.) provided fire protection services and emergency medical care to the entire southern Kenai Peninsula, particularly to the communities of Homer and Kachemak City. In 1990 the City of Homer and HVFD Inc. entered into an agreement, transferring all operational control and assets to the City of Homer. Since that time the City of Homer provided full funding for the operations and training of the fire department. Since the development of surrounding Kenai Peninsula Borough Fire/EMS Service areas (first in Anchor Point and then in the unincorporated areas around Homer, called the Kachemak Emergency Service Area) the Homer Volunteer Fire Department is the primary provider of fire and emergency medical services to the cities of Homer and Kachemak City (that contracts with the City of Homer for service).

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department is “registered” with the State Fire Marshal to provide a full range of fire protection and related services including: structural fire protection, wildland fire protection, public education, fire investigation, rescue services, aircraft, and marine firefighting and is authorized by the State Fire Standards Council to conduct Firefighter I and Firefighter II classes.

In addition the Homer Volunteer Fire Department is certified by the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services as an “out of hospital” Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service. All fire department emergency responders are trained and state certified to at least the Firefighter I and/or Emergency Medical Technician 1 EMT-1) level and many are trained to advanced levels. Additionally, all firefighters are trained to the Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations level and EMTs are trained to the Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness level.

HVFD responders attend thousands of hours of training each year maintaining and honing important skills to provide our community with the best level of service available. In 2012 HVFD members documented over 3,000 hours of training specifically in fire and emergency medical topics. HVFD also provided over 1,000 hours of public education and “other” training opportunities directly to the public. In 2012, HVFD responders answered 73 requests for fire protection services, including 18 structure fires, seven wildland fires, five vehicle fires and 43 requests for “public assistance”. Emergency medical personnel responded to 523 calls in the community. HVFD personnel saved an estimated \$3,601,000 of real property while losing an estimated \$864,000 in fire damage.

Salva Fire at the Homer Boat Yard.



Police Department

MISSION: The mission of the Homer Police Department is to protect the public from criminal wrongdoing, keep the peace and maintain order, assist in the orderly flow of traffic, serve the public in times of emergency and enforce the law of the land. The police department continues to utilize community-based policing and pro-active enforcement techniques to accomplish its mission.



Officer Browning coordinated HPD participation in the annual torch run for Special Olympics May of 2012.

In 2012, the Homer Police Department received 5604 requests for service, down 15% from 2011. The total number of arrest charges was 619, down 14% from the previous year. The number of property crimes was 423, up 30% from previous numbers and the number of violent crimes was 86, up 10%. In the central peninsula, the Kenai Police Department and the Soldotna Police Department both saw large increases in all categories. We believe the increased property crimes and violent crimes are directly related to an increase in heroin abuse that is occurring statewide.

The department operates and maintains a seven bed contract jail facility. Prisoners can be held up to 10 days. In 2012, prisoners served a total of 845 days in the Homer Community Jail, down approximately 15% from 2011. We experienced several periods of jail overcrowding in 2012, and had to transport prisoners to Wildwood Pre-Trial in Kenai to alleviate the crowded conditions.

We transitioned to a new method of preparing citations and accident reports. With state and federal grant funding we purchased new laptops for every police car, as well as docking stations and hardware for the vehicles and in-station use. Using the software program called TRACS; officers are able to scan bar codes off of the newer driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. The information is auto-

matically entered into the appropriate data fields on our forms, reducing errors and speeding up the process. At the end of the officer's shift, the laptops are downloaded and citations and accident reports are automatically routed to the proper agency or court.

The Police department upgraded its entire radio system to comply with new FCC narrowbanding requirements. The upgrade was coordinated by the boroughs OEM office and involved a simultaneous, borough-wide cut over to the new programming.

We continued a very aggressive training program in 2012. All officers participated in numerous weapons-related training courses and qualification shoots throughout the year. Officers attended several other courses including forensic homicide investigation, domestic violence refresher training, force on force training, Taser certification, evidence collection, and various management courses. Additionally, the department brought in a master firearms instructor and held some advanced firearms training courses that were attended by Homer officers and officers from around the state. Dispatchers received training in emergency medical dispatch, CPR, and Alaska Public Safety Information Network Terminal Security.

In 2012 the department began participating in the national drug take-back initiative program. We purchased a secure drop box that is kept in our lobby. People can drop off prescription drugs or any other type of drug or medication, no questions asked, at any time. The drugs are destroyed in a very controlled process by burning in a mobile incinerator unit that converts everything inserted into a fine ash.



Sergeant Kuhns and Officer Stading with the mobile incinerator purchased in 2012.

Port & Harbor

MISSION: The mission of Port and Harbor Department is to provide safe port and harbor facilities for our commercial clients, recreational users, and the general public, to manage and maintain these facilities cost-effectively, and to administer our Tariff and procedures fairly and equitably for all users.

Homer Port and Harbor Staff operates, maintains, monitors, and administers the largest single basin boat harbor in Alaska, as well as the adjacent Deep Water Dock, Pioneer Dock, and all public owned uplands on the Spit.

The Port and Harbor's website at <http://www.cityof-homer-ak.gov/port> contains information on the many facets of Port and Harbor operations including forms, maps, rates, a calendar of upcoming events, and current headlines regarding the Port. The Port's weather station, which is located at the Deep Water Dock, supplies a live feed to the Port's website all year with current temperature, wind direction and speed, barometric and precipitation readings, and almanac information.

Homer Small Boat Harbor & Facilities

The Small Boat Harbor consists of a 48-acre basin with 920 reserved slips, 6,000+ lineal feet of transient floats, small and large vessel tidal grids, a five-lane boat launch ramp, and barge/landing craft loading ramp. Homer's Port consists of the Deep Water Dock with 345 feet of dock face, three mooring dolphins, two mooring buoys, 40' water depth (MLLW) at the face, and is capable of receiving ships up to 800 feet in overall length and up to 65,000 displacement tons. The Pioneer Dock has 383 feet of dock face, three mooring dolphins, 40' water depth (MLLW) at the face, and can accommodate vessels up to 750 feet long and up to 80,000 displacement tons.

2012 brought in a spike in revenue for the Port and Harbor Enterprise. The Barge Ramp's revenue growth showed a 137% increase in wharfage and 76% increase in landings from the previous year, primarily thanks to the activity of Alaska Coastal Freight. A very busy Pioneer Dock and Deep Water Dock schedule had the Department over revenue projections and previous year's numbers: the Pioneer Dock at a 16% increase, and the Deep Water Dock at a 158% increase.

The booming increases for the Deep Water Dock were because of Buccaneer Alaska's jack-up drill rig *Endeavor Spirit of Independence*. The Port and Harbor's ability to facilitate this company's needs at the Deep Water Dock brought the Enterprise a very large windfall which more

than doubles the annual contribution to the Harbor Enterprise Reserves for 2013. Looking back at 2012 proves more and more that Homer's Port is emerging as a transportation hub for the Cook Inlet.

Port Administration

2012 was a big planning and preparation year for the upcoming construction projects. After City Council appointed a Harbor Improvement Committee in August of 2011, a course forward was set to choose projects from the Capital Improvement Project list, find funding sources, raise harbor fees to pay the required local share, and pass a bond resolution for our local share. The next step was to apply for a municipal harbors grant with the State which was headed up by Community and Economic Development Coordinator Katie Koester. This required compiling figures and documentation from the Finance Department, Port Maintenance, and Harbor Administration. It was surprising how much staff time and energy was required to make the deadline. In the end, everyone's efforts paid off in full; Homer received top ranking for the State's Municipal Harbor 50/50 Match funding program, meaning the project will be funded first if the State's legislators keep the program in their budget.

This year marked the start of some long-range construction and refurbishment needs. A grant received in 2011 from the Denali fund for the purpose of designing construction-ready plans for replacing Ramp 3; the main A Float from E to K; Floats J, R, and S replacement; and



Buccaneer's jack-up rig *Endeavor Spirit of Independence*.

System 5 Electrical Upgrades. This work was awarded to the City's engineering contractors. At this time the designs are approximately 95% complete.

Because of efforts from Representative Paul Seaton and his staff, along with our legislative lobbyists, Homer was awarded a \$6 million cruise ship head tax grant through the State of Alaska. This money is dedicated to improvements that benefit the cruise ship industry's passengers and vessels that visit Homer. The City awarded the design contracts in 2012 for Deep Water Dock Fender Replacement, Bollard Upgrades, Bird Deterrents, Harbor Trails, and Four Restrooms; two on the Spit and two on Pioneer Avenue in town. Installation of the new dock fender system begins spring 2013. Most of the other projects are nearing the end of the design phase.

Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

The City is fortunate to have a very knowledgeable and engaged citizen advisory commission for the Port and Harbor. The Commission dealt with several difficult issues last year such as parking fee review, ranking the harbor improvement projects list, land allocation list, bonding for the local required match to the municipal harbors grant, Port and Harbor fee increases to support the bond, float replacement design review, and a review of all the Harbor Office replacement options.

Ice Plant/Fish Dock

The Homer Fish Dock and Ice Plant is equipped with eight hydraulic cranes, 483 feet of space on sides and face of dock, and capable of producing up to 100 tons of flake ice per day. The Ice Plant sold 2,548 tons of high quality flake ice to the fishing fleet and local processors in 2012. The ice was used to preserve the quality of over 17.5 million pounds of salmon (6,651,355), halibut (4,417,844), sablefish (582,417), and pacific cod (5,897,445) landed at the Port of Homer.

The Fish Dock and ice facility was built 30 years ago to support and promote the commercial fishing industry. The Fish Dock has become a foundational cornerstone in the harbor, as well as regionally. It is staffed with three full time City employees whose duties include watching over the activities on the Fish Dock and making the ice. In 2012, the Ice

Men were able to complete a long list of repair projects on the dock and in the Ice Plant, including rebuilding Crane 7, rebuilding one of the 12 cylinder compressors, new carrier bearings in the ice delivery augers, lighting retrofits, color coding of the piping systems, replacing dock gratings, and replacing the Crane 8 operator's platform. They also designed and built a new landing platform for the cold storage bait room and oversaw a complete overhaul of the Fish Dock bonding and cathodic protection system.

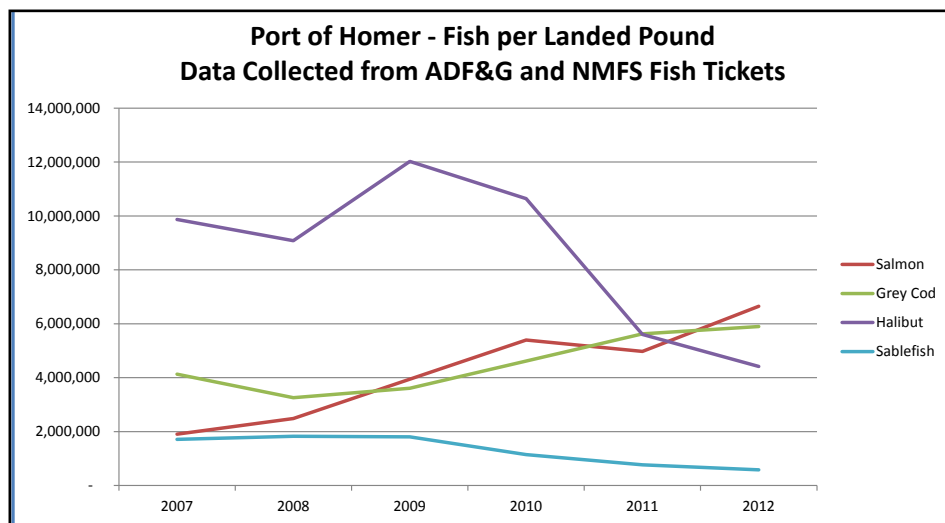
Harbor Operations

Harbor Operation Staff maintain a 24/7 schedule; their primary duties are to track/watch over the vessels in the harbor, be the first on scene during emergencies on the Spit, oversee landings and the safety of the Deep Water Dock and Pioneer Dock, and all City-owned uplands on the Spit. Operation Staff also works closely with Port Administration for billing and with the Ice Plant and Port Maintenance as extra hands when needed.

Harbor Officers saved many boats throughout the course of the year; the most prominent save being the *Daniel D Takak*. The *Daniel D*, a 75-foot landing craft, had to be beached on the west side of the Spit in front of the boardwalk after it began taking on water and nearly sank in the bay trying to make it into the harbor. Operation Staff worked day and night to help the owners stabilize the vessel and eventually bring it into the harbor.

Port Maintenance

The Port Maintenance Staff is a three-man crew with the daunting task of maintenance for the entire facility. The maintenance team performs the normal routine maintenance on all Port and Harbor infrastructure as well as helping to oversee any contracted labor being done for the



Port & Harbor (continued).....

Enterprise. Some of the tasks considered outside normal or routine maintenance completed by Port Maintenance Staff in 2012 were: Deep Water Dock fender repairs due to storm damage, concrete float repair throughout the harbor, concrete sealing on System 2, Ramp 4 fish cleaning table enclosure, Pioneer Dock fender rebuild project, Deep Water Dock eight inch water line repair, repair of the sewage line for the USCG cutter Hickory, installing an eight foot wide brush on the bobcat for sweeping the docks, and emergency R and S Float piling repair.

Derelicts

The harbor impounded and sold the last abandoned barge on the City-owned Spit beach last year, which was removed and scrapped in the fall. An abandoned 25-foot sailboat was also disposed of after no bids were received to purchase the vessel.

Fishing Lagoon

The Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon has been returned to its original design depth. Homer City Council made this a priority and funded rehabilitation with an appropriation received through Representative Seaton's Office and monies dedicated from the City's General Fund. Approximately 32,000 cubic yards of material were pulled out of the Fishing Hole. Next step: add fish!

The old adage that says "many hands make light the load" certainly is true of 2012. A terrific effort was made by many people in our community in support of the Port and Harbor's mission. Taking a moment to look back at 2012 shows the heavy lifting Port and Harbor has been

able to accomplish and how much the community values the City's Port and Harbor Enterprise. Setting goals and working together in an organized effort has produced amazing results during the past year.

Harbor Statistics:

Boats in Harbor:		
	Moved/Towed	277
	Pumped	44
	Sunk	3
	Accidents	21
Crane Hours Billed or Metered		2,270
Ice (tons sold)		2,548
Landings:		
	Deep Water Dock	582
	Pioneer Dock	329
	Barge Ramp	166
	Beach	79
Moorage		
	Daily Transient	2,217
	Monthly Transient	1,714
	Semi-Annual Transient	51
	Annual Transient	57
	Reserved Stall Tenants	773
	Stall Wait List	1,326
Parking Passes Sold		88
Pollution Incidents		42
Property Damage Incidents		25
Public, Fire, EMT, & Police Assists		253
Steel Grid Usage		43
Wood Grid Usage		175
Wharfage Reported (in short tons):		
	Seafood	5,714
	Cargo/Other	22,650
	Fuel	436,077



Deputy Harbormaster Matt Clarke with his boat, *Smoke Wagon*, pumping out the *Daniel D* and rushing to an emergency beach landing.

Public Works.....

2012 Capital Projects:

Beluga Slough Trail Reconstruction



Looking North at Beluga Slough and the newly installed trail.

Eight-hundred and fifty six linear feet (lf) of 8-foot wide elevated trail; 192 lf of 6-foot wide elevated trail; and 231 lf of 12-foot wide gravel trail was constructed from

Bishops Beach up toward the Islands and Oceans Visitor Center to restore wetlands. The project was funded by Coastal Impact Assistance Program monies from the State of Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Additional funds were provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the City of Homer. A significant volunteer effort went into removing the old plastic trail.

Nick Dudiak Fishing Hole Dredging

Thirty thousand cubic yards of gravel was dredged from the Fishing Hole to return the depth to the original elevation. The project was funded with a State Legislative grant, City General Fund monies, and proceeds from the sale of excavated material.



Dredging the Fishing Lagoon at dusk.

Mariner Park Access Improvements

The old, steep gravel driveway was removed and a longer, safer paved driveway was constructed. This project was funded by the Parks and Recreation reserve account.



Improved access to Mariner Park

Kachemak Drive (Phase II) Water and Sewer Improvements

Water and sewer mains were extended to 88 lots along Kachemak Drive from East End Road to Campbell Lane (total of 8,300 linear feet). Seventy-five percent of the cost will be paid for by property owners (financed by the City over 20 years) and 25% is funded directly from the Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Program.

Karen Hornaday Park Improvements

Along with the playground improvements constructed



Drainage Improvements at Karen Hornaday Park

and grading was accomplished to eliminate "Lake Hornaday." This work was completed in preparation for a new picnic shelter and access improvements.

Other projects completed include replacement of polymer injection equipment at the sewer treatment plant, boiler replacement at the Boys and Girls Club, replacement of the entry doors at the Airport terminal, replacement of the Steamer unit used to thaw culverts and maintain drainage along City streets, and installation of a security gate and security cameras at the Deep Water Dock.

by volunteers organized by the Homer Playground Project (HOPP), the red shed was torn down, the parking lot was excavated and fabric/gravel was installed,

Homer Public Library

In 2012 the Homer Library

- Maintained a collection of 49,609 books, audios, videos, maps and other items.
- Checked out 105,387 items.
- Borrowed 703 items from other libraries for Homer patrons and loaned 959 items to other libraries in Alaska and the US.
- Received more than 115,118 library users and visitors.
- Held weekly Story Hour and Small Fry Lapsit programs for 2,883 babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and caregivers.
- Made 76 visits to 810 homebound seniors, preschoolers at early learning centers, and students in local classrooms to deliver books, story times, information, and literacy activities.
- Provided access to computers and the Internet for over 49,640 people.
- Provided study rooms for 4,060 individuals and small groups.
- Provided space and equipment for 229 community groups to meet, give presentations, and offer workshops.
- Issued 793 new library cards.
- Benefitted from more than 2,246 volunteer hours contributed by over 766 people.

Staff Changes

Katherine George retired after seventeen years of dedicated and creative work in the Library. Amy Gordon was promoted to a Library Technician III, with responsibilities that include cataloging, acquisitions, and interlibrary loans. Holly Brennan moved from part-time to full-time as a Library Technician II. Mercedes Harness was hired as a part-time Library Technician I. Debra Waldorf and Claudia Haines were both promoted to Library Technician II.

Events, Programs, and Activities

The Library continues to have strong volunteer support from the Friends of the Homer Public Library (FHL) and the Library Advisory Board (LAB). The three groups worked together on the following activities in 2012:

4th Annual Celebration of Lifelong Learning

In April, FHL honored author and naturalist Carmen Field for this special award. Well-known Alaska artist Ray Troll of Ketchikan was the keynote speaker. The Youth

Award was given to Mallory Drover. The Celebration highlights the role libraries play in supporting lifelong learning and seeks to recognize outstanding individuals who make our community a better place through an on-going quest for knowledge.

Landscaping

Thanks to continued funding by FHL, Brenda Adams of Gardens by Design again worked to improve and maintain the Library's flower beds. The LAB Landscaping Committee presented its landscaping plan to the City Council and has been working with both FHL and City Parks to curtail the spread of invasive species. FHL sponsored a People's Garden grant, still in progress, to plant edible perennials along the bike trail.

Summer Reading Program

The summer reading program involved 273 registered participants, including preschoolers, elementary school youth, teens, and adults who took part over 20 different programs, activities, and events. Some of the most popular included; the Wizard of Oz marionette show, a Family Scavenger Hunt and Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Stories and S'Mores at Bishop's Beach, a LEGO contest, magic show,



Librarian Claudia Haines reading a spooky story at story hour on Halloween.

and storytelling with visiting artists Bobby and Sherry Norfolk. Two particular highlights were the create-your-own-comics workshop for youth with award-winning graphic artist Jason Shiga and the “Joy of Censorship” presentation by MAD Magazine editor and writer, Joe Raiola, both funded by an Interlibrary Cooperation Grant from the Alaska State Library.

E-Readers for Check-Out

At the librarian’s request, FHL purchased six Kindle e-readers and six mp3 players for public check-out, as well as two different e-readers, an iPod and an iPad for use in teaching technology classes.

OWL (Online With Libraries)

This project provided HPL with valuable videoconferencing equipment and an additional Internet access line, dedicated to videoconferencing and to a new Listen Alaska download station, also supplied by OWL. Nine additional OWL computers, monitors and screens were also installed, all for public use.

Ongoing Programs

FHL sponsored Computer Classes for Adults, which continued to be well attended. Monthly topics included Tech Help and Intro to Computing, with rotating “basics” classes on the Internet, Photos, Communication, Office,



Christmas tree made of books to celebrate the holidays.



Students creating comics with Jason Shiga.

Video and Managing Music. Staff member Deb Waldorf continued to offer bi-monthly classes on using Listen Alaska, as well as offer private instruction on using audio devices and e-readers. Staff member Teresa Sundmark organized a second year of Get Lit!, a monthly program of public readings and other activities for writers.

Other ongoing programs included a new genealogy group, monthly book discussion group, a popular weekly knitting circle, and weekly children’s programs. Both Story Time for preschoolers and Lapsit for babies up to age two were heavily attended.

Additional events were the spring and fall book sales, author readings, a Scrabble tournament, a Lego contest for youth, and a program on Civil Discourse.

Capital Improvement Plan.....

The City of Homer's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a 6-year 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.

The City Council was pleased to note that funding for the following projects from the 2011-2017 CIP had been identified or procured:

- End of the Road Wayside Park, Phase 1
- Fish Dock Restroom Expansion
- Jack Gist Park Improvements, Phase 1
- Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase 1
- Homer Area Natural Gas Pipeline, Phase 2
- Sewer Treatment Plant Biosolids Treatment Improvements
- Homer High School Track Renovation
- Fishing Lagoon Improvements



At its October 15, 2012 meeting, the Homer City Council approved Resolution 12-087(s) adopting the Capital Improvement Plan and naming 15 projects to the FY 2011 legislative priority list. On February 11, 2013 the list was updated to reflect the City of Homer funding the Homer Tidal Energy Incubator Project and replaced with Resolution 13-018 reflected below.

2012 Legislative Priority List

- Harbor Improvement Revenue Bond Project - \$4,206,000
- Port and Harbor Building - \$2,689,641
- Skyline Fire Station - \$410,400
- Pratt Museum New Facility and Site Redesign - \$2,800,000
- Homer Education and Recreation Center - \$9,000,000
- Harbor Entrance Erosion Control - \$2,512,800
- Fire Engine 4 and Tanker 2 Refurbishment - \$315,000
- Public Safety Building - \$13,050,000
- Barge Mooring Facility - \$360,000
- Kachemak Drive Rehabilitation/Pathway - \$20,000,000
- Brush/Wildland Firefighting Truck - \$108,000
- Marine Ways Large Vessel Haulout Facility - \$2,700,000
- Baycrest Overlook Gateway Project - \$230,400
- Water Storage/Distribution Improvements - \$3,510,000

The number two priority on the City Council's 2012 Legislative Priority List is replacing the old port and harbor building (left) with a new facility up to the task of handling the daily operating of the Homer Port and Harbor (schematic from engineers below).



Charts and Graphs

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA

Statement of Net Position

December, 2012

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 15,023,100	1,550,237	16,573,337
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts:			
Accounts	237,294	345,545	582,839
Sales and property taxes	1,269,886	-	1,269,886
State and federal grants and loans	2,682,326	779,900	3,462,226
Assessments	2,783,820	-	2,783,820
Other	90,000	-	90,000
Internal balances	73,581	(73,581)	-
Inventory	251,674	14,712	266,386
Prepaid items	228,901	47,981	276,882
Restricted cash and investments	1,648,032	-	1,648,032
Capital assets not being depreciated - land and construction	11,678,257	16,106,284	27,784,541
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	69,393,744	24,153,613	93,547,357
Total assets	\$ 105,360,615	42,924,691	148,285,306
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	748,710	592,682	1,341,392
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	346,918	36,103	383,021
Accrued leave	102,292	17,751	120,043
Accrued Interest Payable	32,163	-	32,163
Prepaid rentals and deposits	51,910	736,958	788,868
Unearned revenue	20,110	18,000	38,110
Current portion of Long Term Notes Payable	687,909	-	687,909
Non-Current Liabilities, net of current portion:			
Long-Term Notes payable	16,631,465	-	16,631,465
Accrue Leave	649,578	137,289	786,867
Unearned revenue	-	270,000	270,000
Total liabilities	19,271,055	1,808,783	21,079,838

Other charts and graphs can be found on the next few pages and interspersed throughout this report.

Charts and Graphs (continued).....

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA

Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2012

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Fees, Fines & Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
Governmental:							
General government	\$ 3,889,598	515,737	178,688	49,401	(3,145,772)	-	(3,145,772)
Public safety	4,757,442	234,527	842,100	-	(3,680,815)	-	(3,680,815)
Public works	2,680,878	6,048	144,935	-	(2,529,895)	-	(2,529,895)
Library	987,638	-	58,466	5,793	(923,379)	-	(923,379)
Airport	283,619	170,609	4,065	-	(108,945)	-	(108,945)
Parks and recreation	512,081	129,070	-	1,218,547	835,536	-	835,536
Community services	899,357	28,345	19,651	378,738	(472,623)	-	(472,623)
Water	2,724,923	1,718,767	65,002	23,185	(917,969)	-	(917,969)
Sewer	1,872,736	1,554,324	65,002	23,185	(230,225)	-	(230,225)
Unallocated interest	250,842	-	-	-	(250,842)	-	(250,842)
Total governmental activities	<u>18,859,114</u>	<u>4,357,427</u>	<u>1,377,909</u>	<u>1,698,849</u>	<u>(11,424,929)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,424,929)</u>
Business-type:							
Port and harbor	4,876,870	3,917,599	249,979	883,031	-	173,739	173,739
Total	<u>\$ 23,735,984</u>	<u>8,275,026</u>	<u>1,627,888</u>	<u>2,581,880</u>	<u>(11,424,929)</u>	<u>173,739</u>	<u>(11,251,190)</u>
General revenues:							
Property taxes				\$	2,999,341	-	2,999,341
Sales taxes					7,031,266	-	7,031,266
Grants and entitlements not restricted to a specific purpose					538,563	-	538,563
Investment income					238,172	16,181	254,353
Legal settlement					1,911	-	1,911
Other					30,060	216,430	246,490
Special Item - Wirte off of NPO							-
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>10,839,313</u>	<u>232,611</u>	<u>11,071,924</u>
Changes in net position					(585,616)	406,350	(179,266)
Beginning net assets					<u>86,675,176</u>	<u>40,709,648</u>	<u>127,384,824</u>
Ending net assets				\$	<u>86,089,560</u>	<u>41,115,998</u>	<u>127,205,558</u>

*Source: 2012 City of Homer
financial audit. Figures assume
City uses "full accrual" method
of accounting.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES, 2003 - 2012

PORT & HARBOR

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income	3,086,706	2,814,618	2,657,188	3,290,912	2,934,787	3,432,076	3,576,393	3,788,355	3,877,197	4,275,392
Expense	3,614,622	3,690,097	3,908,985	4,116,522	4,442,536	4,516,062	4,812,397	4,566,239	4,617,068	4,654,953
Net Operating Income	(527,916)	(875,479)	(1,251,797)	(825,610)	(1,507,749)	(1,083,986)	(1,236,004)	(777,884)	(739,871)	(379,561)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, REVENUES AND EXPENSES, 2003 - 2012

Utility Fund - Water/Sewer

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Income	3,381,882	3,669,118	3,790,311	3,995,870	4,308,622	4,556,099	4,335,164	5,890,313	5,645,829	4,894,623
Expense	3,912,304	4,234,615	4,634,055	4,769,717	5,317,887	5,806,734	6,163,864	6,230,003	7,947,159	6,581,036
Net Operating Income	(530,422)	(565,497)	(843,744)	(773,847)	(1,009,265)	(1,250,635)	(1,828,700)	(339,690)	(2,301,330)	(1,686,413)

Year	Gen Fund Rev Budget	State Assistance Programs	Taxes	Licenses Permits	Chrg for Svc	Other Intergov'tl	Investment Income	Other	Total	General Fund Revenue Source for the Years 1993-2012
2012	10,792,044	1,049,018	7,690,096	24,900	2,043,738	1,385,201	16,000	15,500	12,224,453	
2011	10,348,329	891,693	7,600,398	25,040	1,973,681	776,888	33,499	23,564	11,324,763	
2010	10,358,941	593,283	7,365,343	22,965	2,003,984	712,458	15,600	25,803	10,739,436	
2009	11,295,836	743,812	7,219,583	19,614	2,740,182	709,197	29,654	25,474	11,487,516	
2008	12,091,082	754,369	8,043,417	26,219	2,337,323	618,536	63,429	666,790	12,510,083	
2007	10,549,363	847,559	7,440,149	43,765	2,382,465	634,877	89,191	35,116	11,473,122	
2006	9,009,441	-	6,922,637	46,096	2,136,838	618,404	53,775	219,839	9,997,589	
2005	8,012,189	-	6,195,352	42,717	2,183,048	765,957	30,419	35,980	9,253,473	
2004	7,270,018	-	4,607,060	88,411	2,028,181	547,114	9,002	38,169	7,317,937	
2003	6,931,421	84,470	4,361,019	18,930	1,991,495	621,195	13,571	36,321	7,127,001	
2002	6,570,377	168,493	3,962,127	17,000	2,045,851	615,549	45,387	35,577	6,889,984	
2001	5,700,146	154,773	3,504,746	12,520	1,393,570	659,843	83,189	111,419	5,920,060	
2000	5,656,878	170,420	3,382,688	10,042	1,326,039	660,087	174,395	25,044	5,748,715	
1999	5,378,807	355,322	3,327,801	143,271	1,527,933	29,889	160,919	-	5,545,135	
1998	5,070,498	412,066	3,042,702	55,244	1,563,540	35,709	201,534	201,382	5,310,795	
1997	5,218,450	425,967	3,085,592	75,254	1,520,942	23,214	200,529	6,608	5,532,880	
1996	5,099,850	372,600	2,979,162	80,313	1,500,963	122,150	131,489	129,960	5,193,285	
1995	5,130,680	420,324	2,865,714	148,668	1,255,411	80,450	133,352	6,056	5,033,879	
1994	4,449,420	446,378	2,762,333	49,588	1,111,924	102,298	71,540	-	4,550,117	
1993	4,235,450	487,059	2,728,287	39,913	1,182,295	128,326	76,416	-	4,642,296	

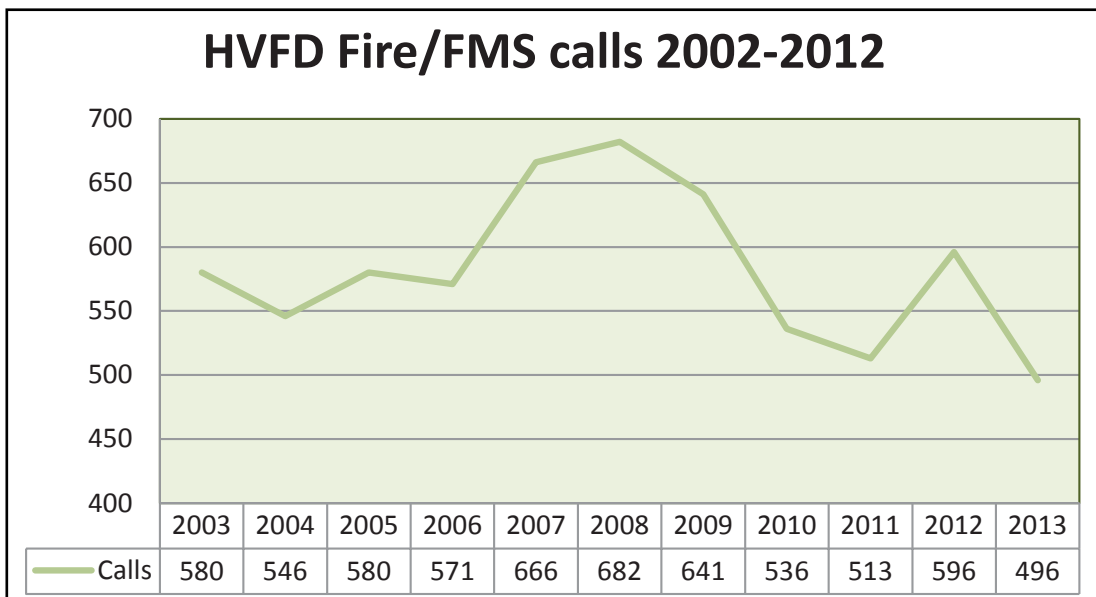
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Credit, \$563,877
State PERS relief

Charts and Graphs (continued)

2012 Application Stats

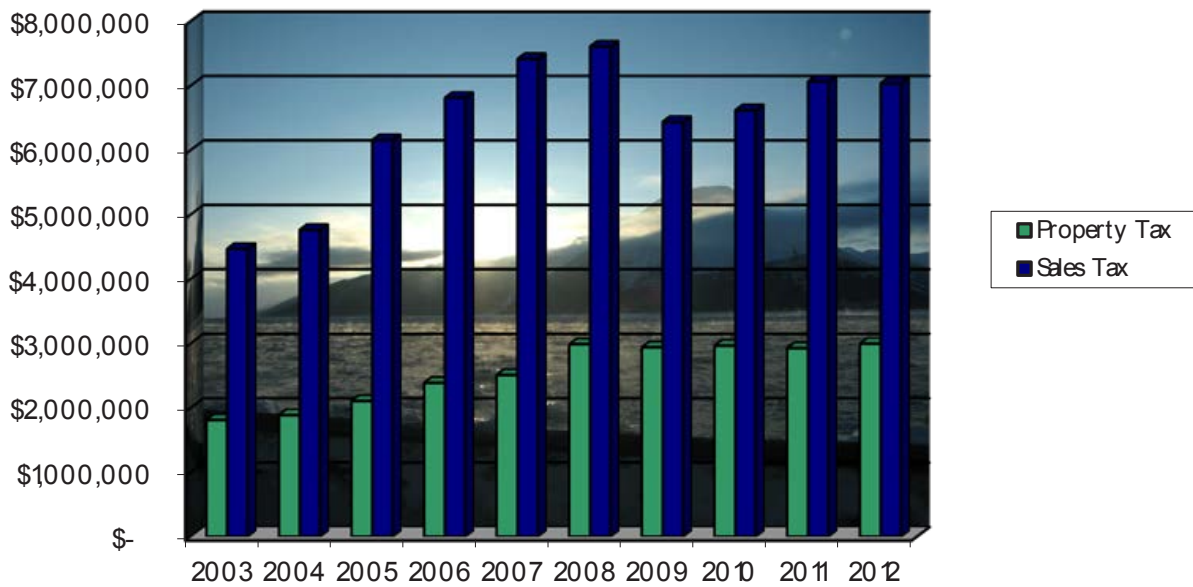
Department	Title	Closing Date	# Positions	# Applications
Clerk's	Temp Part-Time Clerical Assistant (Gas Project)	9/26/2012	1	19
Library	Part-Time Library Technician I	5/9/2012	1	20
Planning	Planning Clerk	9/26/2012	1	20
Police	Police Officer	1/25/2012	1	15
Police	Public Safety Dispatcher	1/25/2012	2	19
Police	Public Safety Dispatcher	5/2/2012	1	21
Police	Public Safety Dispatcher	11/21/2012	3	20
Police	Temporary Casual Community Jail Officer	1/18/2012	1	3
Port & Harbor	Temporary Harbor Assistant	3/29/2012	3	23
Port & Harbor	Temporary Port Maintenance Tech	3/21/2012	1	10
PW	Temporary Camp Fee Collector	4/11/2012	1	29
PW	Mechanic	2/1/2012	2	10
PW	Project Manager	10/3/2012	1	14
PW	Temporary Building Maintenance Tech I	10/3/2012	1	8
PW	Temporary Parks Maintenance Laborers	4/11/2012	4	17
PW	W/WW Utilities Tech	5/16/2012	2	16

*In 2012 there was a total of 264 applicants for 26 filled positions.



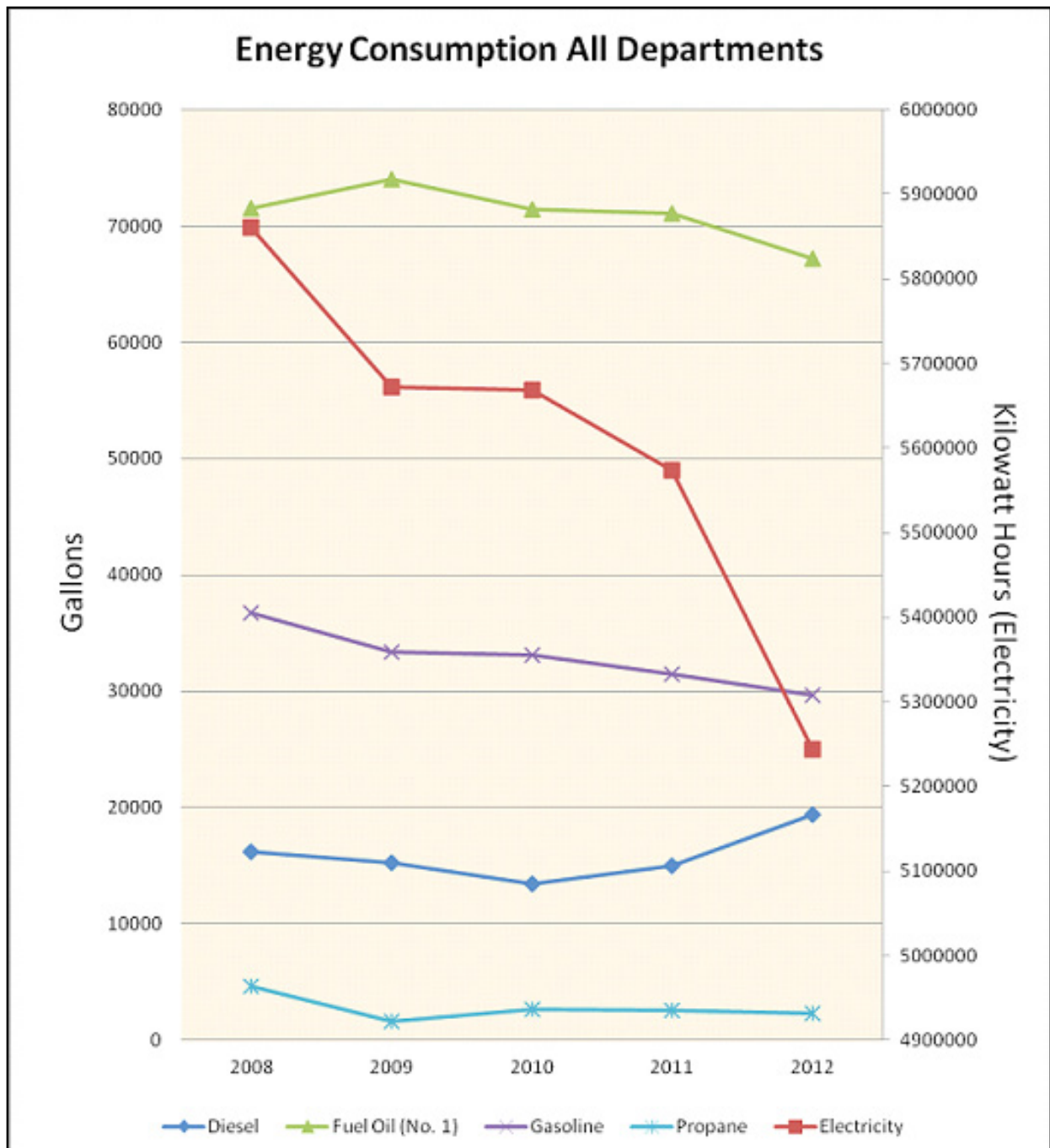


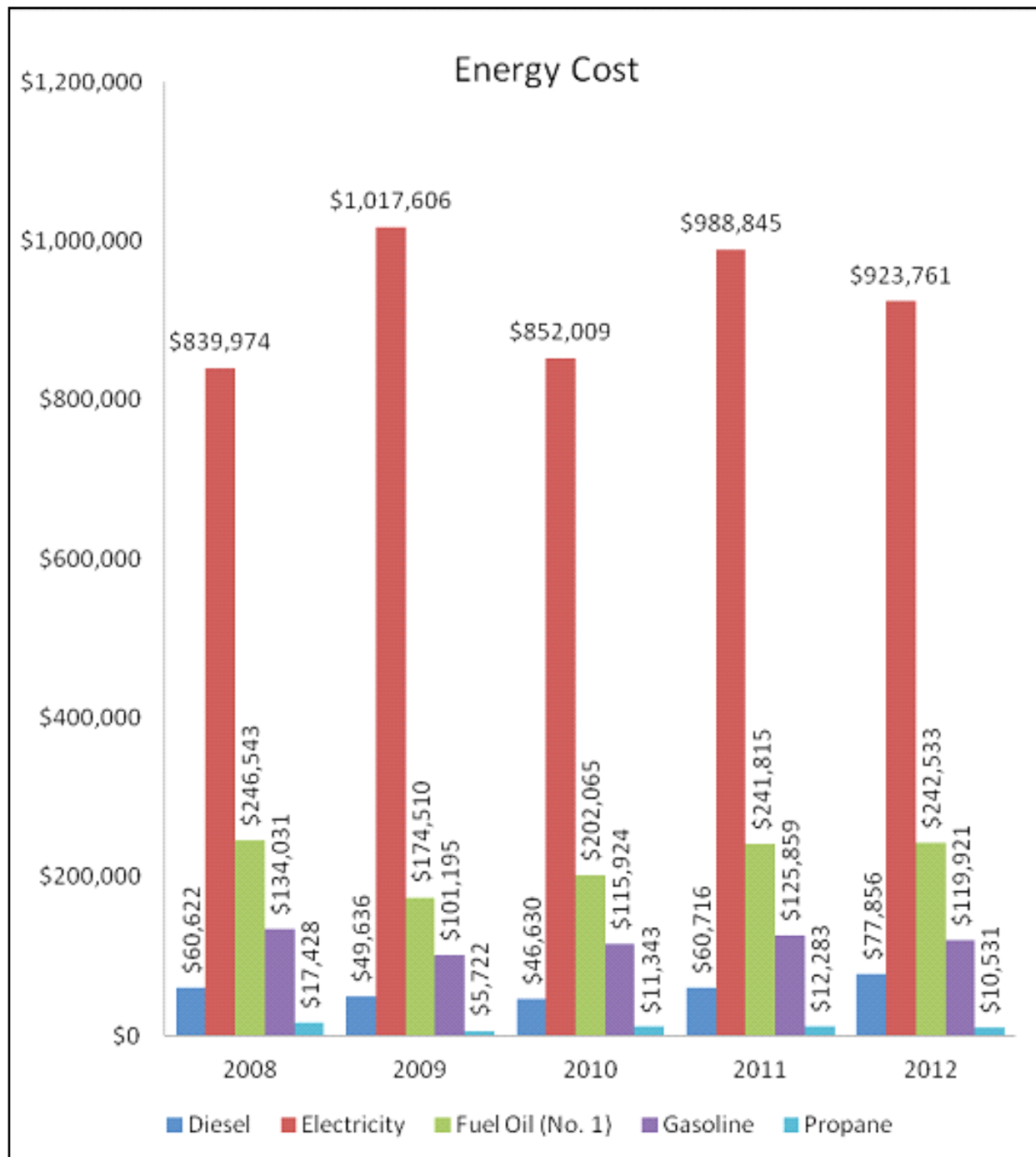
Tax Revenues by Source 2003 - 2012



	Property Tax	Sales Tax	Total Taxes
2003	\$ 1,806,425	\$ 4,462,524	\$ 6,268,949
2004	\$ 1,885,333	\$ 4,757,588	\$ 6,642,921
2005	\$ 2,102,170	\$ 6,150,695	\$ 8,252,865
2006	\$ 2,382,931	\$ 6,804,735	\$ 9,187,666
2007	\$ 2,504,624	\$ 7,408,500	\$ 9,913,124
2008	\$ 2,980,981	\$ 7,601,548	\$ 10,582,529
2009	\$ 2,934,632	\$ 6,433,331	\$ 9,367,963
2010	\$ 2,960,163	\$ 6,613,640	\$ 9,573,804
2011	\$ 2,922,280	\$ 7,059,404	\$ 9,981,684
2012	\$ 2,991,230	\$ 7,031,266	\$ 10,022,496

Charts and Graphs (continued)





Quick Facts and Figures.....

Date of Incorporation.....March 31, 1964
 Area in Square Miles
 15 sq. mi. of land and 10.5 sq. mi. of water
 City Population (estimate).....5,153
 Borough Population (estimate).....56,756
 City Employees.....102 full-time; 11 part-time

Finance

Grants managed.....29
 Leases managed (by Admin and Port & Harbor)39
 City mill levy (property tax)4.5
 Borough mill levy6.5
 Kenai Peninsula College mill levy0.1
 South Peninsula Hospital mill levy1.75
 City sales tax (summer only non-prepared food) .45%
 Borough sales tax.....3.0%
 City Assessed Value
 Real property.....\$691,321,600
 Personal property\$186,215,500
 City Tax Receipts
 Property tax.....\$2,991,230
 Sales tax\$7,031,266
 City Long Term Debt
 General obligation bonds\$0
 Revenue bonds\$0
 USDA notes payable\$1,368,811
 Capital leases\$0
 Notes payable\$17,319,000

Public Works (including Parks & Recreation)

Miles of streets maintained48.75
 Miles of water distribution line.....47.9
 Miles of maintained wastewater line56.55
 Water usage (millions of gallons)121.9
 Water customers1,513
 Vehicles and heavy equipment maintained113
 Campground use
 RV and tent nights7,054
 Fees collected.....\$129,055
 Park acres maintained (acres).....285.86
 Miles of trail maintained5.5

Public Library

Library volumes/items46,609
 Library circulation.....105,387
 Attendance.....115,118
 Volunteer hours.....2,246

Public Safety (Police, Fire, Animal Shelter)

Fire Dept. volunteers38
 Combined Fire/EMS calls.....496
 Requests for police services5604
 Total arrest charges619
 Days of jail time served.....845
 Animals turned in or impounded201
 Animals adopted.....187
 Animals returned to owner90
 Animals euthanized105

Port & Harbor

Reserved stall tenants773
 Dock landings (including state ferry).....
 Deep Water Dock.....582
 Pioneer Dock329
 Tons of ice sold.....2,584
 Crane hours billed or metered2,270
 Public, Fire, EMT, and Police Assists.....240

Planning

Permits issued.....42

City Clerks Office

Meetings attended176
 City Council ordinances, resolutions, and memoranda processed.....351
 Public records requests processed103



A proud Mayor James Hornaday presenting a mayoral proclamation to Homer resident and Mrs. America 2012.

Phone Numbers.....

City of Homer Departments

CITY HALL.....	235-8121
491 E. Pioneer Avenue	
Water & sewer billing questions.....	ext. 2240
Planning Department	235-3106
City Clerk	235-3130
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	235-6090
(Office at Homer High School)	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	235-3155
604 W. Pioneer Ave.	
EMERGENCIES	9-1-1
POLICE DEPARTMENT	235-3150
4060 Heath Street	
EMERGENCIES	9-1-1
Animal Shelter.....	235-3141
PORT & HARBOR.....	235-3160
4350 Spit Road	
Billing questions	235-3160
PUBLIC WORKS.....	235-3170
3575 Heath Street	
Parks & Recreation.....	235-3170
City street maintenance questions.....	235-3170
PUBLIC LIBRARY	235-3180
500 Hazel Avenue.	

Other Frequently Called Numbers

Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center	235-6961
Alaska State Ferry	235-8449
Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center:	235-7740
College (Kachemak Bay Campus)	235-7743
Dept. of Motor Vehicles.....	235-7341
District Court.....	235-8171
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