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CITY OF HOMER

Monthly Newsletter from the office of the City Manager



Happy Holidays FROM THE CITY OF HOMER

Main Street Sidewalk Ribbon Cutting

On Wednesday, November 2nd, City officials, staff and contractors gathered at the corner of Main Street and Pioneer Avenue to celebrate the completion of the Main Street sidewalk as Coast Guard members cheered on from their office window. The ribbon cutting commemorated the opening of the Main Street sidewalk that runs from Pioneer Avenue north to Bayview Park. Thanks to the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) road funds, the sidewalk and disturbed portions of Main Street were paved on October 20th by East Road Services.

What a difference this sidewalk will make for Homer residents who enjoy walking in town. The Homer Theatre said their patrons will certainly enjoy the new sidewalk to make it safer for those who like to walk down to see a movie.



From left to right: Public Works Superintendent Mike Zelinski, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator Jenny Carroll, Economic Development Manager Julie Engebretsen, Homer Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brad Anderson, Jennifer Mitchell owner of NOMAR, East Road Services, Council Member Caroline Venuti, Mayor Ken Castner, City Manager Rob Dumouchel, and Public Works Director Jan Keiser.

WHAT'S NEW?

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- Public Works
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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 EVENTS

Double Your Donation for the Library Endowment Fund



It's the giving season! Thanks to an anonymous donor, all donations made during the month of December will be matched up to \$2,500. That's a Win-Win for the HPL Endowment Fund! Contact the Library for more information.

Annual Giving Tree

Once again, the library has partnered with Homer Bookstore on the Annual Giving Tree. The Christmas tree in HPL's lobby is decorated with ornaments with names of book titles we would like to acquire. If you're interested in donating a title or two to the collection, consider buying it through the Homer Bookstore and having it delivered to the library. Books are a gift to the whole community.



Virtual Author Talks

Join us online from 10-11 am for a virtual talk with these three authors in December;

December 6: Geraldine Brooks, author of *March*, *People of the Book*, and others.

December 10: Frederick Backman, author of *The Winners*.

December 14: Nicole Eustace, author of *A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America*.

Lunch with a Council Member

January 10, 2023

Noon - 1pm

Kick off the New Year and join the conversation with Council Member **Rachel Lord**. Bring your questions and topics for discussion and enjoy lunch over Zoom.



Check out the complete Line-up of Library programs



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

City Clerk's Office



Election Season is a Wrap!



City Hall was a busy place for several weeks as we saw early and absentee voters cast their ballots in the weeks leading up to the November 8th mid-term election. It was nice to see such a great turn out. Thank you to the election workers and staff who made this election season run smoothly.

Coast Guard City Program Application

The application has been submitted! We are keeping our fingers crossed as the USCG Standing Board considers Homer's application to become the sixth city in Alaska to be a designated Coast Guard City. The approval process takes several weeks, but we hope to have notification after the first of the year. We will keep you posted.

This designation commemorates the relationship we have with the US Coast Guard and is the ultimate expression of the importance we hold for its members and families as an integral part of the Homer community.



What a magnificent sunrise on November 7, 2022 over Kachemak Bay that was captured from the Homer Police Department front door. Stops you in your tracks!

The Giving Season

Looking for a way to give to your favorite local charity this holiday season?

Pick.Click.Give.



31 ORGANIZATIONS IN HOMER



December

FESTIVITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

KICK OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

December 1st - Homer Chamber of Commerce

- **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
Homer Chamber of Commerce
 - Christmas carols from Homer High School Choir
 - Hot cocoa, s'mores & cupcakes
 - Santa arrives at 5:45pm
- **Homer Let It Glow Holiday Lights Festival!**
Back by popular demand, this 2nd annual lighting campaign and contest kicks off today! Private residences, businesses and neighborhoods can win prizes for best holiday light displays.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS FANTASTICAL

December 31st - Mariner Park

Ring in the New Year with a bang thanks to Aaron Weisser and his troop of volunteers. Homer Police Department will provide traffic control for the event that attracts thousands of spectators from across the Kenai Peninsula. Mariner Park will be headquarters for the fireworks display with simultaneous radio broadcast on KBBI, Captain's Coffee Food Truck, and more!



69th Annual Winter Carnival Celebration & Parade: "Breaking Out of Hibernation!"

February 11, 2023

To participate in the parade, contact Julianne Turner at the Homer Chamber of Commerce at 907-235-2326.



Community Corner

What's happening around the City of Homer

Local Farmer's Efforts Get Emus Legalized in Alaska



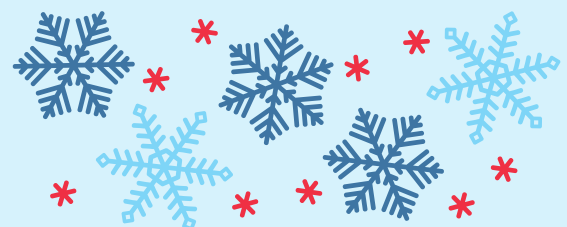
Port & Harbor staff member *Pike Ainsworth* has been on a mission since 2019 to get emus added to the Clean List - a register of livestock allowed in the state without a permit. Emu is considered poultry and is harvested for meat, leather and oil. Until this summer, they were illegal in Alaska.

In March of this year, Pike made his case to the Board of Game to testify about the condition of food security in Alaska and get emu added to the Clean List. "Food security is an extremely serious issue, especially now during wartime and Covid-19, stores have been consistently out of food, the price of meat has skyrocketed, making red meat unattainable to most Alaskans," he said.

Emu meat is more nutritious than beef, they can be "hatched from an egg and be ready to market in six months," he said. They birds have a low-impact on the land compared to other livestock. Plus, they make great pets.

After an investigation by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the state veterinarian, the proposal passed unanimously, and went into effect July 1.

Congratulations, Pike!



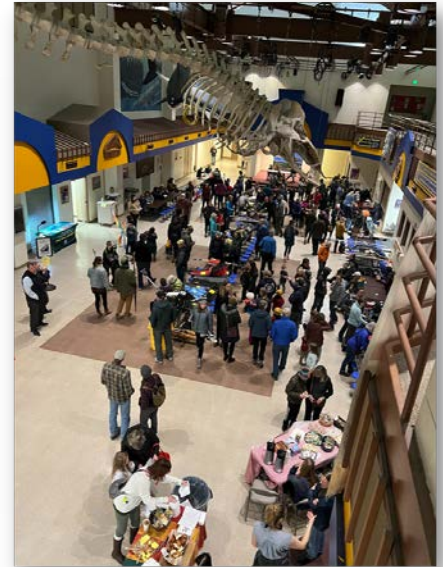
Community Recreation

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/com-rec>



Getting Stoked for Winter Sports!

The City of Homer Community Recreation program recently hosted a an incredibly fun and successful event on November 9th at Homer High. The annual Ski & Winter Gear Swap was jammed packed with an estimated 400 attendees. The Homer High Nordic Ski team hosted a fundraiser to wax skis and snow boards and generated over \$1,000 to support their program. The local youth non-profit HOWL (Homer Wilderness Leaders) generated over \$1,600 in soups sales (sold out) and the Homer Middle School "AK to DC" Field Trip sold dessert and generated over \$600 in sales. The Telluride Mountainfilm show #1 was also well attended with approximately 170 people. **Telluride Mountainfilm show #2 will be Saturday, January 21 at 7pm at the Homer High Mariner Theater.**



CITY OF HOMER ALASKA

HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY & COMMUNITY REC PRESENTS:

SPORTS GEAR LIBRARY

Check out gear for fun and activities!

Sleds, balls, games, metal detectors and much more!

SCAN for more info

Must have a Homer Public library card. Call 235-6090 for more information

The poster is colorful and features illustrations of a person on a sled, a person with a metal detector, and a basketball. It includes a QR code and text about borrowing sports gear from the library.

THE NORTH FACE PRESENTS

MOUNTAINFILM ON TOUR

HOMER

JANUARY 21, 2023

HOMER HIGH SCHOOL - MARINER THEATER
DOORS AT 6:00 P.M. / SHOW AT 7:00 P.M.
TICKETS: \$10 - AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

A SELECTION OF CULTURALLY RICH, ADVENTURE-PACKED & INCREDIBLY INSPIRING FILMS

The poster features a stylized illustration of a mountain range, evergreen trees, and a winding river. It includes the North Face logo and the City of Homer Alaska logo.

Finance Department



1st Quarter Sales Tax Revenues

The Kenai Peninsula posted the taxable sales numbers for the first quarter of FY23 (third quarter of calendar year 2022), and we've set another record for the City of Homer. Taxable sales are reported at \$99,553,824, a \$6M increase over last year. The City expects to receive approximately \$4.8M in revenue which will be shared between the General Fund, HART, HAWSP, and the Police Station.

Fire Department



Enrollment Open for February Firefighter -1 Training Course

Sign up now to reserve your spot in the upcoming Firefighter 1 Training Course that will start mid to late February. This class will be conveniently held on nights and weekends class and will include an online component. Upon completion candidates will be trained and ready to respond to interior firefighting operations, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials operations, and wildland firefighting. This class will certify you as a State of Alaska FF1, which is a great start to a new career path, or to so you can help the community in time of need.

START THE NEW YEAR OFF ON A NEW ADVENTURE!

Contact Deputy Chief Joe Kahles at 907-299-5618 for more information and to sign up for the February FF1 Course.



Left to right: Devin Fairbanks, Deputy Chief Joe Kahles, Chief Mark Kirko and Jake Fitcher

No Shave November Raises \$ for Share the Spirit

Homer Volunteer Fire Department and Homer Police officers participated in "No Shave November" and contributed \$25 a week in November to donate to Share the Spirit. This annual contest is always a lot of fun.

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

FLOOD

Homer has several areas inherently prone to flooding including low-lying areas surrounding Beluga Lake, along the entire shoreline coast, and the Homer Spit as identified on FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

Excessive snowmelt or rainfall have a large impact on lands and homes and also areas such as streams, rivers, canyons or coastal areas.

Spring and summer are the most likely seasons to see floods with heavy snowmelt and rainfall runoff though the fall and winter are also likely due to rainfall and freeze/thaw cycles. Based on history of flood events in Homer, severe flooding is most likely to occur every 2 to 7 years.

Major flood events occurred in 2002, 2007, and 2013, which resulted in bridges being washed out on the Kenai Peninsula that isolated Homer for several weeks while repairs were made. Two of those events were declared disasters and resulted in disruptions to the economy because of limited road access to transport goods and materials here except by barge or airplane.

You can follow this link to learn more about [Coastal Flood Maps, Permits and Flood Protection Information](#) and tap into the Hazard Maps for your area. However, the flood maps do not include risk from tsunami or sea level rise.

What can you do to prepare?

- Make a plan to have extra food and provisions on hand should roads go out.
- Go to higher ground.
- Divert the flow of water on your property away from your home to storm drains.
- **Flood Proof Your Building:** Helpful FEMA documents with suggestions on how to protect your buildings from flooding.

To learn more, we invite you to dive deeper into the [Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).

Planning Department

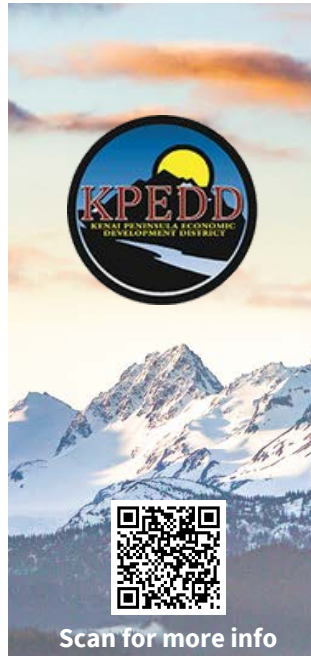


Economic Development: KPEDD 2023 Industry Outlook Forum

The Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District and the City of Homer Economic Development Advisory Committee are hosting the one day event focused on childcare, housing, transportation and the future for the community of Homer.

A panel of experts will discuss hot button topics like childcare, housing, transportation and the future of the Homer community.

Come for part of the day, or plan to spend the whole day. It will also be live-streamed on the KPEDD YouTube channel for those wishing to attend virtually. To register, please [Click Here](#). For additional questions, contact KPEDD at (907)283-3335 or Caitlin@kpedd.org.



SAVE THE DATE
01.5.2023

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK FORUM

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
HOMER, ALASKA

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/JQOEUNGZVLIBADXH9](https://forms.gle/JQOEUNGZVLIBADXH9)

Featuring a Homer Panel of experts to discuss:

- Childcare
- Housing
- Transportation
- The future for the community of Homer

❄️ Your Winter Pics ❄️

Council Member Storm Hansen-Cavasos shared this beautiful photo captured at Bishop's Beach. Storm enjoys making art from found objects on the beach like these natural creations of a heart and a seaweed creature.



Amber Baldus, Assistant to the Fire Chief, shared these photos from her latest winter adventure in Talkeetna. Amber did her first dog sled ride and came back with ice on her eyelashes! She tried out her new snowshoes too. Oh, what winter fun!

[Send your winter photos to
cdrais@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:cdrais@ci.homer.ak.us)

Police Department



Evangelina Campuzano Graduates Police Academy

Congratulations Homer Police Officer Evangelina Campuzano, pictured at right, who recently graduated from the Alaska Police Academy. Recruits are not allowed to walk through the main doors of the academy until they graduate, so to ring the bell and use the front door is quite an honor.



Lt. Ryan Browning and Sgt. Dave Shealy with the winners of our Christmas card art contest. Congratulations to Hannah Hooker and Griffin Hagen, both 5 years old.



You know it's going to be a good day with a sunrise like this!

Incredible sunbeams spray from beneath the clouds on a November morning captured from the City Manager's office looking out over Kenai Peninsula College to Kachemak Bay.

Absolutely stunning!

Port & Harbor



Sulfur Export Project

The Port of Homer facilitated a bulk sulfur export project on Friday, November 18 that took several days to complete. North Star Stevedoring and Kar-a-Van Transport loaded approximately 20,000 tons (10,400 bags) of crushed bulk sulfur via truck, forklift and ship's cranes to the ship, M/V TBC Praise, moored at the Deep Water Dock. The sulfur was kept at the cargo storage terminal (Chip Pad) on Freight Dock Road until it was time to load for transport. Under current market conditions, this load represents about \$4 million worth of materials bound for Mexico for use in fertilizer products.

The stevedoring effort included 54 longshoremen, split into two crews, running 12-hour shifts, 24/7 until loading is complete. However, before work commenced, crews gathered for an in-depth safety meeting and to go over the logistics of the operation. As you can imagine, there are a host of security plans, facility regulations, and inspections to ensure everything is done safely and effectively. Deputy Harbormaster Matt Clarke met with US Coast Guard officials that morning to process the required 'declaration of security' and assure the vessel's safety systems were in compliance.

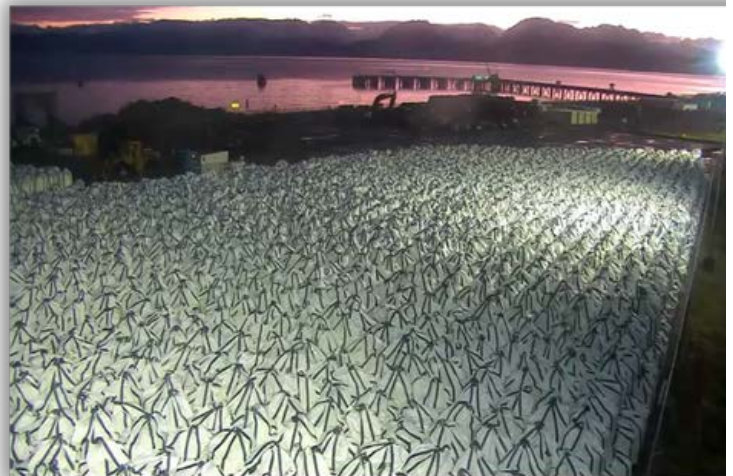
Sulfur is a byproduct of the oil refining process. This sulfur comes from the Marathon-Kenai Refinery located in Nikiski where it is crushed and bagged, and trucked to Homer to be safely stored until a ship is hired to receive the product for transportation. Homer's deep water port offers the most cost effective way for Marathon to get their product to market. Sulfur is a globally traded commodity and an integral component of fertilizers and the phosphates industry.

The last time a load out this size was December 2019-January 2020, which occurs approximately every 5-10 years in Homer. The Homer Port & Harbor is happy to provide services for this project in the form of wharfage, dockage and storage costs.

Thank you to everyone involved for a successful mission.



Longshoremen walking to cargo ship moored at Deep Water Dock.



10,400 Sulfur bags lined up on the Chip Pad waiting to be loaded.



Ship cranes loading 4400 pound Sulfur bags from transport trucks.

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES

"Public Safety" covers a lot of areas - from health and wellness to fire safety, safe driving practices and winter tips for safe travel. Don't forget our pets too! Each month we strive to provide relevant information to help you live well and stay healthy. If you have a tip to share, please let us know - email us.

WINTER ROADS

Even though most of us are accustomed to driving in winter conditions, the roads can be unpredictable and dangerous at times. People are often in a hurry at the holidays - driving too fast for conditions is the number one cause of accidents. Take care to stay safe this season with these helpful tips

- Slow down in snowy or icy conditions
- Practice defensive driving on the winter roads
- Designate a sober driver or arrange a cab ahead of time if you plan to drink at holiday gatherings.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season provides 'extra' opportunities to decorate, entertain and travel away from home. Whatever your traditions are we hope you stay safe and take steps to protect your property.

- Holiday decorating tips:
 - Set timers on holiday lights.
 - Make sure light sets are in working order.
 - Fresh trees: keep them watered!
- Annual Winter Preparation & Maintenance:
 - Have your heating system checked to make sure it's running properly and efficiently.
 - Check your batteries! Smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors have battery back up power that need to be checked regularly.
 - Have your chimney cleaned.
 - Update fire extinguishers.



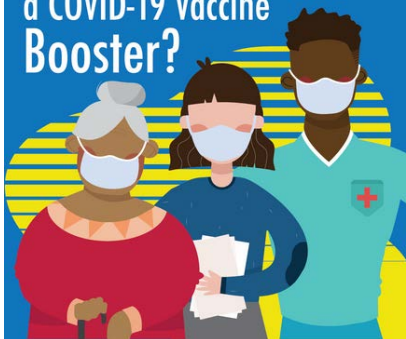
Everybody otter
get a **flu shot!**



Have you gotten your flu shot yet?

According to the CDC, the traditional flu season runs from October to May. This year the season started off with low local incidents, yet more than previous seasons at this time. Nationally, and locally, there have been cases of influenza and other respiratory viruses going around. Flu shots are a good preventative measure and are available at local pharmacies or a health provider.

Who Can Receive
a **COVID-19 Vaccine
Booster?**



COVID-19: It's still around!

Don't let your guard down! COVID is still around. Vaccinated and unvaccinated people alike are contracting the virus. If you've been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 or if you're feeling symptomatic, the best thing to do is limit close contact with others and get tested. **FREE Test kits are available at the Homer Public Library.**

Need to get a booster? COVID-19 vaccinations are available at the **South Peninsula Hospital** COVID Clinic on Bartlett Street for individuals 5 years and up. Your health provider or pharmacy may have them available too.

Public Works



Sustainability and Climate Change in Homer

University of Alaska Semester by the Bay intern Madie Butz presented her project, Sustainability and Climate Change in Homer to City Council Monday, November 28th. The product for the project is the new web page with the same title. [Click here](#) to be directed to the new web page suite.



Ready for Action!

Roads crews are happy to have two new sanding trucks, above, at their disposal this winter. Mechanics got the trucks all set up with plowing and sanding equipment to and are ready to go to maintain our roadways safely and reliably.

Public Works in Winter Prep Mode!

Mechanics, operators and building maintenance crews have been busy getting tires changed over, chains on the heavy equipment, plows and sanders mounted back on trucks, ice melt ready, etc. Superintendent Mike Zelinski says, "We all can do our part to aid in being ready for snow and icy conditions. Our focus right now is to encourage folks to keep the right of ways clear and remove anything in the roadway that would hinder access to clearing snow and sanding."

Snow Removal Dashboard

GIS Technician Aaron Yeaton created Snow and Sanding Map "dashboard" that is available on the City's website and is updated during winter operations, so people can see where crews are working. The dashboard is an ESRI GIS product that can provide near-real-time updates on city road conditions and snow removal status in a mapping environment. Supplemental information, such as travel warnings and road crew operations can also be posted. The dashboard will be available on the City's website on an as needed basis, i.e. during major snow events.

Winter is coming... City Plows Start at 4am



PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM GETTING PLOWED!

How do I do that? Keep roads and Right-of-Ways clear, so snow plows and sanding trucks can do their job and keep roads safe for everyone. If not, unfortunately, you could be fined.

- Blocking the Right-of-Way and Roads is prohibited.
 - Keep everything out of the Right-of-Way and off roads.
 - Do not push snow into roadways or into the Right-of-Way.

What is the Right of Way? It's the roads, sidewalks and also the space between the road and your property that is used for utilities, channeling of storm water via ditches, area for the City to store plowed snow and accessing roads for maintenance.

Other helpful tips:

- Check the City website for road closures and winter advisories
- Be prepared! Carry a kit in your car in case you get stranded

Need more information? Check out our new web page and get the latest updates on snow plowing and sanding on City roads.

THANKS FOR DOING YOUR PART TO KEEP THE ROADS CLEAR & SAFE



City of Homer Public Works Department
907-235-3170
www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/publicworks



Transportation Plan Update

Economic Development Manager Julie Engebretsen and contractor Brad Parsons with the Independent Living Center have been busy over the past few weeks, presenting to Homer High School students, attending a luncheon at the Senior Center, conducting interviews with individuals with disabilities, and talking with taxi companies. Outreach will continue for another few weeks to include conversations with other focus groups. Thank you to Council Member Shelly Erickson for helping staff connect with truck and bus drivers.



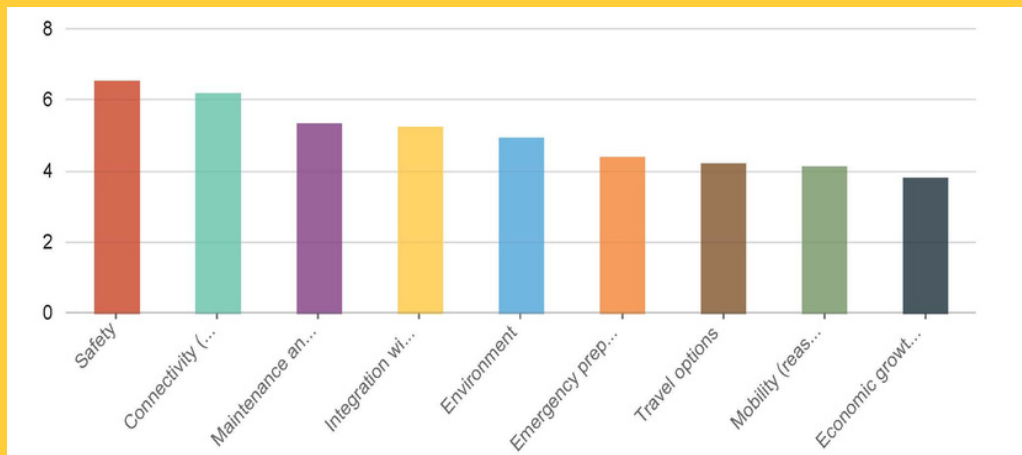
Public Works Director Jan Keiser presents Transportation Plan to KPC group.

City staff and consultant Kinney Engineering held a public meeting at Kenai Peninsula College on November 9th. About 25 members of the public turned out to learn about preliminary survey results and comment on draft goals for the transportation plan update.

The transportation survey helps us to prioritize and address pedestrian related needs that are important to people in Homer who take advantage of alternate modes of transportation during different seasons. To date, 253 survey responses and 450 map comments have been received. Common themes have emerged, see below. Both surveys ended the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Over the holidays, general comments can be submitted via the project website, and broader outreach will occur in the first quarter of 2023. The chart below shows the top priorities that were revealed from the survey. Thank you to everyone who participated.



BIKE TRAILS, TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND PATHS WERE THE MOST POPULAR PRIORITY TOPICS.



TOP PRIORITIES: SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HOMER ANIMAL SHELTER!

The holidays are always lots of fun around the shelter with extra treats and the festive hum of the many air purifiers going 'round the clock! We're always busy with our animal residents, but we love making time for families and volunteers to come in out of the cold and warm up with a lap full of kittens, or a romp in the play yard with one of our shelter dogs. Please call first as we are still operating by appointment.

As the cold weather sets in, we lovingly remind you that there are many effective ways to keep your animal friends safe and warm this winter. Some dogs and cats stay outside most of the year, and that's OK if they are healthy and have warm shelter to go to. Of course, most pets want to have a cozy bed in the house with you!

Here are a couple things you can do to help your furry friends who like to be outside in colder weather. Whatever your needs, we are here to help with supplies or resources.

- Straw – as opposed to hay or blankets - makes the best insulator for dog houses and even outdoor cat structures. Because it is hollow, it holds heat and doesn't freeze as readily as blankets or towels do. The Homer Animal Shelter has straw available for outdoor pets.
- Insulated houses and heated water bowls are a must for keeping outdoor pets safe and healthy in inclement weather.

Want to support the Animal Shelter this season? Check out our [Amazon Wishlist](#) with a link on our Facebook page. This list is just an idea of some of the things we could use, although we encourage you to find the items locally at the [Homer Animal Friends Store](#).

Get Crafty & Win a Prize! We're having an animal-themed ornament contest. All homemade ornaments will be hung on the shelter's tree and the winner will get a special prize!

Thank you for your continued support,
Jillian Rogers
Homer Animal Shelter Director

HOMER ANIMAL SHELTER
IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT
TUESDAY THRU SUNDAY 11AM-4PM.
AT THE FACILITY SEVEN DAYS
A WEEK FROM 8AM-5PM &
24/7 FOR ANIMAL CONTROL
CALLS
907-235-3141

Welcome Aboard



PLANNING

The Planning Department welcomes two new staff members to the team to keep our busy office operating smoothly.

- **Courtney Dodge**, part-time Assistant Planner, right.
- **Bella Vaz**, full time Associate Planner, left.

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Steve Overdorf** starts his day early at 4am for Airport Maintenance to keep the airport parking lots and driveways clear for travelers. Steve has completed the required DOT training to work in this area.
- **Cole Jacobsen** will be working with Building Maintenance temporarily. Cole has worked at the Harbor in the past, so he is familiar with City operations.

November 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.

Dave Shealy	Police	25 Years
Jenna deLumeau	Finance	13 Years
Ian Overson	Police	11 Years
Cinda Nofziger	Library	1 Year
Pedro Ochoa	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

Meet the Staff



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

Jenna deLumeau

Controller
Finance Department

Jenna deLumeau started her career with the City of Homer in 2009 as an Accounting Technician IV in the Finance department. Jenna is from a small town in New Jersey that is a lot like Homer. She received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Florida Atlantic University.



After graduation, Jenna decided it was way too hot in Florida, so she drove all the way to Homer to follow her love of wilderness and the ocean. Seventeen and a half years later, when Jenna is not working to keep the finances straight and auditors happy, she likes to spend her free time fishing, viewing wildlife, DIY projects, and playing with her two Great Danes.

Thanks for all you do for the City of Homer, Jenna!



City of Homer Roster

Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk/Deputy Director of Administration
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/City Engineer
Dave Berry, Library and IT Director
Mike Illg, Community Recreation Manager
Julie Engebretsen, Economic Development Manager

Mayor - Ken Castner (2024)

City Council

Donna Aderhold (2024)
Jason Davis (2025)
Shelley Erickson (2024)
Storm P. Hansen-Cavasos (2025)
Rachel Lord (2023)
Caroline Venuti (2023)

Commissions & 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

Learn more about the municipal art collection at:

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



'Dalmation' by Erik Behnke, a 36 inch x 36 inch acrylic painting donated in 2005, is located at the Homer Animal Shelter inside the lobby. What a great way to welcome folks to the Animal Shelter to find their next fur-ever friend!

STAY CONNECTED WITH CITY COUNCIL

Go to: 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

December

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| 7 | 5:30pm | Planning Commission Worksession - CANCELED |
| | 6:30pm | Planning Commission Regular Meeting |
| 12 | 5:00pm | City Council Committee of the Whole- CANCELED |
| | 6:00pm | City Council Regular Meeting- CANCELED |
| 13 | 6:00pm | Economic Development Advisory Commission Regular Meeting- CANCELED |
| 14 | 5:00pm | Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Regular Meeting |
| 20 | 5:30pm | Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting-CANCELED |

JOIN OUR TEAM

The City of Homer has current Job Openings. Sign up for Job Alerts or Apply Online at:

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CURRENT JOB LISTINGS

- Public Safety Dispatcher, Full-time
- Community Jail Officer, Part-time
- Firefighter/EMT-I or II, Basic or Temporary



City of Homer

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

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov