

# CITY OF HOMER NEWSLETTER



VOL. III - ISSUE VII | MARCH 2024

## WHAT'S INSIDE?

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

### INVASIVE SPECIES WEEK

Did you know, National Invasive Species Week is February 26th through March 4th? This initiative raises awareness of invasive species, the threat they pose, and what we can do about it. One of the most aggressive invasive weeds in Homer is orange hawkweed. This vibrant but invasive plant is spreading rapidly. Digging, burning and smothering don't work very well to control hawkweed. Occasionally the public brings concerns to the City's attention about invasive plants in City rights-of-way, parks, and the cemetery.



Orange Hawkweed

In 2021, the City of Homer contracted with the Homer Soil & Water Conservation District (HSWCD) to develop an Integrated Pest Management Strategic Plan aiming to control invasive species on city properties. The goal was to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species to protect private properties and the greater ecosystem and habitats that our fish and wildlife on the Kenai Peninsula depend upon.



Chicken Tractor

As a part of our partnership with HSWCD, last year an experimental site was set up to test chickens as a weed control tool. The most successful approach involved placing 4 chickens in a 24-square-foot chicken tractor (mobile coop) over a designated area for 4 weeks. This timeframe proved to be the most effective in removing vegetation while ensuring the well-being of the chickens.

Many in our community already have chickens, whether for egg laying or not. These chickens could offer an organic and practical solution for weed control. In the future this method could be used on other City properties, especially road rights-of-way, once a way to keep the chickens contained is found.

- Invasive Species Week
- Library Events
- Community Corner
- Library
- Community Recreation
- Economic Development
- Port & Harbor
- Harbor Expansion Study Update
- City Hall
- Public Works
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Public Safety Corner
- Hazard Mitigation
- Meet City Staff
- Municipal Art Collection
- Stay Connected with City Council

Discover something new today and see the latest City project updates information! Learn about ways community members can get involved at City Hall and in the Homer community.

### Follow us on Social Media

- City Hall: [@cityofhomerak](#)
- Parks & Recreation: [@homerparksandrec](#)
- Homer Public Library: [@homerpubliclibrary](#)
- Homer Police: [@homerpolice](#)
- Fire Department: [@HomerVolFireDept](#)

**Subscribe to the Monthly  
Newsletter**

[Click Here to Subscribe](#)

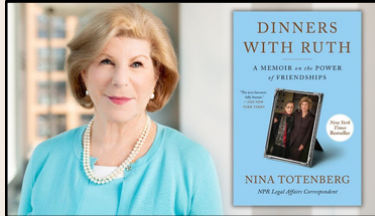
# LIBRARY EVENTS

## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Zoom in and listen to your favorite authors talk about their latest books. For a complete list of Upcoming Speakers, go to [libraryc.org/homerlibrary/upcoming](https://libraryc.org/homerlibrary/upcoming).

### March 6 at Noon

The Power of Friendships  
with NPR Legal Affairs  
Correspondent  
**Nina Totenberg**



### March 14 at Noon

20 Years of Dragon-Riding  
in YA Fantasy with  
International Bestselling  
Author **Christopher Paolini**



### March 21 at 3 pm

On Retelling Greek Classics:  
An Exploration of the  
Modern Epics with  
**Madeline Miller**



## SPECIAL & ONGOING EVENTS



### Councilmember Conversations

Noon to 1 pm, the second Tuesday of each month, September - May, at the Homer Public Library.

**March 12: Rachel Lord**

### Lit Lineup 2024

The Homer Public Library has created a community-wide initiative to read fifteen books throughout the year.

View the list and submit entries [here](#). You could be eligible to win the grand prize!



CHECK OUT MORE LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



**Homer Public Library**  
500 Hazel Street - 907-235-3180  
[circ@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:circ@ci.homer.ak.us)  
[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library)



# COMMUNITY CORNER

*What's happening around the City of Homer*

## 30th Annual Winter King Salmon Tournament



The Homer Winter King Salmon Tournament is the premier fishing tournament of Alaska. Every Spring anglers take to the waters of Kachemak Bay in search of King Salmon.

Tournament is Saturday, **March 23, 2024**

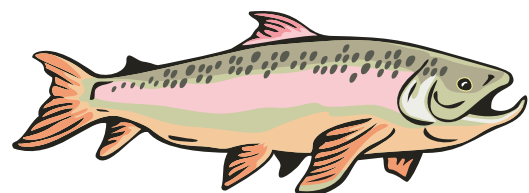
The cost to register an angler in the tournament is \$150.

The one-day tournament awards tens of thousands of dollars in prize money to the largest kings caught. Festivities happen at the weigh-in stations by the Deep Water Dock, located at 4667 Freight Dock Road. After the fishing lines are pulled from the water, join the festivities of live music, beer & wine garden, food trucks, vendors and some extra surprises as we celebrate the 30th anniversary.

The Homer Chamber of Commerce is the official host of this event. [Click here to register](#), or call the Chamber office at 907-235-7740. Port & Harbor information can be found [here](#).

**Get one FREE night of moorage!**

Port & Harbor is collaborating with the Homer Chamber of Commerce to provide one free night of moorage on the Friday or Saturday of the tournament weekend. To qualify for the free night your boat must **be registered with the Chamber of Commerce** and **have a Moorage Agreement on file with the Port & Harbor office**. Additional nights are subject to normal moorage charges.





# LIBRARY

## ART IN THE LIBRARY

The Art in the Library program, organized by the Friends of the Homer Library, features annual submissions from local artists, both professional and amateur. A Community Artworks Selection Panel chooses pieces to be showcased at the Library for three months each throughout the year. While the displayed pieces are not for sale, the program provides artists with an opportunity to showcase their work.

Currently featured in the Homer Public Library Fireplace Lounge is artist Alexandra “Andy” Sonneborn. Specializing in vibrant oil and pastel paintings, Andy draws inspiration from impressionists and colorists. Her artistic goal is to evoke emotions in viewers by capturing the unique interplay of light and color. Andy discovered her passion for art at the age of 8 when her artist uncle gifted her a set of tube watercolors. She pursued formal training in painting at the Rhode Island School of Design and the University of Vermont. In 1978, Andy, along with her husband and four children, moved to Anchorage and “have loved it ever since”.

Next time you visit the Library, be sure to stop by the Fireplace Lounge and enjoy the works of art!



Homer Public Library Fireplace Lounge



Pet Portraits by Andy Sonneborn

# COMMUNITY RECREATION

The City of Homer Community Recreation Adult Basketball League had their playoff and championship games on February 3rd and 4th, at Homer High School. Congratulations to Team Alaska Arches for winning the 2023-24 season!

The “City League” has been a tradition for over 40 years. It is a self-sustaining league for adult men and women who have graduated high school. It is common to see up to 100 people in the stands full of family, friends and fans cheering on their favorite players making it a fun and entertaining community event.

Regular season games occur on Sunday afternoons at the Homer High gym from October to February.

**A very big thanks to the team sponsors:**

Alaska Arches, Alaska Bible Institute, Alaska PT + Wellness, Alaska Salt Co., Bay Welding, and Ulmer’s Drug & Hardware

### 2023-24 Season STATS:

90 individual players  
45 regular season games  
9 playoff games  
1 championship game



Team Alaska Arches



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## STRONG TOWNS PRESENTATION



Chuck Marohn, Founder of Strong Towns, Presents to Community Members of Homer



On Tuesday, February 20th, the City hosted a visit by Chuck Marohn, founder of Strong Towns. Chuck, a nationally renowned speaker from Brainerd, Minnesota, advocates for financially strong and sustainable land development patterns for municipal governments. About 80 community members attended his presentation in person and via Zoom.

Chuck's visit marked the beginning of discussions about the City's Comprehensive Plan. While he found the Homer Spit, the Harbor, and scenery breathtaking, he expressed feeling "underwhelmed" by our built community. One of his key points emphasized the need for a robust tax base to cover long-term maintenance costs of infrastructure, including water and sewer pipes, road maintenance, and eventual repaving.

As an example, Marohn said the numerous gaps between buildings on Pioneer Avenue present an opportunity for development that utilizes existing infrastructure, aiding in covering those long-term costs. Filling in those gaps not only fosters economic activity but also contributes to creating a walkable environment, offering a more financially successful development pattern, especially for small towns with a limited tax base. The presentation was recorded, so if you missed the event, you can watch the recording at <https://vimeo.com/916136735?share=copy>. Many thanks to Adele Person and Bunnell Street Arts Center for coordinating his visit, and to Guiding Growth for assisting with advertising this event.

## CRUISE BOOM

The City hosted a second event on February 27th to spur additional conversation in advance of comprehensive planning: a screening of Cruise Boom. Cruise Boom is a documentary created by Sitka resident and filmmaker Ellen Frankenstein. More than 55 people attended to watch a film that shows Sitka, a Southeast Alaska community in transition, wrangling with questions about economic vitality, cultural heritage, and how to welcome tourism on their terms.

Economic Development Manager Julie Engebretsen and Port Director Bryan Hawkins introduced the film. "Homer's never really been a cruise ship destination, and to be clear, that's not what we're talking about here," began Hawkins. He said that the Port has 8 cruise ship landings scheduled in 2024, most of which are 300-500 passenger ships. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic Sitka had approximately 14 ships and 10,000 passengers per season. In comparison some ports in Southeast Alaska see 1.1 million passengers per year. "The main thing about this film is that this is a good kickoff for the comprehensive plan."

Engebretsen discussed increasing cruise ship numbers in the community of Juneau that led to landings of as many as 21,000 passengers in a single day. She also cited Juneau's **Tourism Best Management Practices** program as a model for Alaskan communities to learn from when managing growth. Looking ahead is important. As the film stated, tourism businesses make significant investments to attract new customers, and it is difficult to impose limits after local business owners have already committed hundreds of thousands-- if not millions-- of dollars in a new venture.

Homer is kicking off its multiyear Comprehensive Plan rewrite, Engebretsen explained. "This is a great time to think about 'What do you want our community to be in 20 years?' or 'What do you want it to not be?'"

Missed the screening, or hoping to share it with more people? You can get a license to screen the documentary through **New Day Films**.

~ Excerpt written by Amy Woodruff, Port & Harbor



Bryan Hawkins and Julie Engebretsen



# PORT & HARBOR

## LARGE VESSEL HAUL OUT & REPAIR

City Staff was given the opportunity to tour the Polar Bear, one of vessels in the large vessel haul out and repair yard located on the Homer Spit. In the **2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Plan** (CIP), a project has been identified to improve this Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility.

The vessel haul out repair yard is an important facility that allows Homer to provide complete marine services and capitalize on the full economic opportunity vessels like the Polar Bear bring to the local economy. Improvements would benefit the operation of the regional fleet of large vessels, the local marine trades businesses and the regional economy.



Polar Bear

Regional economies rely heavily on the marine transportation sector. The Polar Bear, a flat bottomed landing craft that has a very large hauling capacity (250 ton deck load) serves many purposes. When operating, it typically has a 14-member crew and makes essential supply deliveries to Seldovia, Port Graham, Dillingham, other Bristol Bay communities and commercial fisheries via Port Williams and arctic communities like Nome and Barrow. The Polar Bear can carry seven semi-trailers of essential supplies, 48,000 gallons of fuel, vehicles and even on occasion, small planes. Vessels like this also contract to assist with infrastructure maintenance, such as dredging operations and delivery of rock for armor and breakwater projects and laying telecommunication cables containing fiberoptics on the ocean floor.



Chris Youngblood giving a tour of the engine room.

These commercial vessels are required to be hauled out for inspection every 5 years. Repairs are to be completed and approved before they go back into the water for the next season. Homer has a treasure trove of many talented marine trades people that attract maritime repair business. The large vessel haul out activities help provide year-round jobs for the local marine trades and supports local businesses in what is typically the down time of the year.

The Polar Bear was pulled out of the water in November last year and is expected to return to the water mid-March this year. The vessel was built in 1990 and required many updates. The living quarters were stripped back and fully rebuilt; hull repairs are being completed by welders and other skilled craftsmen; electronics and engine room components are being revamped. 14 - 20 local marine trades professionals work on the boat daily. Much of the materials and supplies are also sourced locally.



Tyson Alward giving tour to Rob Dumouchel, Bryan Hawkins, Matt Clarke and Jenny Carroll.



Five months is not much time to complete the robust list. This shows great dedication of the team, especially given the unusually cold temps and windy weather this winter! The crew built a makeshift shelter over the vessel and have used 9,000 gallons of diesel to run generators for heat and for power. This is a big operation!

Upgrades to the haul out area, including shore power, water and sewer will greatly assist jobs like this; shore power will reduce site emissions and installation of wash down pads will backup the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.



# HOMER HARBOR EXPANSION



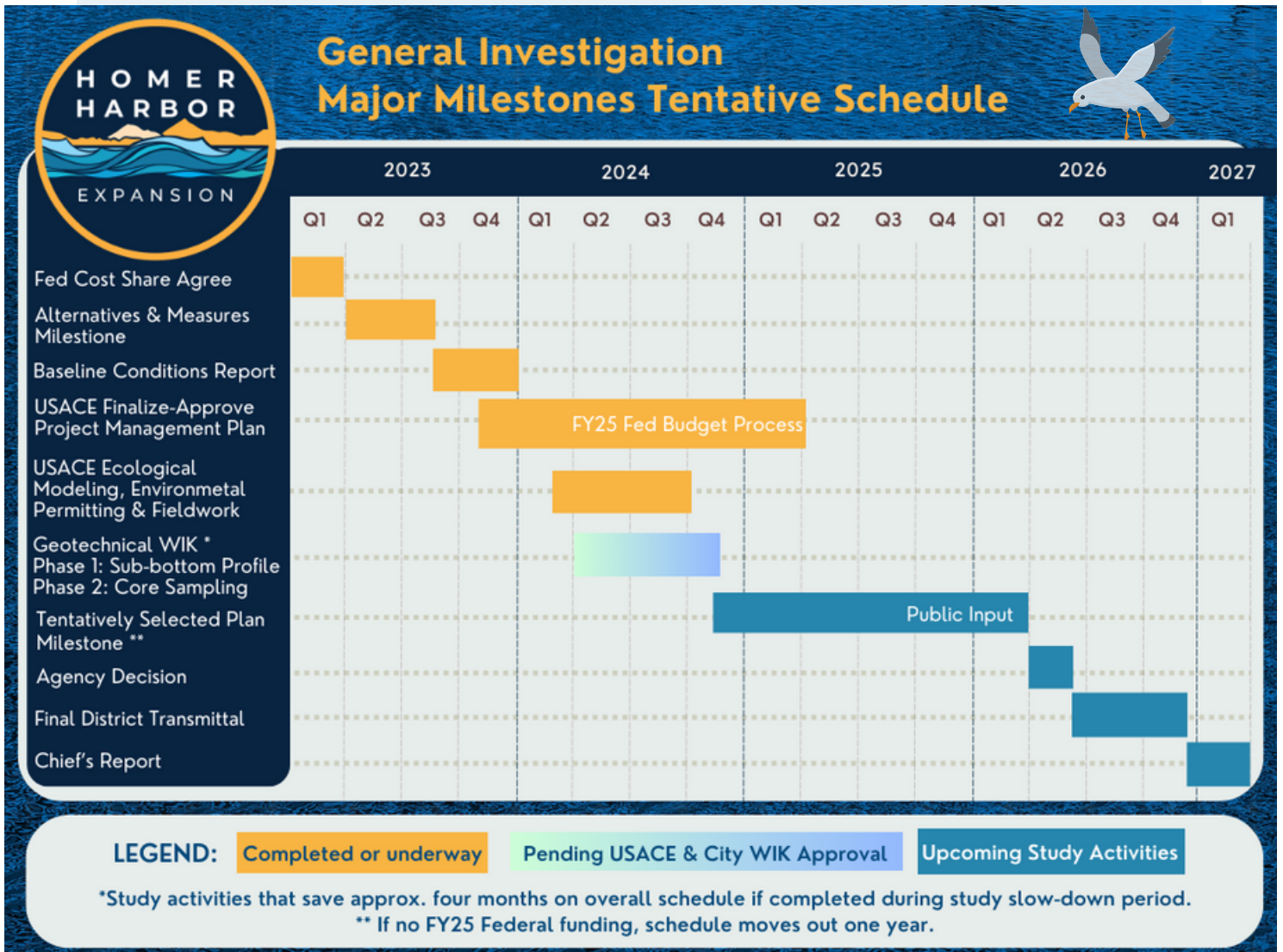
## STUDY UPDATE



The Homer Harbor Expansion study is presently on a reduced work schedule, but still moving forward as we await word on Federal continuation funds in the Federal FY25 budget.



The chart below shows tasks the study has accomplished, and lays out a schedule for upcoming study activities. This summer, the US Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting environmental field work. Their work, coupled with completion of the geophysical survey and core sampling plan will allow the US Army Corps of Engineers to move forward with design work when study activities resume at pace in the fall.



Keep engaged with the study at [www.homerharborexansion.com](http://www.homerharborexansion.com)





# CITY HALL

## LOBBYING IN JUNEAU



City Manager Dumouchel, USCG Rear Admiral Megan Dean, Port Director Hawkins, and USCG Captain John D. Cole

The primary capital projects lobbied for were Homer Harbor Expansion USACE General Investigation Matching Funds (which now tops Senator Stevens and Representative Vance's capital priority list for the District), the Slope Stability & Erosion Mitigation Program, Float System Replacement and the A-Frame Water Transmission Line Replacement.

Overall, there were many good meetings and connections made. The proposals were well received by officials, and we look forward to the progress that could be made in Homer's future.

A delegation from Homer traveled to Juneau on February 20-22 for legislative and administrative visits. Mayor Ken Castner, Councilmember Storm Hansen, City Manager Rob Dumouchel and Port Director Bryan Hawkins represented the City, advocating for inclusion of Homer's FY25 legislative priority capital projects in the State budget, and on behalf of several Council-approved State budget and policy items.

As well as meeting with Federal and State senators and representatives, Homer officials met with Rear Admiral Megan Dean of the U.S. Coast Guard, Commissioner Ryan Anderson from the Department of Transportation and Public Safety, and Lacey Sanders the new State Director of the Office of Management and Budget.



Councilmember Hansen testifying before the Senate Finance Committee

## SISTER CITY CULTURAL EXCHANGES

The City of Homer has a **Sister City** relationship with the City of Teshio, Japan. This year marks the 40th anniversary of that relationship. We want to thank Homer resident and our Sister City Liaison, as well as Interpreter, Megumi Beams, for her dedication to nurturing Japanese culture in Homer. With her vision and support, we hope to pass along this Sister City Program to the next generation.

Megumi is highly involved with students in Homer who are a part of her Alaska Japanese Club. They participated this year in the Winter Carnival Parade, hosted by the Homer Chamber of Commerce, and won the prize for Best Performing Arts float in the parade! They worked hard creating the float and drums and being a bright spot in our community. [Click here](#) to read a letter from the group expressing their thanks to the community and those involved for their support.



Megumi Beams and students in the Winter Carnival Parade



Megumi Beams with West Homer Elementary students participating in online classes with Japanese students.

A part of the Sister City International's initiative is the **Japan-Alaska Sister City Town Pride FESTA**, which was held on January 26, 2024. Out of 24 submissions, Teshio Town's submission won 1st place, and Megumi's submission on behalf of the Japanese Club won 3rd place! Congratulations!

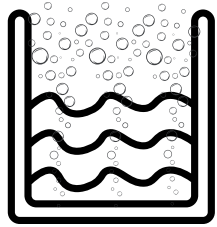
Teshio and the Alaska Japanese Club have continued to participate together in online class sessions and have exchanged cards and activities. The club is planning to perform Taiko drumming for the 40th Anniversary of the relationship between Teshio and City of Homer in 2024. Stay tuned for more events to come related to our Sister City Program!

# PUBLIC WORKS

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT BLOWER REPLACEMENTS

This past summer Water/Sewer Division of Public Works purchased two new Kaeser blowers for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace the original blowers that were installed in 1990.

Blowers are primarily used in the secondary phase of wastewater treatment. They create air bubbles that add oxygen and that help keep the liquid moving. Wastewater contains organic solids that are decomposed by microorganisms. The beneficial microorganisms use oxygen to break down those solids and need a certain amount of oxygen in the water to do their work. The Kaeser blowers also help maintain an appropriate oxygen level so that it is not diluted when the wastewater moves to a larger body of receiving water.



The main purposes of having blowers in wastewater treatment are:

- Keeps bacteria suspended.
- Aids separating solid particles from a liquid.
- Supplies sufficient oxygen transfer and helps to remove ammonia from the water.

In the past, there was no way to adjust the airflow to the digesters, so it was a “feast or famine” situation for the microorganisms. The Kaeser blowers, like everything today, are “smart” blowers. Operators can now make fine adjustments to the airflow, enhancing the treatment process. This improved treatment means that less solid waste needs to be delivered to the landfill in Soldotna. Additionally, the new blowers are more energy-efficient, resulting in cost savings!

To save even more money, the water/sewer crew installed the blowers and fabricated all the piping themselves. They also had to create a special lifting mechanism to lower the blowers into the basement. There’s not much this talented crew can’t do!

All in all, the microorganisms, operators, and mechanics are happy with the new equipment.



New Kaeser blower unit



Control panel and inside mechanisms

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## FBI-LEEDA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



Last month Lieutenant Ryan Browning and Sergeant Jessica Poling attended a Command Leadership Course put on by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA). Attending FBI-LEEDA sessions contributes to the continuous professional development of our police officers, ensuring they are well-equipped to lead and serve Homer effectively.

The FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Institute is a comprehensive week-long program designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for command roles. Taught by experienced faculty with executive-level law enforcement backgrounds, the program provides practical strategies and techniques for those aspiring to command positions. Covering crucial topics such as credibility, command discipline, liability, managing difficult employees, and leading organizational change. The institute ensures a dynamic and challenging learning experience with a focus on real-life scenarios, creating an environment for strong student participation.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## EMT CLASS



Marisela, Paige, Nikki, Matthew, Fred the Head, Nathan, Samantha, Collin, Cody, Kate, Amber, and Galina

Our EMT class is truly remarkable, with nine dedicated providers engaging in impressive work such as backboarding, administering medications, and mastering bleeding control techniques. The experience has been a mix of excitement and exhaustion for everyone involved, but the camaraderie and team spirit are exceptional.



Kate McGregor Spiking a Line



Kate McGregor, Nikki Graham, Marisela Sanchez-Ramos, and volunteer backboard victim



Cody Czer-Ransom, Marisela Sanchez-Ramos, and Matthew Bullard

Surprisingly, our EMT students have also showcased their culinary talents, turning out to be adept charcuterie board creators.

We're delighted to have such enthusiastic learners, and we eagerly anticipate welcoming new providers into our department. Stay tuned for the upcoming Firefighter class – let's fill those trucks with even more skilled and passionate individuals!

## THANKS TO HOMER-KACHEMAK BAY ROTARY

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) received a generous donation of new Motorola Minitor VI voice pagers from the Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary. Members of the department can carry these pagers, both on and off duty, to receive notifications when there is an emergency.

In the past year, HVFD promptly responded to 850 emergencies, some of which occurred simultaneously. Emergencies can arise at any time, day or night. Having equipment like these pagers significantly contributes to the ability to maintain operational readiness 24/7. Thank you Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary!



Motorola Minitor VI voice pager



In this section, we aim to keep readers informed about the latest developments in public safety in the community. Whether it's news about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, or updates on local law enforcement activities, we've got you covered. Our goal is to promote a safe and secure environment for all community members and visitors of Homer, and we believe that staying informed is a crucial part of achieving that. Read on to learn more about what's happening in public safety in Homer.

## TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS

Tsunami Preparedness Week is March 23rd to 30th. Tsunamis don't happen often, but awareness and preparation go a long way in keeping you and your loved ones safe.

In honor of National Tsunami Awareness Week, from Saturday, March 23rd to Saturday, March 30th, we will feature tips so you can be better prepared. Look for these featured tips on the City's [website](#) and on the City of Homer [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#): @cityofhomerak pages.

If you live, work, or play near the coast in Homer, you should prepare for tsunamis. Below are simple tools you can use to be informed and take action when needed.



### BEFORE

- Know Your Risk: Educate yourself!
- [Know Homer's tsunami zone.](#)
- [Evacuation routes.](#)
- [How to get alerts.](#)
- [Know the signs of a tsunami.](#)
- [Have an emergency kit ready.](#)



### DURING

- Go to high ground and away from water.
- Stay inland until you hear from officials.
- If shaking from earthquake, DROP, COVER and HOLD ON.



### AFTER

- Wait! Tsunami waves may continue to arrive for hours.
- Avoid flooded roads.
- Do not enter flood waters.
- Avoid fallen or damaged power lines.
- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet, and boil drinking water if instructed by officials.
- Dry buildings out within 24-48 hours, if possible.
- Use safety gear including gloves, goggles, rubber boots, and N95 masks.

[Click Here for More Information on Emergency Preparation](#)



### What are the signs to look for?

The natural signs of a potential tsunami are a strong, long earthquake, a loud roar from the ocean, or unusual ocean behavior, such as a sudden rise or wall of water or sudden draining showing the ocean floor.

**If you feel an earthquake:**

**DROP**



**COVER**



**HOLD ON**



### HOMER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

#### Tsunami Warning System

Tsunami warning systems are in place to send out warnings after an earthquake if a tsunami is or could potentially be triggered.

Warning sirens are located on the Homer Spit, at Bishop's Beach, and near the intersection of Kachemak Drive and East End Road.

Homer tsunami siren testing occurs the first Wednesday of every month, at 1 pm.



Find the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan on the City's website: [City of Homer Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)



# MEET THE STAFF

*Welcome to the Team!*



Public Works welcomes **Dan Kort** as Public Works Director. Dan brings a wealth of experience from prior roles in consulting and city engineering in Northern Minnesota. Most recently Dan was employed with Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), primarily in the solid waste department with a focus on civil and environmental consulting.

Dan and his wife, Jill, fell in love with Homer during a vacation in 2006. Having lived in Homer for four years now, Dan enjoys pursuing his hobbies of hunting, fishing, and hiking in this ideal location.

Dan steps into his new role following the retirement of Jan Keiser, who retired earlier this year. Jan served Homer as its first City Engineer in the early 1980s and later returned as Public Works Director in 2020.

**Leon Galbraith** has recently joined Public Works as the Special Projects Coordinator/City Engineer. With 17 years of experience in the engineering consulting industry, he looks forward to contributing to the construction of great new infrastructure in Homer.

Leon is originally from Alaska. Fun fact, he was born at home in a little log cabin next to the Kenai River in Cooper Landing! He graduated from college in Fairbanks and lived in Anchorage for about 15 years. Leon, his wife Allison, and their three children moved to Homer 6 years ago to enhance the quality of life for their family. Leon finds joy in the picturesque scenery of Homer while pursuing his outdoor hobbies, which include fishing, hiking, snow machining, and skiing.



## Work Anniversaries

Thanks to the following staff members for your dedication, commitment and service to the City and to the taxpayers of Homer!

### February

Names	Dept.	Years
Jenny Carroll	Admin	8 Years
Morgan Tracy	Police	7 Years
Kevin Co	Library	5 Years
Tyler Jeffres	Police	5 Years
Matt Swerdzewski	Fire	1 Years
Mike Swoboda	Public Works	1 Years

## Farewell



After dedicating 12 and a half years to Public Works, equipment operator **Joe Inglis** has decided to move on. His last day was February 14th. Joe is an accomplished operator and is leaving to explore other opportunities in the private sector and spend more time with family. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

# CITY OF HOMER ROSTER

**Mayor** - Ken Castner (2024)

## City Council

Donna Aderhold (2024)

Jason Davis (2025)

Shelley Erickson (2024)

Storm P. Hansen (2025)

Rachel Lord (2026)

Caroline Venuti (2026)

## City Staff Leadership

Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk/Deputy Director of Administration

Mark Robl, Chief of Police

Bill Jirsa, Chief Technology Officer

Julie Engebretsen, Economic Development Manager

Elizabeth Walton, Finance Director

Mark Kirko, Fire Chief

Dave Berry, Library Director

Andrea Browning, Personnel Director

Bryan Hawkins, Port Director

Dan Kort, Public Works Director

Ryan Foster, City Planner

Mike Illg, Community Recreation Manager

## Commissions and Boards

ADA Advisory Board

Economic Development Advisory Commission

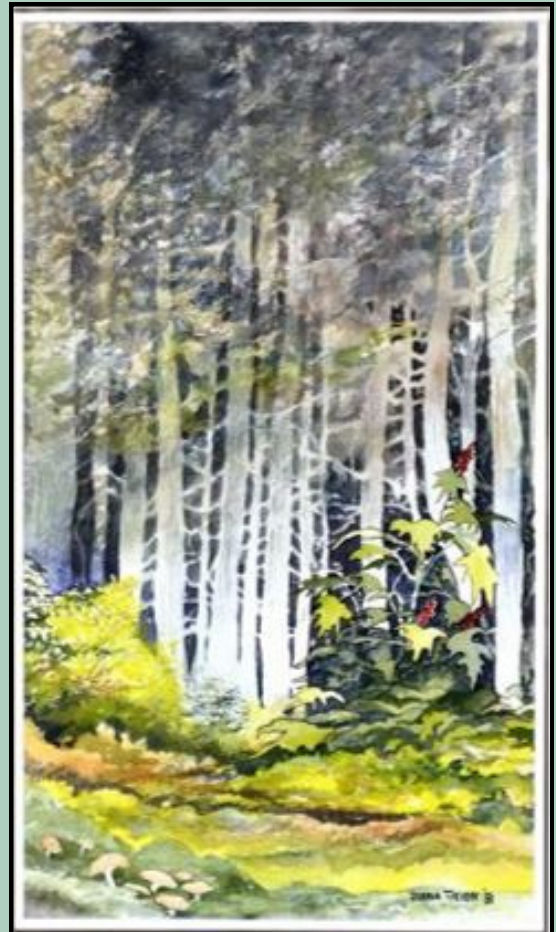
Library Advisory Board

Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Planning Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

# MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION



Green Trees watercolor by Diana Tillion - Clerks Office

Learn more about the municipal art collection at:

[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/  
prac/city-homer-municipal-art-collection](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/prac/city-homer-municipal-art-collection)

## STAY CONNECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Go to [cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk/stay-connected-city-council](http://cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk/stay-connected-city-council) to find instructions on how to listen, provide testimony, and participate in the meetings via Zoom.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### March

5	5:30 pm	Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Worksession
6	5:30 pm	Planning Commission Worksession
6	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Regular Meeting
12	6:00 pm	Economic Development Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
19	5:30 pm	Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting
20	5:30 pm	Planning Commission Worksession
20	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Regular Meeting
21	4:30 pm	Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Worksession
21	5:30 pm	Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
27	5:30 pm	Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Regular Meeting



## JOIN OUR TEAM

- Find current job listings for the City of Homer
- Sign up for Job Alerts
- Apply Online at: [cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs](http://cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs)

**ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**  
The City of Homer Newsletter is published monthly. For questions or comments, please contact the Office of the City Manager at [citymanager@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:citymanager@ci.homer.ak.us).

## City of Homer

491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99603

907-235-8121

[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov)