

# VOL. II - ISSUE I | SEPTEMBER 2022

# CITY OF HOMER

Monthly Newsletter from the office of the City Manager



## GREETINGS FROM CITY HALL

### August Welcomed More Than Tourists

State and Federal agencies met with City officials to discuss a variety of issues and opportunities in Homer. The Alaska DOT Commissioner discussed transportation and roads while NOAA Officials strategized about hazard mitigation. In addition, a representative from Senator Lisa Murkowski's office met with us about infrastructure and the Port expansion. If all of that behind-the-scenes action wasn't exciting enough, the Alaska Municipal League (AML) was here to scope out locations for next year's annual summer conference to be held in Homer.



Pictured from left to right are US Coast Guard Lieutenant *Justin Davis* and Commanding Officer *Shea Winterberger* who recently joined City Manager *Rob Dumouchel*, Port Director and Harbormaster *Bryan Hawkins* and Deputy Harbormaster *Matt Clarke* for lunch at City Hall. This meeting was a great opportunity to welcome the new Commanding Officer to Homer since their return from Baltimore to deliver the USCGC HICKORY this summer. The crew is looking forward to a spring voyage to retrieve the replacement vessel, the USCGC ASPEN, to Homer for its assignment here.

The group enjoyed sharing ideas about program development, mutual resources to support the community, and strategies to assist families while stationed in Homer. The City's pursuit of becoming a designated Coast Guard City was also discussed and encouraged by the USCG team. We look forward to more opportunities to join forces to make Homer the best it can be for everyone.

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We hope you'll discover something new today as we share the latest information and ways you can tap into what's going on at City Hall and in the Homer community.

## Check us out on Facebook

- City Hall - @cityofhomerak
- Parks & Recreation - @homerparksandrec
- Homer Public Library - @homerpubliclibrary
- Homer Police - @homerpolice
- Fire Department - @HomerVolFireDept



Share this link with your friends, so they can get the newsletter too - <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/citymanager/monthly-email-newsletter>

*"where the land ends and the sea begins"*

# LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

## Fall Book & Plant Sale

- September 9: 6-9pm  
[Friends of the Library Sale](#)
- September 10: 10am-6pm  
[Public Plant Sale](#)



## Lunch with Council Member Jason Davis

September 13: Noon - 1pm

Tune in or call in to KBBI to chat with Council Member Jason Davis over lunch. You'll have a chance to ask questions and discuss topics, ideas and more.

## StoryWalk<sup>®</sup>

September 15 - October 15

*The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams. Be sure to catch the last story of the season. This fun and inspiring story will be sure to entertain you on your walk.

## Into Light: A Poetry and Prose Reading

September 21: 6-8pm

Rachel "Ray" Ball, Linda Martin, Jeremy Pataky and Marybeth Holleman read their poetry for Alaska World Arts Festival.

## Alaska Book Week

September 23: 6-7:30pm

Join us for a conversation with Local Authors Richard Chiappone and Tom Kizzia in the Fireplace Lounge.

## Candidate Forum

September 28 or 30: 6-8pm

A moderator for Mayor and City Council candidates will ask questions presented by the audience. Hosted by the Homer Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library.

## Library Western Lot Project

Tune in to KBBI Coffee Table - October 5 at 9am;

Open House Event:

- October 7: 4:30-6:30
- October 8: Noon-1:30pm

## 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

## Old Town Sidewalk Improvement Conversation with Residents & Business Owners



On Tuesday July 26th, Public Works Director *Jan Keiser* and Economic Development Manager *Julie Engebretsen* had the opportunity to meet with Old Town business owners and residents to discuss future road and sidewalk improvements in the district. Engineers from Kinney and Associates were there to present some choices and listen to the conversation.

Bunnell Street Arts Center graciously hosted the event and participants appreciated talking about the traffic and parking issues, while watching large trucks delivering freight navigate the uniquely narrow streets. The quest for traffic calming and better pedestrian access began in Old Town in 2014, which culminated in improvements such as lower speed limits, speed humps and striped pedestrian walkways.

The neighborhood looks forward to working with the City on the next stage of improvements for this vibrant neighborhood. Council Member *Donna Aderhold* has expressed interested on working on policy changes and staying well-informed on developments in Old Town.

## Call to Artists!

Friends of the Homer Public Library co-sponsor the Art in the Library program. Every year we ask local artists to send us samples of their work and a Community Artworks Selection Panel selects the pieces that will be displayed at the library. Although the works on display are for sale, it is an opportunity for artists to showcase their work. We seek artists at all stages of their artistic endeavors.

*Art in the Library*  
Friends of the Homer Public Library  
seeks two-dimensional artwork for display in 2022-2023



Entries due by Thursday, September 15, 8:00 pm.

For guidelines visit [friendsofthehomerpubliclibrary.org](http://friendsofthehomerpubliclibrary.org) or stop by the library circulation desk.

We are now taking new art submissions for this fall and 2023. Individual artists or a collaborative group of artist may email their proposals. All applications are due on **Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 8pm**. Please see the Art in the Library Guidelines and flyer attachments for details.

Feel free to forward this email on to interested artists or print and post/share with others.

Check out the Art in the Library page on the Friends of the Homer Public Library's website here:

<https://friendsofthehomerpubliclibrary.wildapricot.org/Art-in-the-Library>

## Main Street Sidewalk

Construction has resumed on Main Street since East Road Services received their storm drain materials and is installing them. The City has also replaced two obsolete fire hydrants along the way. Curbs are installed and a gravel sidewalk foundation is in place from Pioneer to Fairview. Work continues up the hill toward having a finished sidewalk to walk up Main Street to get from Pioneer Avenue to Bayview Park in our near future.

This sidewalk is a welcome addition to the neighborhood and a major connector of the non-motorized transportation plan. Look for a ribbon cutting event in the near future to celebrate this important addition to our community.



## City Clerk's Office



### Agenda Management

The Clerk's office is excited to announce a change in agenda management software from Municode Meetings to iCompass. iCompass provides for improved internal routing capabilities to assist staff in preparation for Council and Board and Commission packets. There will be an app on Council's tablets for quick access to agenda packets that provides quick links to agenda items, and it has an easy to use public facing portal for citizens to stay informed on meeting schedules and agendas. We don't have date to go live yet, but we're close to having the agenda packet formatting completed and will be scheduling staff and council training on using the program soon.

If you'd like a quick peek at what's to come, visit the City of Wasilla's page at <https://cityofwasilla.civicweb.net/Portal/> or the Village of Lisle at <https://villageoflisle.civicweb.net/portal/> to see what the iCompass public portal offers.

## Community Recreation



**City of Homer**  
**COMMUNITY RECREATION**  
**Fall/Winter 2022/23 - Activity Guide**

**WELCOME FALL!**  
The City of Homer Community Recreation Department offers terrific indoor programs at the HERC Gym and Activity Room, Homer High School and Homer Middle School. Outdoor programs like football, soccer and ultimate frisbee are also available.  
Here is a resource of great free or low-cost programs available to keep you and your family active and have some fun this spring and summer.  
[cityofhomer.ak.gov/com-rec](http://cityofhomer.ak.gov/com-rec)

**PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

- Dance
- Health & Fitness
- Basketball Camp
- Flag Football
- Volleyball
- Pickleball
- Fire Fighter & EMT
- Outdoor Safety
- Arts & Culture
- Special Events
- Mountainfilm Festival
- Library Programs

**REGISTRATION**

- Check each listing for program fees.
- Pre-registration is required to reserve your spot.

**CONTACT**  
**Mike Ilig - City Recreation Manager**

- Office: 907.225-4099
- Email: [communityrecreation@cityofhomer.ak.gov](mailto:communityrecreation@cityofhomer.ak.gov)
- <https://www.cityofhomer.ak.gov/com-rec>

Find us on Facebook @homerparksandrec

The deadline to be a part of the Spring/Summer catalog is February 10, 2023 for activities March - August. If you would like your program or business promoted or if you would like to become a contracted instructor through Homer Community Recreation, please call us today.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS: Fall/Winter Activity Guide

**Check out the new Fall/Winter 2022/23 Activity Guide!**

We hope you enjoy the new line up of classes like jewelry making and language arts, dance, Girls Youth Basketball Camp, pickleball, volleyball and more at being offered. Be sure to stay in touch with our website as new programs are added through the season.

[Click here to see program list.](#)

Scan the QR Code to go directly to the Fall/Winter Activity Guide



# Finance



## The Amazing Finance Team

I'd like to give a shout out and high five to the City of Homer Finance Team. They've been working hard and keeping things moving despite being short a person since the beginning of the year. *Elizabeth Walton* is leading us into the FY23/24 budget process, *Jenna deLumeau* has been focused on audit, *Lori Sorrows* is our payroll guru, *Lynda Gilliland* has been working on capital projects, assessments, and training our newest team member *Rochelle Billings* on accounts receivable and utilities, and *Angie Kalugin* is the ever friendly face at the front desk coordinating customer service processes.



Left to right: Lori Sorrows, Jenna deLumeau, Elizabeth Walton, Rochelle Billings, Angie Kalugin, Melissa Jacobsen. Not pictured, Lynda Gilliland

Of course this is a tiny snapshot of what this team does, so if you see one of these fabulous finance team members be sure to thank them for all they do to keep the City finances checked and balanced!!

-Melissa Jacobsen, Deputy Administrator/City Clerk

# Fire Department

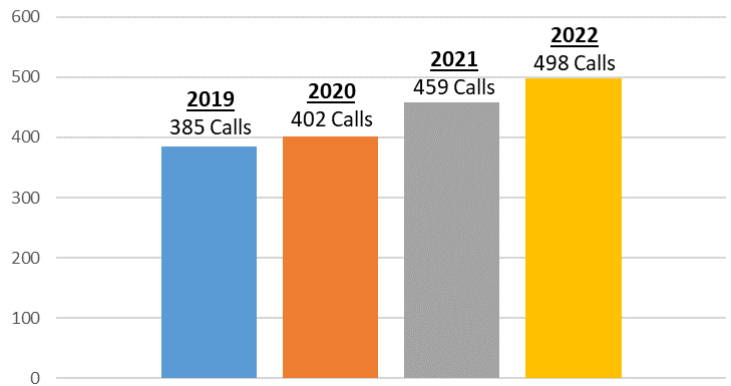


## A Busy Summer for HVFD

This has been a busy summer with call volume seeing a 30% increase over the past two years. We broke a record with 500 calls in August with a good percentage of HVFD 911 calls happening back-to-back. These calls often last 4-5 hours each, which can present challenges for our volunteer providers. Although our calls have increased, the number of volunteer firefighters has stayed approximately the same.

In between calls, we have been busy doing tons of training that is best conducted in the summer like rope rescue and HazMat (hazardous materials) situations. Our HazMat training was especially invigorating. This month we duplicated a training done with the Homer Harbor a few years back. It involved copious amounts of a simulated HazMat (baby powder, in this case), a couple of clueless and powder covered 911 callers, and a not-so-helpful bystander. I'm sure any passersby were entertained to watch providers thumbing through the ERG while the "victims" groveled in powder and wailed for help.

HVFD 911 Calls  
Period: January 1 to August 15



Kaleb Harvey and Devin Fairbanks, hamming it up with HazMat baby powder drill



Luke Rubalcava rescuing the soaked victims after initial decontamination

Through it all, our providers stuck to their training and resisted becoming victims as well. They also remembered the Firefighter's mantra; when dealing with hazmat in a lifesaving setting, the 'Solution to Pollution is Dilution'. They might have been a little overenthusiastic with the dilution part. A firehose is a wonderful tool, but they also "accidentally" sprayed the instructor as well, head to toe.

## Fall EMT-I Class

EMT-I class is starting the end of September. Although the dates are not yet set in stone, we appreciate your help in spreading the word. We are accepting applications for our EMT I class and new membership with HVFD. To keep up with the 911 calls, we need to add to our pool of volunteer firefighters and EMTs. Together with the longtime volunteer group and the regular staff, we can successfully kept our Homer community supported for 911 calls, big and small.

# JOIN TODAY!

## Special thanks to Josephine Ryon

If you have ever managed a large group of people, you will know that sometimes it's the details that make the difference. Josephine has been a member for almost 20 years now, as an active responder both in EMS and Fire. Now her primary roll is in documentation, as she takes photos and also most importantly organizes our photographic records. As you might imagine this is a herculean task with providers coming and going, major events and even disasters captured and then kept for posterity. Many of the pictures we are able to share for the newsletter are courtesy of her hard work. We look forward to many more years of seeing her smiling face at every group gathering, behind the camera or in front!



Chief Cunningham checking with Emily Larson on Engine 2 water decon supply.



Dan Lindbergh with fire hose with an innocent smile and a very wet Chief Cunningham.



"Annoying bystanders"- Luke Rubalcava, Dan Lindbergh, and Emily Larson



Josephine Ryon

# PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES



## Updated School Guidance from the CDC

It's back to school time and the CDC has updated its school guidance. Vaccinations are the best way to stay healthy and prevent COVID-19. Vaccines are safe and effective and they protect us from transmitting the virus to others, which benefits the whole family and our community. Children age 5 and older can get vaccinated locally. Talk to your healthcare provider or make an appointment to get vaccinated. [www.sphosp.org/covid-19-information/](http://www.sphosp.org/covid-19-information/)

## Planning Department



### Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

#### What is the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)?

The LHMP identifies potential hazards and describes the nature of the hazard, location, disaster history, extent/severity, and probability of future events. Each potential hazard is addressed by these three factors:

1. **IDENTIFY:** Identifying the potential hazards and their locations;
2. **ASSESS:** Risk Assessment of the overall vulnerability and impact of each hazard on the community depending on the land area, population and critical facilities that may be affected.
3. **MITIGATE:** Action plan and capability to implement a strategy to prevent or decrease impact through projects and prioritization of the risk.



#### What are Homer's potential hazards?

Nine potential hazards have been profiled in the LHMP: climate change, earthquake, erosion, flood, landslide, severe weather, tsunami, volcano and wildfire. Each one has been investigated using the three factors above. This month we are going to talk about climate change.

#### Let's take a look at Climate Change:

- **Nature:** Climate = weather (temperature, precipitation (rain & snow), and seasonal patterns in a region. Climate change = long-term and irrevocable shift in weather-related patterns. The change in climate impacts how people live, the food they grow, their health, the wildlife and their habits, water availability, and much more. Impacts of climate change are being felt by sea level rises, storm surges, landslides, wildfires and extreme weather. Polar regions like ours can be more pronounced and Alaska is on the frontline because we are warming faster than any other state because of multiple issues.
- **Location:** The entire City of Homer is susceptible to climate change. Potential sea level rise along with increased intensity in storm surge and coastal erosion threatens the Homer Spit.
- **History:** According to the 2018 National Climate Assessment, the rate at which Alaska's temperature has been warming is twice as fast as the global average since the middle of the 20th century. In Homer, average annual temperature change has seen an 11% increase from 1950 to 2020 and a 29% precipitation increase. Sea level rise has been increasing too.
- **Extent/Severity:** The University of Alaska Fairbanks Scenarios Network for Alaska + Arctic Planning (SNAP) models show that Homer can expect temperature and rainfall increases.
- **Recurrence Probability:** NASA states that "scientists have high confidence that global temperatures will continue to rise for decades to come, largely due to greenhouse gases produced by human activities."

Click [HERE](#) to read the 2022 Local Hazards Mitigation Plan.

# Police Department



## Sitka ALET Training Academy Gets Surprise Visitors from Homer Officials

This year's Alaska Municipal League summer conference was held in Sitka, which also happens to be the site of the Alaska Department of Public Safety's Training Academy. New police officers in the State of Alaska attend the 17-week Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) program at this facility. City Manager Dumouchel and Council Member Aderhold were able to tour the facility and pop in on Homer police officer recruit *Evangelina Campuzano* where she is her squad's assistant leader.



Council Member *Donna Aderhold*, Officer Recruit *Evangelina Campuzano*, and City Manager *Rob Dumouchel*

Evangelina has worked as a dispatcher since April 2021. She served in the US Navy as a military police officer from 2012 to 2016 and is member of the Navy reserve as a military police officer. We're excited to see her move to an officer position and wish her the best of luck with the rest of her time in the ALET program!

## HPD is ARIDE Certified

The entire Homer Police Department has completed ARIDE - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training, a 16 hour course on identifying drug impaired drivers. ARIDE is intended to train law enforcement officers to observe, identify, and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a combination of both, in order to reduce the number of impaired drivers and impaired driving related traffic collisions.

## Ladies Self Defense Class II - October 15

Come spend a valuable and entertaining Saturday with HPD to learn basic self-defense moves, safety awareness tactics and toss a few cops around.

Class is limited to 80 participants, ages 13 + and it's **FREE!**

- **When:** Saturday, October 15, 2-6pm
- **Where:** Homer Middle School Gym
- **How do I sign up?** Email Lt. Ryan Browning at [rbrowning@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:rbrowning@ci.homer.ak.us) or call him 907-235-3150.



# Port & Harbor



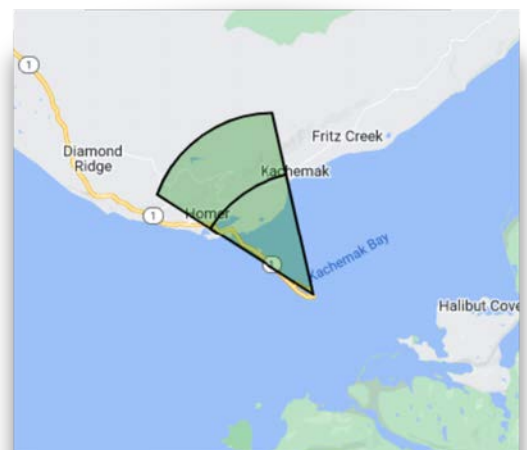
## Harbor Cam Goes Live

Marine Exchange of Alaska and the Port of Homer have completed the installation of a public view camera at the mouth of the harbor. This camera utilizes the Alaska Ocean Observing System to provide information on conditions at the mouth of the Homer Harbor.

Now the public can go the Port of Homer web site click on the Homer Spit Current Weather button and follow the prompts to read current weather conditions, and see a real time photo of the mouth of the harbor which is updated every 10 minutes. This will be especially helpful during winter months to check in on ice conditions in the harbor.

Go to the website and create a bookmark, so you can check in regularly.

<https://evision.mxak.org/public/weather/mapapi.html>



# Public Works



## Right-of-Way Ordinance Now in Effect for City Streets

Homer City Council passed Ordinance 22-40 on August 8, 2022 to help make it easier for Public Works to provide critical services to Homer residents. It is now prohibited to block Right-of-Ways in the City of Homer. The Right-of-Way is not just the roadway. It also includes the area between the road and your property.

The Right-of-Way is City property used to access utilities, keep storm water flowing in ditches, store snow plowed from roads, and access roads for general maintenance.

To avoid a fine or towing bill and to help protect your property, please keep the Right-of-Way clear of boats, vehicles, RVs, planter boxes, cute address markers, dog houses, etc. These objects present a public safety hazard and prevent the City from providing critical services to you and your neighbors. Plus, if your things get covered with snow, they may not be seen by our roads crew and could be unintentionally damaged by graders or plows. Mailboxes are okay if you have a permit.

Speaking of snow, please do not push snow from your property onto a road, sidewalk or path. This includes commercial snow-plowing businesses; pushing snow from your customer's parking lot into the road is not okay.

The Public Works Department thanks you for doing your part to keep the Right-of-Ways safe and clear. For more information, contact Public Works at 907-235-3170 or visit [www.cityofhomer-ak.gov](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov).

## Measuring Water Flow

The Public Works crew recently installed a flume on the Northern Enterprises Boatyard property off Kachemak Drive. The purpose of the flume is to measure the amount of water that flows in ditches from ground water, storm water and surface water streams. This work is part of the field work supporting the Kachemak Sponge Green Infrastructure Project. You'll be hearing more about this work in the coming months.

University of Alaska Semester by the Bay interns have arrived in Homer and will be working on the green infrastructure project. This is one of many exciting projects the team will be working on with our Public Works staff, so stay tuned.



The Right-of-Way is for

**Plows Not Parking**  
**Graders Not Gardens**  
**Snow Storage Not SUVs**





## Inflation Hits Water & Sewer Rates

As you have probably noticed, prices for many consumer products are higher this year than they were a year ago. Sadly, we're experiencing this same inflation in our water and sewer utilities; the piped systems and treatment plants. This hurts our budgets and puts our ability to provide safe, great-tasting drinking water and reliable, environmentally-friendly waste water treatment, at risk. The City Council reviews our budgets annually. Then, it establishes rates for water and sewer services that meet the projected expenses for operations and major maintenance projects.

The basic "Rate Model" was established in 2013, following extensive work by a Task Force of five Homer residents and two city councilmembers to research best practices and develop an equitable formula. For example, before 2013, residential customers and commercial customers paid different rates for a gallon of water. The Task Force determined this wasn't equitable. Now, everyone pays the same rate. The Task Force also determined that some factors, such as geography, make the costs of Homer's utilities more expensive than in some other small communities. Further, some of Homer's facilities are 35 years old or more, and like all antiques, need careful attention and regular repair to continue functioning. Because the costs of operations, spare parts, chemicals, electricity, maintenance and more, have increased, rates will need to increase as well.

You will hear about this in upcoming City Council meetings. New rates are expected to be effective November 1, 2022. Notices will be sent out in October. You can attend City Council meetings to learn more about how the rates are computed as well as offer comments or ask questions.

## Where does our water come from?

In 1975 a dam was constructed across Bridge Creek, creating the Bridge Creek Reservoir. The reservoir has a 37 square acre surface area at normal level, which is 930 feet above sea level. The dam itself is an earth fill, clay core structure. The crest is 1200 feet long, 25 feet wide and 65 feet high. It has two spillways, the first, the Morning Glory, is a 36 inch diameter pipe on the north end that regulates the water level by returning water to Bridge Creek, downstream of the dam. The other is an emergency spillway that protects the dam by allowing water to by-pass the dam and flow under the road on the south side. The reservoir is located north of Homer on Crossman Road.



*Bridge Creek Reservoir, Homer, Alaska*

The pump house is on the south side of the reservoir and conveys water up to the treatment plant on Skyline Drive. The water intake line is also on the south side. The intake level can be adjusted to ensure the operators are getting the highest quality water possible. Both the Morning Glory and the intake are protected by a fenced cages.

The reservoir is an excellent local recreation site. It is open to fishing, canoeing, swimming, etc. but for safety reason no shooting or motorized equipment please. Fuel and oil leaks are very hard to remove from the water prior to treatment. Please remember that it is the community's source of drinking water. Everyone can play a role in protecting our drinking water. Here are some helpful tips to remember: Take trash and other items with you, so not to contaminate this high quality water source; When in the parking lot, remember to watch for kids and leave room by the guard rail for other people to unload canoes and paddle boards and safely reach the reservoir.

# Welcome Aboard

## New Hires

The Homer Police Department welcomes two new staff to their roster:

- Winifred "Winna" Wade, Public Safety Dispatcher
- Evangelina Campuzano, Police Officer I

Public Works gains a new staff member at the Water Treatment Plant:

- Jack Heimbold, Treatment Maintenance Technician I

## Promotions

The Homer Public Library and Information Technology departments promoted staff to new positions within their divisions. Congratulations!

- Dave Bernard, Deputy Library Director
- Tomasz Sulczynski, Network Administrator

## Departures

Farewell and best wishes to Travis Brown, Planning Technician who departed August 26th. Thank you for your years of service with the City of Homer.

## August Anniversaries

We would like to recognize City staff members with anniversaries this month. Thank you for the dedication, commitment and service you've provided the City and taxpayers of Homer over the years. You all are an integral part of what makes the City of Homer a great place to work and the community.

Joe Inglis	Public Works	11 years
Shawn Krause	Public Works	3 years
Kellen Stock	Police	3 years
Rob Dumouchel	Administration	2 years
Nate Brown	Public Works	1 year

## The City of Homer has current Job Openings!

Sign up for Job Alerts or Apply Online at:

[cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs](http://cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs)

## Meet the Staff

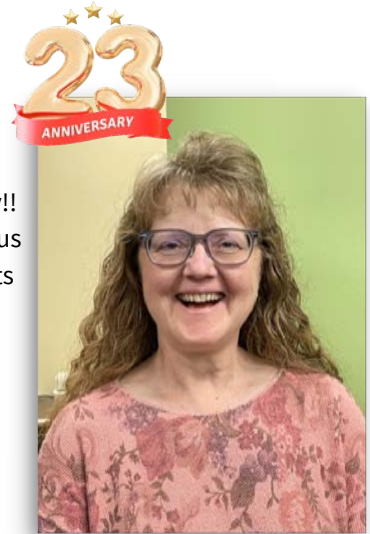


This section is to highlight staff achievements, promotions, retirements, departures and new hires to the City's workforce.

### Lori Sorrows

#### **Congratulations on 23 years!**

Lori Sorrows recently celebrated her 23rd anniversary with the City!! During her tenure she's had various responsibilities including accounts payable, purchase orders, fixed Assets, DMV titles & registrations, customer service, project/grants administration, and payroll.



When asked to share some highlights of her tenure with the City, Lori said her most memorable

event was the annexation and picketing line at City Hall. Some of the protesters were personal acquaintances, so it was fun to wave at them and even spend a moment visiting with them as she came and went. She had a front row seat on the petitioning of local leaders.

Her most admired city project was the rebuilding of the public library. As an avid reader and the daughter of a reference librarian she's partial to this project and really appreciates the incorporation of artwork. Her most significant job impact was the upgrading of information technology. The city was still using pin-fed checks when she started working here despite the technology for laser checks having been around for at least ten years. Moving from pin-fed checks toward more electronic checks has been a significant change.

In her free time, Lori enjoys DIY projects. She and her brother-in-law share an interest in collecting old hand tools and refurbishing them back to like-new condition for their projects. Her most current DIY project is refinishing an old roll-top desk that had been used for storage. The most current book she's read is about the techniques and processes used to make hypertufa containers. She wants to incorporate what she learning about hypertufa planters into an outdoor garden.

*Thank you for all you do for the City of Homer, Lori!*

# City of Homer Roster

Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk  
Andrea Browning, Personnel Director  
Rick Abboud, City Planner  
Mark Robl, Chief of Police  
Mark Kirko, Fire Chief  
Bryan Hawkins, Port Director/Harbormaster  
Elizabeth Walton, Finance Director  
Jan Keiser, Public Works Director  
Dave Berry, Library and IT Director  
Nick Poolos, Info. Technology Manager  
Mike Illg, Community Recreation Manager  
Julie Engebretsen, Economic Development Manager

**Mayor** - Ken Castner (2022)

## City Council

Donna Aderhold (2024)  
Jason Davis (2022)  
Shelley Erickson (2024)  
Storm P. Hansen-Cavasos (2022)  
Rachel Lord (2023)  
Caroline Venuti (2023)

## Commissions & Boards

Planning Commission  
Economic Development Advisory Commission  
Library Advisory Board  
Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission  
Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

## Standing Committees

ADA Compliance Committee

# MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION

Learn more about the municipal art collection at:

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/prac/city-homer-municipal-art-collection>

## ART AT THE AIRPORT

When you arrive at the Homer Airport, you can't help but notice the large metal biplane sculpture near the Cargo entrance. Artist *Don Henry* created this eight-foot sculpture with found objects in 1993.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH CITY COUNCIL

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

## Upcoming Meetings

### September

7	5:30pm	Planning Commission Worksession
	6:30pm	Planning Commission Regular Meeting
12	5:00pm	City Council Committee of the Whole
	6:00pm	City Council Regular Meeting
13	6:00pm	Economic Development Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
15	5:30pm	Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
20	5:30pm	Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting
21	5:30pm	Planning Commission Worksession
	6:30pm	Planning Commission Regular Meeting
26	5:00pm	City Council Committee of the Whole
	6:00pm	City Council Regular Meeting
28	5:00pm	Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Regular Meeting

## JOIN OUR TEAM

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## CURRENT JOB LISTINGS

- Assistant Planner or Associate Planner
- IT Support Specialist
- Temporary Firefighter/EMT-I or II



## City of Homer

491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99603  
907-235-8121

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



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# Plows Not Parking Graders Not Gardens Snow Storage Not SUVs



**You can help keep Right-of-Way areas clear, so Public Works crews can provide services that protect your property and keep your neighbors safe.**

Please be aware that blocking the Right-of-Way is now prohibited under Ordinance 22-40. Avoid a fine or even towing that may happen if your stuff is creating a hazard or blocking access to utilities or work that needs to be done. (Homer City Code Chapter 1.16).

### **What is considered the Right-of-Way?**

It's the space between the road and your property that is used for utilities, transportation of storm water via ditches, storage of snow when plowing, access for road maintenance and other uses to benefit the public.

### **Need more information?**

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