

**NOTICE OF MEETING
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** *(Three minute time limit)*
- 4. VISITORS** *(Visitors normally have 10 minutes for their presentation.)*
 - A. Adele Person, Walkability
- 5. RECONSIDERATION**
- 6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA** *All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by the Parks & Recreation Commission and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Parks & Recreation Commissioner or someone from the public, in which case the item will be moved to the regular agenda and considered in normal sequence.*
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- 13. COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION**
- 14. COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015** at 5:30pm in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer Alaska

Session 15-10 a Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order on June 18, 2015 at 5:35 pm by Chair Matt Steffy at the Cowles Council Chambers City Hall located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, BRANN, LOWNEY, MACCAMPBELL, ROEDL, STEFFY

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LILLIBRIDGE

STAFF: JULIE ENGBRETSSEN, DEPUTY CITY PLANNER
MELISSA JACOBSEN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Steffy called for a motion to approve the agenda.

BRANN/LOWNEY SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Roberta Highland, city resident, commented to reiterate that public safety is the number one concern and if it's simple, hopefully there will be buy in. She expressed concern about the drug use and is thinking of an ad hoc committee regarding that. She supports all the policies they have come up with and is empathetic to those who will have changes in their life. She understands it as a trail user and the development and building that it can be hard, but its part of life. She will personally struggle with no dogs on the berm because she likes to walk in that area, but it's a compromise so she's looking at it that way.

Louise Ashman, city resident, said she has learned a lot in coming to these meetings. She noted a new issue regarding a motorized parasail that has been launching from the berm in front of the slough and doing low passes in the area. She acknowledged float planes take off from Beluga Lake, expressed the importance of protecting the nesting birds in the area, and that this lower flying vehicle raises concern. She asked that this be added to the list of concerns. Other than that, she thinks the list in the packet looks great and thanked the Commission for considering the public input.

Tom Zitzman, city resident on Hidden Way, thanked the Commission for their work. From where they live, they see the beach every day. He supports the recommendations that have been developed so far. His concern is overwhelming backlash and resentment that will build if they are recommended to Council in their present state. He encouraged them to consider the most important aspects of their recommendation and prioritize what we really need. One being the area from the pavilion to the east shouldn't have vehicles, and despite the signage, they are there every night. He thinks the addition of two additional police officers isn't likely to pass but Council could support periodic ticketing sessions in the area, and after a few of those sessions, parking on the berm will happen less often. His personal

feeling is cars shouldn't be allowed at all with the exception of gathering coal. Education and signage are important aspects.

Rick Vann, city resident on Charles Way, hasn't seen too much of a problem in the area and less traffic than in the past. He thinks we just need to enforce the rules we have, which include no one driving to the left and on the berm. He agrees with better signage to define where people can and can't drive would be helpful. He has talked to people who have been driving fast and a lot of times they will slow down. A garbage area for people to put their trash would be helpful, there used to be one there. As far as drug use, all cities have problems with it, but most of all we have pretty good people around here. With some signage and education, we can all get along.

Mike Warburton, city resident, agrees that limiting vehicles on the beach would make life easier for him and his guests. The police help when there are parties on the beach and the trash isn't as bad as it used to be. If they do something regarding no vehicles on the beach, he will still need to get down there with his truck a few times a year to do maintenance on his trail and property and a permit for property owners could be a workable solution.

Lori Zitzman, city resident on Hidden Way, encouraged compromise so people don't feel like their rights are being taken away. She suggested only banning vehicles in the summer season when the birds are nesting and more people are on the beach, and let them ride in the off season. She also agrees that intermittent ticketing would help reduce the traffic to the east and on the berm.

Bill Ostwald, property owner on east Bunnell, said he is most concerned about reckless driving and drug use on the beach. He likes the Commission's recommendation and said we have to stop traffic on the beach if we're going to get a handle on the problems down there. It happens at all hours of the night. He agrees the biggest concern is safety and that enforcement is a key issue. He asked about the status of traffic control measures that were discussed. Deputy City Planner Engebretsen said it's her understanding it's been designed, but she know when it will be constructed. She will ask the City Manager for follow up.

VISITORS

RECONSIDERATION

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes for the Special meeting of May 21, 2015

Chair Steffy called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda.

LOWNEY/BRANN MOVED TO APPROVE.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Staff Report – Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen commented to the Commission about recent layoffs in the City, and losing a member in Planning who was able to transfer to another department. The reduction in her department will mean less time for her to work on Parks and Recreation things and the City is anticipating a large shortfall for next year. She expects there will be a broader community conversation, and that the cuts will be big next year, like programs and services. She encouraged the group to keep an eye on things. The budget and CIP will be on the agenda again in August.

B. Parks & Recreation Annual Conference Update – Matt Steffy

Chair Steffy commented that he will email the initial conference teaser to the clerk's office to be sent out to the group. It can also be seen on the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association webpage.

C. Community Recreation Report – Mike Illg

D. Parks Report – Angie Otteson

E. Critical Habitat - Matt Steffy

Chair Steffy referenced the information regarding vehicles in the critical habitat area, noting there are exceptions, below the mean low water line all around Kachemak Bay and critical habitat area. If we were looking at a seasonal prohibition on vehicles in Zone 8 we would need to ask the city to enter into an agreement with the refuge system of ADF&G to get that zone added to the exemption list.

Commissioner Archibald clarified the areas permitted has been a general permit issued for areas you can go on with a vehicle from Anchor Point to Bidarki Creek. But from Bidarki Creek in, Fish & Game says it's illegal until such time anyone entertains to put in an application for a general permit.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Review of Draft Council Presentation

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen reviewed the information in the packet.

The Commission provided the following feedback:

- Page 21 - change became more aware of the bird habitat, to more aware of inappropriate activities in the bird habitat along the grassy berm and change teenage beach users to user groups of all ages.
- It needs to be brought to Council's attention it's illegal to drive on the beach now. A slide with a map of the area could be included.
- Talking points regarding active enforcement, officers on the beach, versus passive enforcement, install a gate.

- The importance of more succinct signage that states no vehicles and states the fine, also defining it is a critical habitat area/wildlife refuge.
- Addressing effective ways to educate the community on the policy.
- Security cameras would be less costly than personnel and is something to be considered relating to enforcement. They touch on some challenges and benefits of cameras and there may be grants available to the police department.
- Installing a gate to eliminate access to the beach and allowing land owners to access their beach front property to do maintenance through a permitting system.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Review for 2016

In response to questions about the the West Homer Elementary trail, Rogers Loop trail and Hornaday Park phase three, Deputy City Planner Engebretsen said money is in place for those and will report back with status updates. Question was also raised regarding the parking and beach access trail to the beach on Crittenden. She said that would be addressed through a budget request and will try to have a spreadsheet with budget requests for them to review in August.

Chair Steffy commented in support of funding for the infrastructure to support the enactment of the beach policy.

Commissioner Archibald commented about the need for improvements at the ball fields. Deputy City Planner Engebretsen commented it's a matter of budgeting for maintenance and improvements. She noted there isn't water to Jack Gist Park and until it's there, it won't be pretty but there have been improvements to the turf out there. There has also been money spent on improving the fields at Hornaday Park. If we can identify what's missing, hopefully we can be more successful in the future. That will be a good discussion to have when Parks Maintenance Coordinator Otteson is here so the group can hear her input.

They touched on the need for participation through adopt a park and adopt a trail programs and also by the community.

The Commission agreed this needs to be a future agenda item regarding reciprocal relationships with the City and its facilities.

B. Review of the Capital Improvement Plan

Some of the budget discussion tied in with CIP projects and the Commission will discuss the CIP again in August. Chair Steffy encouraged the Commissioners to review the projects before the August meeting.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Commission Annual Calendar 2015
- B. Commissioner Attendance at City Council Meetings 2015

Chair Steffy said he could attend the Council meeting on June 29, Commissioner Brann agreed to attend

on August 10, and Commissioner Archibald agreed to attend August 24.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Asia Freeman, city resident in Old Town and member of the PARC committee, thanked the Commission for their hard work and progress on the beach policy. She is excited about the potential civilizing activity that could be taking place as a result of their work. Regarding the Park, Arts, Recreation and Culture needs assessment she commented that they are about a year into it and she is hopeful about what can come of that. She thanked Julie for her incredible service and acknowledged that due to staff cutting, Julie won't be able to continue to provide backbone support for PARC. On behalf of the old town residents and of the bigger arts and culture community Ms. Freeman thanked Julie and gave her a small bird carving in appreciation.

Tom Zitzman, city resident, commented he attended a few council meetings last summer and complained about Bishops Beach. He has learned here that he wasn't really aware of the 2007 Beach Policy and not knowledgeable of what tools were available to the city. In having listened to this group's discussion he understands community members need to be responsible for what is happening down there.

Louise Ashman, city resident, said after tonight's discussion she wanted to emphasize that from the perspective of Homer beaches being critical habitat, it is currently illegal to drive on all city beaches and that the current practice is against the policy law that's been in place. That needs to be really clear because there will be a lot of community outpouring about the fact that we've always done it. Secondly with the issue of budget cuts and implementation and enforcement issues, they have to be careful not to back off any policy recommendations based on whether they can be enforced. Lastly, in terms of education efforts, they all involve citizenry but we also need to educate the influx of tourists. Having the policy available to guests, and also signage will be very important.

Bill Ostwald, city resident, doesn't think it will be as bad as others think regarding the Commission's proposal. He has talked about it to people in the community who have said it's about time. He knows quite a few people who won't go to Bishops Beach because of the activity there and they think it will be a welcomed change. He said the word "no" is one of the hardest in the English language, but by saying it and sticking to it there is really no misunderstanding it.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is present)*

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Brann thanked the audience for coming and staff for their work. He encouraged everyone to get out in the sunshine and out on the bay, this is a great place to live.

Commissioner Archibald thanked everyone for coming out and thanked staff.

Commissioner MacCampbell thanked the audience for their coming tonight and sticking with it through the beach policy review.

Commissioner Lowney thanked staff. She really appreciated the quality information in the packet. It was a good meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Steffy echoed the previous comments and thanked everyone for being here. He added that the Highland Games are this weekend and encouraged people to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Steffy adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next **REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015** at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Melissa Jacobsen, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Approved:_____



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To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
Date: August 13, 2015

Subject: August Staff Report

Commission and Council interaction

Overall, the Commission does a great job communicating with the whole Council during Council reports. But we need a Commissioner or two who can spearhead asking for a Councilmember to sponsor resolutions and ordinances.

When the Commission has resolutions or ordinances going to the City Council, someone on the Commission needs to ask a Council person to sponsor it. Only the City Manager or the mayor or a council person can approve something for Council's agenda. A lot of the time, if the subject is routine, the City Manager will do this. But if its more controversial, a Council person is needed. So, this means the Commission needs to work more with individual Council members. An example is banning dogs on part of bishop's beach, or the leash law changes the Commission recommended. Its up to a Commissioner to find a sponsor for that if you want to see it move forward; its not something as staff that I can do for you.

2016 Budget

The budget will be a very hot topic in the coming months. If you have questions about the budget process, please ask! Attached is the summary of the "Closing the Gap" survey and Town Hall Meeting. Typically, there is not much more to say until the Manager's Budget is submitted to the City Council, in late October. If you want to see all the survey results, send me an email and I'll send you a link. The results are kind of buried on our website. Its an interesting read if you have a few minutes.

Attachment

Online Survey and Town Hall Meeting Memo 15-138



Where the Land Ends and the Sea Begins



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Memorandum 15-138

TO: Mayor Wythe and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Katie Koester, City Manager
FROM: Patrick Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
DATE: August 5, 2015
SUBJECT: Online Survey and Town Hall Meeting

The purpose of this memo is to share the results of the Town Hall meeting and Online Survey discussing core services and new revenue prospects with the Mayor and Council.

Town Hall:

The Town Hall meeting was held July 20th in City Hall. We had a great turn out with approximately 100 attendees. The community members in attendance were provided an opportunity to share their opinions on City provided service and City departments. Participants were broken up into 4 separate groups where they were given stickers to indicate "Level of Importance" and "Level of Service" of 51 City provided services and 12 City departments. Department representatives and Council members were present in each group in order to answer questions community members had throughout the evening. The mood of the evening was very positive and constructive. Many thoughtful comments were made by the public, City representatives, and Council members. If there was an overarching theme to the evening it was that the community enjoys and appreciates the vast majority of the services the City provides and is willing to incur new or increased taxes in order to pay for them.

The 5 most 'CRITICAL' City provided services:

- 1- Fire Services and Protection
- 2- South Peninsula Haven House (Shelter & Child Advocacy Center Investigative Interviews)
- 3- Enforcement of all City, State, and Federal laws and COH ordinances
- 4- Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances)
- 5- Winter Road Maintenance (Snow Plowing, Snow Removal, Sanding, Culvert Clearing)

The 3 revenue streams the community is most 'In Favor' of:

- 1- Introduction of a Bed Tax (71% In Favor, 81% positive response)
- 2- Raising the Sales Tax Cap from \$500 to \$1,000 (64% In Favor, 80% positive response)

- 3- Reinstating the Seasonal Sales Tax on Non-Prepared Foods (55% in Favor, 82% positive response)

If we solely look at positive responses and not just votes on the highest end it shifts slightly. This encompasses 'In Favor', 'Mostly in Favor', and 'Somewhat in Favor'

The 3 revenue streams with the most 'Positive' responses:

- 1- Raising the Sales Tax by 0.5% (85% positive response)
- 2- Reinstating Seasonal Sales Tax on Non-Prepared foods (82% positive response)
- 3- Introduction of a Bed Tax (81% positive response)

Online Survey:

The intent of this survey was to gather information from the public on which City-provided services are considered to be Core Services, where the public could tolerate reductions, and what, if any, new or increased taxes they would be in favor of supporting. The survey was comprised of 5 questions and was open for 4 weeks. Over that time period the survey received nearly 500 responses. As an interesting aside, this is about 40% of the total votes cast in the last municipal election. The theme from the online survey is similar to the Town Hall meeting; we like our services and are willing to incur new or increased revenue streams to support them.

Top 6 City-Provided Services

| City Resident | Non-City Resident |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1- Police and Public Safety | 1- Fire and EMS |
| 2- Fire and EMS | 2- Police and Public Safety |
| 3- Winter Road Maintenance | 3- Winter Road Maintenance |
| 4- Airport | 4- Airport |
| 5- Summer Road Maintenance | 5- Library |
| 6- City Administration | 6- Parks and Rec |

There were only 2 City-Provided services that 50% or more of the City residents recommended reducing. Both of these services combined represent an estimated 2% of the entire general fund.

| City Resident | Non-City Resident |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1- Boards and Commissions (59%) | 1- Boards and Commissions (58%) |
| 2- City Support of Non-Profits (50%) | 2- Planning and Zoning (53%) |

When looking at revenue the theme was similar to the Town Hall. Nearly 91% of City Residents and 94% of Non-City Residents were in favor of seeing some form of new revenue or increasing existing taxes in order to support City-Provided services.

- 1- Introduction of a Bed Tax (65% City Resident) (69% Non-City Resident)
- 2- Ending the Seasonal Non-Prepared food Tax Holiday (47%CR) (51%NCR)

- 3- Increasing Sales Tax Cap from \$500 to \$1,000 (40%CR) (41%NCR)
- 4- Increasing Sales Tax (35%CR) (35%NCR)

We received 74 comments regarding cuts and 184 comments for additional revenue. Many of the comments are valuable and should be considered. There were a few themes that stood out: attracting new business to the area, not moving forward with new buildings and projects, increasing fines and fees library/harbor/parking/beach, increase of taxes that affect all people who use city services, sin taxes alcohol/ marijuana/tobacco/junk food, and many others.

Attached:

Town Hall Meeting Dot Exercise

Town Hall Meeting Key Pad Polling

Online Survey Data; As a Whole, City Resident, Non-City Resident



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Memo

To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
From: Mike Illg, Community Recreation Manager
Date: 8/13/2015
Re: City of Homer Community Recreation Information

The City of Homer Community Recreation program continues to be very popular service for our community members. Our activities through a partnership with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District are located at Homer High School, Homer Middle School, West Homer Elementary and the city owned HERC building.

2014 Highlights

There were **50** individual volunteers who have donated **4,576** volunteer hours and this equates to a monetary value of **\$119,765 (\$26.59/hour*)**.

There were **30** individual contracted instructors that generated approximately **\$23,000** in revenue that are essentially **part time jobs** contributing to our local community.

There have seen many **increases** in 2014:

- Total participants increased by **25%** (4,138)
- Total estimated visits increased by **98%** (26,273, repeat visitors)
- Total revenue collected increased by **32%** (\$43,900)
- Total increase of volunteer hours by **56%** (4,576)
- Total increase in donated volunteer value increased by **86%** (\$119,765)

Community Recreation spearheaded the collaborative efforts to create, design and fund the popular **"HOMER TRAILS Map"**.

Alaska Recreation & Parks Association (ARPA) 2015 Conference

With the conference being less than 2 months away the anticipation and preparation continues to grow! We are slowly getting registrations, sponsorships and donations to help support the conference. I not only hope that the P&R commissions can attend but also assist with miscellaneous tasks such as manning the registration table, soliciting sponsorships/donations and other odds and ends. I have spoken with some participants from other parts of the state that plan to spend additional time before and after the conference. Homer is a very desirable place to visit, have fun and ultimately to spend money to support our local economy. Please review that attached information.

Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Needs Assessment

This important needs assessment will ideally provide adequate information and feedback from the community in regards to parks, arts, recreation and culture in the Homer community. I believe this will be an important document not only for the Homer residents utilizing local services but will also help the greater Homer area plan for the future relating to quality of life, economic development and tourism. I urge the P&R Commission to take the assessment and move forward in a collaborative effort with the community members, business and other agencies so that we could someday plan for a comprehensive parks , art, recreation and culture master plan.

HERC Building Stats 2014

| Activity | Revenue |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Contra Dance Class | \$60 |
| Gymnastics | \$2,125 |
| Playgroup | \$618 |
| Pickle Ball | \$5,018 |
| Women's Basketball | \$1,060 |
| Youth Basketball | \$1,380 |
| Youth Wrestling | \$413 |
| Youth Soccer | \$345 |
| Zumba | \$286 |
| Total: | \$11,305 |

There are many proven studies that proves municipal recreational services provide many important and beneficial results including; increasing property values, attracting businesses to a community, reducing crime, extend life expectancy, improve quality of life, reduce childhood obesity, strengthen neighborhoods, increase the sense of community and attracts new residents to a community. While our community enjoys and offers many outdoor recreational opportunities during the warmer summer months, the Community Recreation program strives to fulfill the crucial needs of all recreational opportunities especially during the colder months. This is essential considering that our state has the highest rates of depression, suicide, drug/alcohol abuse in the United States. Positive options create positive results!

To Whom It May Concern:



Greetings!

My name is Mike Illg and I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Recreation and Park Association. Alaska Recreation and Park Association, or ARPA (www.alaskarpa.org), is a nonprofit organization that supports those who advocate for parks, recreation, wildland, aquatics and adaptive recreation programs and facilities. They do so by providing information, and preparing, coordinating, and organizing educational opportunities for residents of Alaska. As you all know, parks and recreation plays an important role within tourism locally and throughout the state.

This year the **2015 ARPA State Conference** will be held in Homer! This will take place **October 7-10th**. This conference will bring lots of people together from around the state for many professional educational and networking opportunities. We are excited to have these visitors in Homer, especially during the slower months of our local economy. We have approximately 250 members and will be expecting 70-80 participants to attend.

We are **reaching out** to local, state wide and regional businesses and entities to inquire if they are interested in assisting with the 2015 conference by sponsoring various activities. Please view the attached list of potential sponsorships opportunities and benefits. All of our sponsors will be duly noted and advertised throughout the conference in all publications and banners.

During the conference we will be hosting a **silent auction** to raise money for ARPA's scholarship fund that helps Alaskan parks and recreation professionals to attend conferences, trainings, take courses and participate in professional development. We would be most grateful if you could donate an item to help make our silent auction a success! We hope to have collected all items prior to October 7th.

We will also be giving each conference participant a "swag bag" full of promotional/usable items, information and small gifts. We will gladly **accept any items** you wish to share from your organization or business such as pens, coupons, magnets or other promotional items that will help get your name, business or agency to the conference participants. Our hope is that your business is exposed to the conference attendees (many who have stated they are coming early and staying later) will check out your product/service and ultimately make a purchase.

All donations are tax-deductible. Please contact me at **299-6425** or millg@ci.homer.ak.us if you are interested in donating to this state-wide organization.

Sincerely,

Mike Illg
City of Homer Recreation Manager
Co-Chair 2015 ARPA Conference

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Recreation and Park Association

2015 Annual Conference at a Glance

| Preconference Events | Conference Events | | Post Conference Events |
|--|--|---|--|
| Wednesday, Oct. 7 | Thursday, Oct 8 | Friday, Oct 9 | Saturday, Oct 10 |
| Parent & Tot Swim Lesson Instructor Course 11:00 am—1:00 pm | Keynote Speaker: 9:30 am <u>Educational Sessions:</u> 10:45—11:45 am Including: The Balloon Animal: The Most Stressed Animal in the World and Foundations for Teaching Like A Pro! | <u>Educational Sessions:</u> 9:30—11:45 am Including: The Users-Eye View: Techniques Towards Effective Facility Design and Swim 101 | Certified Pool Operator Class (<i>Cont. on Sunday</i>) 8:00 am—5:00 pm <i>daily</i> ARPA Fun Run 9:00 am |
| "Rainbow Tours" Sight Seeing Cruise 1:45 pm | Conversations with Christine 11:45 a.m. | Sectional Luncheon 11:45 a.m. | Accessibility in School Sports 9:00 am—12:00 pm |
| ARPA Board Meeting 4:00—5:30 pm | <u>Educational Sessions:</u> 1:30—4:30 pm Including: Marijuana Marijuana Everywhere and Speed Session: What's happening in recreation across Alaska | <u>Educational Sessions:</u> 1:30—4:30 pm Including: Playground Design: Getting it Right the First Time and Sectional Roundtables | "Did You Know?" Training 10:00 am—3:00 pm |
| Conference Opening: 2nd Star Social 6:00 pm | All Conference Social Event Location: Alice's Place 6:00—9:00 pm | Conference Closing: Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet 7:00—10:00 pm | |

For a complete list of conference events and education sessions please visit: <http://www.alaskarpa.org/annual-conference/>



Key Note Speaker

Christine Byl author of the highly acclaimed "Dirt Work:" a lively and lyrical account of one woman's unlikely apprenticeship on a National Park trail crew

and what she discovers about nature, gender, and the value of hard work. Christine is a gifted writer and public speaker with a passion for growth of character that comes from the time spent developing trails in challenging environments. With a spirit of drive and interpretation, she is an ideal spokeswoman for an industry that want to "Be the Difference." Visit her website at www.christinebyl.com for links to many of her online articles and interviews, than join us October 8-9 in Homer, Alaska for a great conference!



Certified Pool & Spa Operator Class



Two-Hour Rainbow Tours Sight Seeing Cruise



ARPA Fun Run

Pre-Conference Session: Wednesday, 2:00 pm the ARPA Aquatics section will be presenting the Swim Professor himself, Mr. Jim Reiser. Jim will be teaching a Parent & Tot Swim Lesson Instructor Course. Jim will also be presenting two educational session during the conference: Swim Lessons 101 and Teaching Like a Pro.



Post-Conference Session: ARPA is please to offer its members access to the "Did You Know?" program. This program is designed increase parks and rec advocacy in your community. A special training session will be offered on Saturday to help you learn how to make the most of this exciting new program.

Registration:

Early Registration (by 8/31)

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|-------------|-----------------|
| ARPA Member | \$200.00 |
| Non-Member | \$250.00 |
| Student | \$75.00 |

Registration after 8/31

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| ARPA Member | \$300.00 |
| Non-Member | \$375.00 |
| Student | \$75.00 |

Daily Registration:

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| ARPA Member | \$150.00 |
| Non-Member | \$175.00 |

Pre/Post Conference Events

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|--|-----------------|
| 2 Hour Rainbow Tours Sight Seeing Cruise | \$40.00 |
| ARPA Fun Run | \$15.00 |
| Certified Pool Operator Class | \$450.00 |

Vendor EXPO!

Thursday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am—2:00 pm

A big THANK YOU to all of the vendors who help make the annual ARPA conference possible!



Accommodations: Conference accommodations are available at the beautiful Land's End Resort located at the end of the Homer spit. A select number of rooms are available at a discounted conference rate. When inquiring about this rate please use discount code: **ARPA**.



Second Star Social Event:**\$2,000**

Wednesday, 10/7

This will be ARPA's kickoff social event for members and affiliates to enjoy the amazing Second Star facility <http://secondstaralaska.com/>. There will be catered hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic drinks served with optional beverages for sale.

What you get:

- Sponsor will be able to display their business banner at the main entrance of the event.
- Sponsor will be able to talk about their business and product.
- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- Two tickets to Second Star Social.
- Two Ticket to Alice's Social.
- One Ticket for Two Hour Boat Cruise (pending weather and minimum participation met)

Banquet Sponsor:**\$1,700**

Friday, 10/9

Our annual conference culminates with our fun and festive banquet. This is an important function where we swear in our newly elected board members, present awards and complete other organizational matters.

What you get:

- Sponsor will be able to display their business banner at the main entrance of the banquet.
- Sponsor will be able to talk about their business and product.
- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- Two tickets to Second Star Social.
- Two Tickets to Alice's Social.

- Two Tickets for Two Hour Boat Cruise (pending weather and minimum participation met)

Back Pack Sponsor

SOLD

\$1,200

All of the conference participants will be receiving a complimentary “BE THE DIFFERENCE” backpack. We envision this to be very popular and functional product that will have lots of visible exposure when they are brought back to their respective communities. Envision your logo, brand and website literally on the backs of parks and recreation professionals throughout Alaska!

What you get:

- Sponsor’s logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- One ticket to Second Star Social.
- One Ticket to Alice’s Social.

“Be the Difference” Keynote Luncheon Sponsor:

\$1,100

Thursday, 10/8

Our keynote speaker this year is award winning Alaskan writer Christine Byl author of *Dirt work: An Education in the Woods*. By sponsoring this lunch for 70 + participants, we can ensure your product or business will be duly noted.

What you get:

- Sponsor will be able to display their business banner at luncheon.
- Sponsor will be able to talk about their business and product.
- Sponsor’s logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- One tickets to Second Star Social.
- One Ticket to Alice’s Social.
- One Ticket for Two Hour Boat Cruise (pending weather and minimum participation met)

Conference Luncheon Sponsor:**\$ 900**

Friday, 10/9

Here is an opportunity to use a lunchtime audience to market your company or program. This is for the Friday luncheon.

What you get:

- Sponsor will be able to display their business information at luncheon.
- Sponsor will be able to talk about their business and product.
- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- One tickets to Second Star Social.
- One Ticket to Alice's Social.
- One Ticket for Two Hour Boat Cruise (pending weather and minimum participation met)

Alice's Champagne Palace Social Event:**\$900**

Thursday, 10/8

This will be ARPA's second more informal social event for members and affiliates at the historical Alice's Champagne Palace. The event includes a warm, cozy atmosphere, a burger n brew (a terrific selection of draft beers and mouth watering sandwiches) and entertainment.

What you get:

- Sponsor will be able to display their business banner at the main entrance of the event.
- Sponsor will be able to talk about their business and product.
- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- One tickets to Second Star Social.
- One Ticket to Alice's Social.

- One Ticket for Two Hour Boat Cruise (pending weather and minimum participation met)

Transportation Sponsor

\$800

Wednesday-Saturday, 10/7-10/10

Because of the conference is in multiple locations throughout Homer, ARPA needs to hire a van and driver to shuttle our participants to and fro the many activities we have in store for you all. This sponsorship will assist with this expense but will provide you with some terrific incentives!

What you get:

- Sponsor's logo, website and contact will be displayed on both sides of the van throughout the conference.
- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- One tickets to Second Star Social.
- One Ticket to Alice's Social.
- One Ticket for Two Hour Boat Cruise (pending weather and minimum participation met)

Rainbow Tours 2 Hour Boat Cruise Sponsor

\$900

Wednesday 10/7 2-4PM (weather pending)

As a pre-conference activity, ARPA has arranged with Rainbow Tours a Two Hour Boat Cruise that can take up to 55 people on the amazing waters of Kachemak Bay. While there is a minimum of 20 people needed to make this possible, by sponsoring this activity outright you and your business will literally have the attention of everyone on board to learn more about your product.

What you get:

- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- One tickets to Second Star Social.

- One Ticket to Alice's Social.
- Two Tickets for Two Hour Boat Cruise (pending weather and minimum participation met)

Conference Break Sponsor:

\$700

Thursday, 10/8 & Friday, 10/9

Throughout the conference we will be providing snacks, drinks and coffee for conference participants. Your sponsorship will be highly visible as people will be looking for fuel in between sessions.

What you get:

- Sponsor's logo/information will be displayed at snack table(s).
- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.
- One tickets to Second Star Social.
- One Ticket to Alice's Social.

Fun Run Sponsor

\$700

Saturday, 10/10, 9AM

Homer is community with very active people. This "Fun Run" will attract not only some of our conference participants and members but the local residents who love to run and walk. This 5k down and back course along the harbor will be an ideal experience to see the beauty and function of the famous Homer Spit. The local Kachemak Bay Running Club will be on hand to help support and promote the run. Participants will have to sign up by a certain time to receive a t-shirt.

What you get:

- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed on all limited addition t-shirts for Fun Run participants.
- Sponsor will be able to be the honorary starter (optional).
- One race t-shirt.
- Sponsor's logo and website address will be displayed in all conference publications and ARPA website.
- Sponsor will be displayed on primary banner.

- One tickets to Second Star Social.
- One Ticket to Alice's Social.



ALASKA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

2015 Conference & Annual Meeting

October 7-10th, 2015

Land's End Resort, Homer, Alaska



SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please view the detailed descriptions of the sponsorship opportunities.

Deadline for sponsorships is September 9th to accommodate printing.

Please check box or boxes.

SECOND STAR SOCIAL EVENT.....\$2,000 ☐

Second Star Mansion: Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6-9pm

BANQUET SPONSOR.....\$1,700 ☐

Land's End: Friday, Oct. 10, 7-10pm

BACK PACK LOGO SPONSOR.....SOLD.....\$1,200 ☐

For all conference participants.

"BE THE DIFFERENCE" LUNCHEON SPONSOR.....\$1,100 ☐

Land's End: Thursday, Oct. 8, 12-2pm

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON SPONSOR\$ 900 ☐

Land's End: Friday, Oct. 9, 12-2pm

ALICE'S CHAMPAGNE PALACE SOCIAL EVENT.....\$ 900 ☐

Alice's: Thursday, Oct. 8, 6-9pm

TWO-HOUR BOAT CRUISE SPONSOR.....\$ 900 ☐

Pre-Conference Event. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2-5pm

(Event is weather dependent)

TRANSPORTATION SPONSOR\$ 800 ☐

Throughout the conference: Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 7-9

FUN RUN 5K SPONSOR.....\$ 700 ☐

Land's End: Saturday, Oct. 10, 9am

CONFERENCE BREAK SPONSOR\$ 700 ☐

Land's End: Thursday, Oct. 8 & Friday Oct. 9

Total sponsorship: _____

Thank you for your support!

Please return sponsorship form and payment to:

FNSB Department of Parks & Recreation

Attn: Jason Avery javery@fnsb.us

P O Box 71267, Fairbanks, AK 99707-1267

Phone (907) 459-1269 / FAX (907) 4591072

Checks Payable to ARPA

Payment:

_____ Check Enclosed

_____ Purchase order: # _____

_____ Credit Card: VISA, MC

_____ # _____

_____ Exp. Date: _____

Signed: _____

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To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
Date: August 13, 2015
Subject: 2016 Budget Requests

Introduction

The Commission has the opportunity to request funding for 2016. These requests go to the City Manager and the Finance Director for consideration. By City code, the Manager has to present a balanced budget to Council. The Manager can include (or not) the requests that there is funding for. After the budget is presented to Council, Council then has the opportunity to add or cut funding.

Please bring your budget requests to the meeting, along with the amount of money needed. The Commission can make a motion and vote on each item. Staff will fill out the appropriate budget request forms.

Items that have been brought up:

General fund – (in the red for 2015 and 2016)

- Community Rec part time staff 0.5 FTE
- Campground host stipend for K Hornaday Park (so we could attract a camp host)
- Beach signage/kiosk/informational campaign

HART Projects – have funding for

- Funding for stairs down from Main Street/Olson Lane down to beach
- Soundview sidewalk from east of Forest Glen to Mullikan
- Signage, crosswalk and striping funds
- Calhoun lower trail maintenance funds

Last years' requests and results

1. Permanent Part Time Community Recreation Staff \$35,000 denied, no funding
2. Woodard Creek Watershed hydrologist, \$20,000, denied, no funding
3. Continued funding for HERC Gym Operations – yes was continued

Not in prioritized order:

1. Asked for \$20K, received \$5K for Water Trail/pier 1 shelter
2. \$65K to Purchase Roger's Loop Trailhead land, funded via HART funds
3. \$25K West Homer Phase 2 Trail, Funded HART
4. \$10,000 outreach for a dog park and work on dog poop issues, denied, no funding
5. No funding requested, but Karen Hornaday Park and Woodard Creek trail continue to be areas of focus for the Commission.

Attachment: 2016 Budget schedule

City of Homer
Proposed Budget Development Schedule for FY 2016

| Council Meeting Date | Time | Event |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| Monday, June 15, 2015 | 6:00 PM | Budget Schedule to Council. |
| Monday, July 27, 2015 | | Submit to departments , budget work sheets including salary and fringe benefit costs. |
| Monday, August 10, 2015 | 5:00 PM | During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget priorities for the coming year. |
| Monday, August 10, 2015 | 6:00 PM | Regular Meeting- Public Hearing , Council to seek public input on budget priorities for the coming year. |
| Monday, August 24, 2015 | | Complete budget work sheets, including narratives, and justifications from departments to Finance. |
| Monday, September 14, 2015 | 5:00 PM | During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss Revenue Sources for General Fund. |
| Monday, September 14, 2015 | | Compile data and return copy to departments for review. |
| Monday, September 14, 2015 | Week of | City Manager, Finance Director, Department Heads - budget review |
| Monday, September 28, 2015 | | Preliminary budget assumptions to Council. |
| Monday, October 12, 2015 | | City Manager submits Draft Proposed Budget to Council . |
| Monday, October 12, 2015 | 5:00 PM | During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget - 1 hour. |
| Monday, October 12, 2015 | 6:00 PM | Regular Meeting - Public Hearing . |
| Monday, October 26, 2015 | 5:00 PM | During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget - 1 hour |
| Monday, October 26, 2015 | 6:00 PM | Regular Meeting- Budget Ordinance and Fee/Tariff Resolutions Introduced. |
| Monday, November 23, 2015 | 5:00 PM | During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget - 1 hour |
| Monday, November 23, 2015 | 6:00 PM | Regular Meeting - Public Hearing . |
| Monday, December 14, 2015 | 6:00 PM | Regular Meeting - Public Hearing & adoption of Proposed Budget . |



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Memorandum

TO: Homer Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: Patrick Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
DATE: August 12, 2015
SUBJECT: City of Homer 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on the 2016-2021 City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan and solicit the Parks & Recreation's participation in the process.

The Capital Improvement Plan goes before City commissions to collect input on City of Homer capital priorities annually. Traditionally commissions have prioritized their top 2-5 priorities out of the full CIP. Those recommendations are forwarded to Council and considered when the Council selects the projects for the Legislative Request. The Legislative Request represents the City's top five priority projects that are advocated for with the State Legislature. Though three of the projects on the FY15 Legislative Request have received partial funding, it is insufficient to complete the projects.

Please take the time to make the following recommendations:

- 1) Two projects you would like to see on the Legislative Request (either from the draft CIP, including the Legislative Request from last year, or the proposed new projects)
- 2) Any new projects the Commission would like to propose
- 3) Feedback on any of the projects whether it be a simple project update to communicate to staff or a change in project scope to recommend to Council

To assist the Commission in the CIP review process, I have included the following materials:

- 1) Everything you Always Wanted to Know About the City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan
- 2) Draft 2016-2021 City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan
- 3) Proposed new Projects to the CIP (these are projects from department heads, area non-profits or Commissions that are new this year)

Thank you for your time and participation in this important planning process.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CITY OF HOMER

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

by Anne Marie Holen, City of Homer Special Projects Coordinator

Q: What is a CIP?

A: CIP stands for Capital Improvement Plan. It is a multi-year document that lays out community priorities for capital projects, including (for each one) a project description, rationale for why it's needed (benefits to the community), description of progress to date (money raised, plans drawn up, etc.), and estimated total cost. For City of Homer projects, additional information is provided on the timeline for completion.

NOTE: A Capital Improvement Plan is not a funding request. From the City's standpoint, it is a plan. From the standpoint of a non-profit organization, it is a mechanism to raise awareness of a needed project and increase chances of funding from various sources. Nominating a project for inclusion in the CIP should not be thought of as a request for City funding.

Q: What is a capital project?

A: A capital project is a major, non-recurring budget item that results in a fixed asset (like a building, road, parcel of land, or major piece of equipment) with a useful life of at least two years. Designing and building a new library is a capital project. Planning and implementing an after-school reading program is not a capital project. Most of the projects in the City of Homer CIP are City projects, but some are community projects spearheaded by a non-profit organization (e.g., Pratt Museum) or state or federal agency (e.g., Alaska DOT or Kachemak Bay Research Reserve). City of Homer CIP projects must have an estimated cost of at least \$50,000. Those from non-profit organizations must have an estimated cost of at least \$25,000.

Q: Newspaper articles often refer to the CIP as a "wish list." Is that accurate? If so, what's the point of writing up a "wish list"?

A: That's not entirely accurate. In 2007, the Homer City Council undertook an overhaul of the CIP to eliminate projects that were unlikely to be undertaken in the next six years. This makes the CIP less of a "wish list" and more of an actual plan, at least for City projects.

There are several reasons to maintain a CIP, even when it seems like little progress is being made in accomplishing projects: 1) It helps focus attention on community needs. 2) It helps groups raise money for projects if the sponsor can say that the project has been identified as a community priority in the CIP. 3) Typically a project must be included in the CIP to be eligible for a state legislative appropriation.

Q: What is the process for developing the Capital Improvement Plan?

A: CIP development is a multi-step process that starts around June 1 of each year and ends in November.

Step 1 is to develop the schedule. The schedule must be approved by the City Council.

Step 2 is to publicize the CIP process and invite project nominations from community organizations.

Step 3 is to send a copy of the current CIP to all the City department heads and the City Manager and ask for recommendations for new projects, projects that should be deleted, or changes to existing projects.

Step 4 is to make sure that all the City advisory bodies have a chance to weigh in. They are encouraged to name their “top 5” projects, and that information is passed on to the City Council. They can also suggest new projects, changes to existing projects, or any other recommendations related to the CIP.

During this time, I will start working on a new draft CIP, to be constantly updated throughout the process. NOTE: The document is a DRAFT until it is approved by the City Council. Proposed new projects are kept separate until they are approved by Council.

The City Council typically holds a work session to discuss the CIP and also a public hearing at a regular City Council meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify. The City Council will view the CIP as a whole and will also work to identify legislative priorities (a subset of the CIP) for special attention during the coming year.

Step 5 is to finalize the CIP as per City Council approval, and make 30 bound copies. These should be ready to distribute before the end of November. The CIP is also put on the City website.

Q: Are the “legislative priorities” the same as the CIP?

A: No, they are a subset of the CIP. The full CIP might contain 50 projects. All of them have been approved by the City Council and can be considered community priorities. However, the City Council also develops a “short list” of projects on which the City will focus particular attention during the upcoming legislative session. (The goal is to get at least partial funding for a project included in the state capital budget.) The “short list” and the “legislative priorities list” are the same thing.

The state budget process begins with a proposed budget submitted by the Governor in December. The legislature takes the Governor’s budget and works it over starting in mid-January. The House and Senate must both agree on a budget before it is finally passed in mid-April. (NOTE: The “operating budget” is different than the “capital budget.”)

The City’s “short list” may have 10-15 projects on it. An attempt is made to include some less expensive projects along with big expensive ones. Most if not all of the projects on the short list will be City of Homer projects (e.g., for roads, harbor improvements, water and sewer upgrades, etc.) Project descriptions are put in special “packets” tailored specifically to legislators and state commissioners. Typically, the Mayor and one or two City Council members will make one or more trips to Juneau to advocate for funding for these projects. Other groups (e.g., hospital, college, non-profit representatives) also lobby for their favorite CIP projects.

Q: Does the City seek federal funding for CIP projects also?

A: Yes. All three members of the Alaska congressional delegation require local governments and other groups to submit funding requests in February of each year. Typically the City of Homer will select 3-6 projects for which we seek federal funding. In recent years, the City has received partial funding for Deep

Water Dock expansion and for the proposed East Boat Harbor. With the moratorium on federal “earmarks” announced in early 2011, chances of receiving federal funding for a project have diminished substantially.

Q: What advice do you have for a community member who wants to see a particular project included in the CIP?

A: • Keep in mind that if a proposal comes from one of the following, it is automatically forwarded to the City Council for consideration: 1) A City department head, 2) a City advisory body, 3) the Mayor or individual City Council member, 4) a non-profit organization or state/federal government agency. If you can sell your idea to one or more of those, and that person or group gives it to me, I will draft a project description to take to the City Council. NOTE: Ask for a Project Nomination Form to use for this purpose.

- Take advantage of opportunities to express support for one or more projects anytime the CIP is on a Council meeting agenda. If you testify earlier in the process, Council members will have more time to consider what you say before making their final decisions. The CIP will be on the Council agenda at least three times: For introduction, public hearing, and final vote. Check with the Clerk’s Office regarding the dates. You can also communicate with City Council members individually.

Further advice: If you are seeking funding for your project through the state legislature, talk to our local state representative (currently Paul Seaton) about that process.

Q: Once a project is approved for inclusion in the CIP, what can I do to make sure it doesn’t just languish there?

A: • Keep your eyes on the prize. If you are with a community group or advisory body, develop a long-range plan and base your CIP request on that plan. Limit your request to one or two items and then keep your attention and energies focused on that goal.

Be realistic in your expectations. Many projects require multiple sources of funding over a period of years. Project success starts with a vision, then a well-developed funding plan, then focused implementation of that plan.

- Finally, I have to say this: If you think the City should be providing more programs, services, facilities, etc. for the people of Homer and providing more support to non-profit organizations, remember that almost all the money at the City’s disposal comes from sales and property tax revenues. Tax collection is nothing more than a tool for pooling our resources to buy the things the community wants and needs. Shopping locally helps maintain a healthy revenue stream from sales taxes.

The City can (and does) apply for grants to fund capital projects, but those funders almost always require the City to cover some of the costs with local funds. There is no free lunch.



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PROPOSED NEW PROJECT - DRAFT



Homer Senior Citizens Inc. Alzheimer's Unit

Project Description & Benefit: Seniors are the fastest growing population for the State of Alaska. Homer is projected as the second city in the state which will see the most significant growth in this demographic. Homer Senior Citizens operates a 40 bed assisted living facility. We have sent four seniors from our community due to Alzheimer's disease in the past four years. Losing one senior a year is unacceptable as it tears away the fabric of our community. All of the seniors have families remaining in the Homer community.

In order to maintain the health of a senior, a full continuum of care is required. Maintaining physical, mental and social capacity supports the dignity of our most vulnerable adults. HSC Alzheimer's Unit has been a strategic priority for the Board of Directors to keep our seniors home in the community. Work on the Certificate of Need is in progress.

The Alzheimer's Unit will include fifteen beds and 24/7 nursing care. Additionally we will include a memory care unit to maintain the existing cognitive capacity. Specific features for therapy pool and activities room which will be open to all seniors 55 and older. The activities room will be stage 2 of the project and will incorporate low-impact exercise equipment to maintain senior's physical capacity. This also opens up the possibility to contract with South Peninsula Hospital for use of the therapy pool for other age groups benefiting the entire population of Homer.

We will be holding many fundraising events to secure the match for foundation grants. We have identified three foundations which funds for this type of project are acceptable. One of the priorities for scoring of the grants is Capital Improvement Plan designation.

Operating funds will be secured from "fees for service;" room and board; billing for Physical Therapy in both the therapy pool and the exercise program in the activities room (once stage 2 has been completed); and, fees for contracted space for equipment and pool.

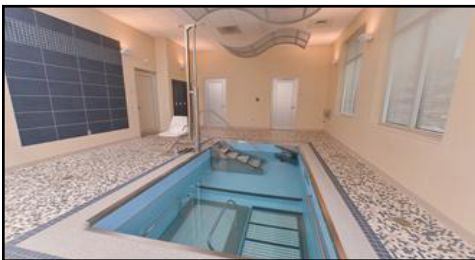
Plans & Progress: HSC has met with Hydro Worx to incorporate the Therapy Pool with the Alzheimer's Unit. Projected 5 year profit will be approximately 1,508,600. This does not include contractual arrangements with third party vendors.

We are in the initial stages of fundraising for the Unit. Fundraising activities include hosting "Backing out of Time" Alzheimer's documentary at the Homer Theatre and will be hosting a Wine/Beer Tasting event at the Beluga Lake Lodge in August, 2015. Staff is completing the State of Alaska Certificate of need at this time

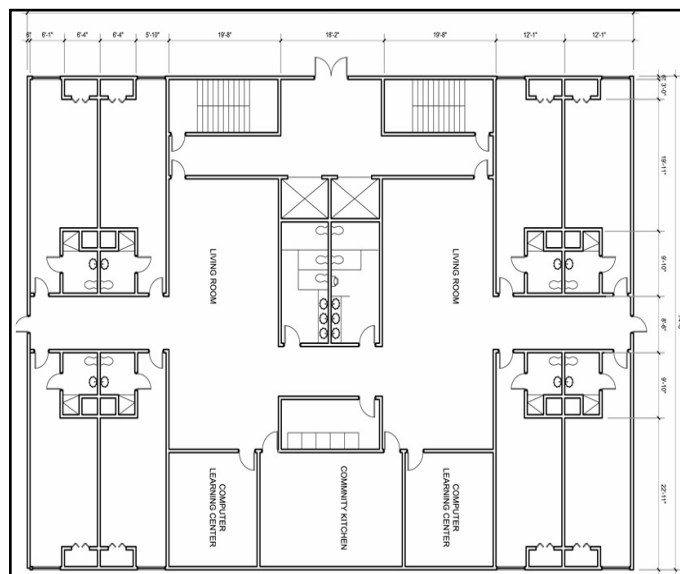
Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000

Priority Level:

Schedule: 2016



HydroWorx Pool Room .





Boat House Pavilion and Plaza on the Homer Spit

Project Description & Benefit: The Homer Spit is one of our community's greatest treasures. It serves as an economic hub for maritime and retail activities, provides unsurpassed recreational opportunities, contains important habitat for fish and wildlife, and serves as a gateway to countless visitors. Recent improvements to the Spit, including the expanded trail, new docks, public art, and new restrooms, have added tangibly to the quality of life and of the visitor experience in Homer. Now, the impending removal of the old Harbormaster's Office provides an important opportunity to build off the excitement and momentum of those improvements by redeveloping the old Harbormasters Office site and the surrounding land.

The old Harbormaster's office lies near the tops of Harbor Ramps 1-3, an area of the Spit that teems with pedestrians, vehicles, retail shops, restaurants, commercial fishing activities, charter boat and tour operations, and constant visitors to the public restrooms. This project will redevelop this area to increase pedestrian safety, calm traffic, improve dilapidated restrooms and other facilities (e.g. waste and recycling), and add a new resource to the Spit: a public pavilion—called the "Boat House." The Boat House, a maritime pavilion, would be a community gathering space, destination for visitors, and attractive reference point on the Spit. It would be a resource for boat owners, harbor users, charter boat operations, cruise ship passengers, Spit trail users, and anyone else on the Spit. The Boat House would provide a needed public space to get out of the weather, be a staging area for people and gear, offer a scenic view of the Harbor, and be a striking monument to Homer's rich maritime traditions and ways of life.

This project meets important goals laid out in the 2011 Spit Comprehensive Plan, which addresses the need for a gathering space, "attractive shelter," and "central plaza." In addition, this project addresses the long term goal of over slope development around the Harbor. An attractive pavilion and plaza would help catalyze development of additional retail facilities on the Spit, particularly through over slope development around the busiest area of the Harbor. And by keeping people longer on the Spit, it would boost economic activity. Ongoing costs would be kept at a minimum through careful design, low maintenance landscaping, etc. This project will be carried out in phases:

Phase I: Boat House Pavilion **Phase II:** Pedestrian Plaza, Landscaping, and Remodel of Existing Restrooms **Phase III:** Over slope Development

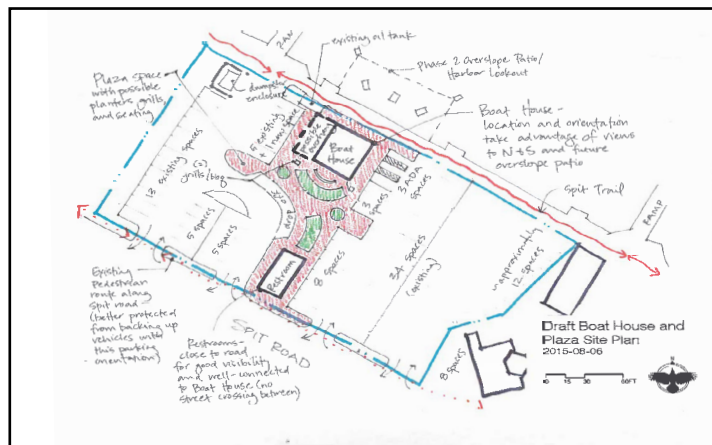
Plans & Progress: The Boat House Committee (BHC), a volunteer group comprised of a maritime business owner, former co-coordinators of the Homer Playground Project, and others, has come together to spearhead design, fundraising, and construction efforts for the Boat House. They have formed the Boat House Crew—preliminary supporters of the idea (see attached flyer for Crew list). The BHC is in conversation with the Homer Foundation to serve as fiscal agent to Phase I of this project, should the City of Homer give the go-ahead.

The BHC recruited Corvus Design to prepare a preliminary Draft Site Plan of the area (see attached). In addition to meeting with City Manager Katie Koester and Assistant City Manager Patrick Lawrence, the BHC has presented the idea to Bryan Hawkins, Homer Harbormaster; Carey Meyer, Director of Public Works; and the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. The group has encountered general support for the idea.

Phase I Project Cost: \$210,000

Priority Level:

Schedule: 2016



City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan 2016-2021



Daniel D. Takak being hauled out of the harbor for repairs. Infrastructure for a haulout to facilitate boat work on large vessels is on the 2016-2021 City of Homer CIP.



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September 14 , 2014

To The Honorable Mayor and Homer City Council:

This document presents the City of Homer 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP provides information on capital projects identified as priorities for the Homer community. Descriptions of City projects include cost and schedule information and a designation of Priority Level 1 (highest), 2, or 3. Projects to be undertaken by the State of Alaska and other non-City organizations are included in the CIP in separate sections. An overview of the financial assumptions can be found in the Appendix.

The projects included in the City of Homer's 2016-2021 CIP were compiled with input from the public, area-wide agencies, and City staff, as well as various advisory commissions serving the City of Homer.

It is the City of Homer's intent to update the CIP annually to ensure the long-range capital improvement planning stays current, as well as to determine annual legislative priorities and assist with budget development. Your assistance in the effort is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Katie Koester
City Manager



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Funded Projects from 2015-2020 CIP List

The City of Homer is pleased to note that full funding for the following project has been identified or procured:

- Homer Harbor -Ramp 5 Restroom construction is complete
- Water Storage/Distribution Improvements - Phase 1
- Rodgers Loop Trailhead Land Acquisition



Introduction: The Capital Improvement Program

A capital improvement plan (CIP) is a long-term guide for capital project expenditures. The CIP includes a list of capital projects a community envisions for the future, and a plan that integrates timing of expenditures with the City's annual budget. The program identifies ways a project will benefit the community, indicates the priorities assigned to different projects, and presents a target construction schedule.

A carefully prepared capital improvement plan has many uses. It can assist a community to:

- Anticipate community needs in advance, before needs become critical.
- Rank capital improvement needs in order to ensure the most important projects are given consideration for funding before less critical projects.
- Plan for maintenance and operating costs so expenses are budgeted in advance, and projects communities cannot afford are avoided.
- Provide a written description and justification for projects submitted for state funding so the legislature, governor, and appropriate agencies have the information necessary to make decisions about funding capital projects.
- Provide the basis for capital projects as part of the annual budget.

A capital improvement project is one that warrants special attention in the municipal budget. Normally, public funds are not expended if the project is not listed in the CIP. A capital expenditure should be a major, nonrecurring budget item that results in a fixed asset with an anticipated life of at least two years. Projects eligible for inclusion in the City of Homer CIP have a lower cost limit of \$50,000 for City projects and \$25,000 for those proposed by non-profit organizations. Projects proposed by non-profit organizations and other non-City groups may be included in the CIP with City Council approval, but such inclusion does not indicate that the City intends to provide funding for the project.

The municipality's capital improvement plan is prepared in accordance with a planning schedule, usually adopted by City Council at the onset of the CIP process. A copy of the City of Homer CIP schedule appears in the appendix of this document.

The number of years over which capital projects are scheduled is called the capital programming period. The City of Homer's capital programming period coincides with the State's, which is a six year period. The CIP is updated annually, due to some of the projects being funded and completed within the year.

A capital improvement plan is not complete without public input. The public should be involved throughout the CIP process, including the nomination and adoption stages of the process. The City of Homer solicits input from City advisory bodies, advertises for public input during the CIP public hearing, and invites the public to participate throughout the entire process.

The City's capital improvement program integrates the City's annual budget with planning for larger projects that meet community goals. Though the CIP is a product of the City Council, the administration provides important technical support and ideas with suggestions from the public incorporated through the entire process.

Determining project priorities: City of Homer CIP projects are assigned a priority level of 1, 2, or 3, with 1 being the highest priority. To determine priority, the Council considers such questions as:

- Will the project correct a problem that poses a clear danger to human health and safety?
- Will the project significantly enhance City revenues or prevent significant financial loss?
- Is the project widely supported within the community?
- Has the project already been partially funded?
- Is it likely that the project will be funded only if it is identified as being of highest priority?
- Has the project been in the CIP for a long time?
- Is the project specifically recommended in other City of Homer long-range plans?
- Is the project strongly supported by one or more City advisory bodies?

Once the overall CIP list is finalized, the City Council names a subset of projects that will be the focus of efforts to obtain state and/or federal funding in the coming year. The overall CIP and the legislative priority list are approved by resolution.

Integration of the CIP with Comprehensive Plan Goals

Each project listed in the CIP document has been evaluated for consistency with the City's goals as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. The following goals were taken into account in project evaluation:

Land Use: Guide the amount and location of Homer's growth to increase the supply and diversity of housing, protect important environmental resources and community character, reduce sprawl by encouraging infill, make efficient use of infrastructure, support a healthy local economy, and help reduce global impacts including limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

Transportation: Address future transportation needs while considering land use, economics, and aesthetics, and increase community connectivity for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Public Service & Facilities: Provide public services and facilities that meet current needs while planning for the future. Develop strategies to work with community partners that provide beneficial community services outside of the scope of City government.

Parks, Recreation & Culture: Encourage a wide range of health-promoting recreation services and facilities, provide ready access to open space, parks, and recreation, and take pride in supporting the arts.

Economic Vitality: Promote strength and continued growth of Homer's economic industries including marine trades, commercial fishing, tourism, education, arts, and culture. Preserve quality of life while supporting the creation of more year-round living wage jobs.

Energy: Promote energy conservation, wise use of environmental resources, and development of renewable energy through the actions of local government as well as the private sector.

Homer Spit: Manage the land and other resources of the Spit to accommodate its natural processes, while allowing fishing, tourism, other marine-related development, and open space/recreational uses.

Town Center: Create a community focal point to provide for business development, instill a greater sense of pride in the downtown area, enhance mobility for all forms of transportation, and contribute to a higher quality of life.

City of Homer State Legislative Request FY2016 Capital Budget



Homer Volunteer Fire Department and Homer Police Department are joining forces to replace the current Fire Hall and Police Department with a new Public Safety building. The new facility will meet both department's current and future needs so they can continue to save lives, protect property, and keep the peace. Photo by Josephine Ryan.

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Legislative Request FY2016

**City of Homer FY2016 State Legislative Priorities list
approved by the Homer City Council
via Resolution 14-093**

- 1. Water Storage/Distribution Improvements - \$1,980,254**
- 2. Public Safety Building - \$1,622,000**
- 3. Harbor Sheet Pile Loading Dock- \$955,000**
- 4. Fire Department Equipment Upgrades -\$1,012,500**
- 5. East to West Transportation Corridor - \$4,939,250**



1. Water Storage/Distribution Improvements

Project Description & Benefit: This project will design and construct improvements that will increase water storage capabilities, improve water system distribution, drinking water quality/public health, and treatment plant and water transmission effectiveness.

The overall multi-phased project includes:

- **Phase 1:** Installation of 4,500 linear feet of water main extension on Kachemak Drive, 2,600 linear feet of distribution main connecting isolated sections of town, and a new pressure reducing valve (PRV). (Funded)
- **Phase 2:** Installation of an underground water storage tank and 2,000 linear feet of water main between the new tank and the water system.
- **Phase 3:** Replacement of 3 PRVs on the East Trunk and installation of micro turbines generating power to the grid, abandonment of an existing functionally obsolete steel water tank and replacement of adjacent PRV station, and slip-lining of old cast iron water main on the Homer Spit.

Plans & Progress: The need for this project has been documented in the Homer Water & Sewer Master Plan (2006). The design has been completed through a \$884,000 Special Appropriation Project grant the City received from the Environmental Protection Agency. The Department of Environmental Conservation recommended funding phase 1 through the Municipal Matching Grant program which is reflected in The States FY16 capital budget approved by the Governor.

Total Project Cost: \$9,828,934

2014 (Design, Completed): \$900,000

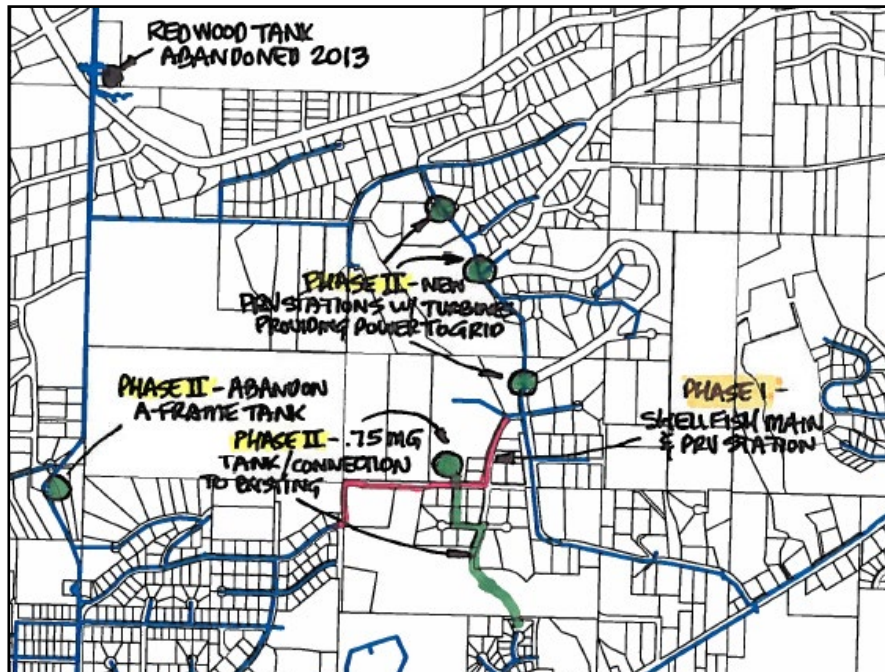
2016 Phase 1 Construction(Funded):\$2,828,934

2017 Phase 2 Construction: \$3,900,000

2018 Phase 3 Construction: \$2,200,000

FY2016 State Request for Phase 1: \$1,980,254

(City of Homer 30% Match: \$848,680)





2. Public Safety Building

Project Description & Benefit: New Fire and Police Stations have been on the City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan for over 10 years. Both buildings are from the early 80s and suffer from a series of inadequacies such as lack of office, storage, training space and health and safety violations from inadequate ventilation.

The current fire hall does not have adequate equipment storage bays. Expensive equipment has to be stored outside and exposed to the elements. In the winter, equipment is winterized and decommissioned due to lack of heated garage space. The fire hall does not meet fire station design criteria with separated biohazard decontamination/ cleaning areas or separated storage areas for cleaning medical supplies. It lacks adequate space to accommodate more than four overnight crew members.

The current police station has no area for evidence processing of large items, a crisis cell for special needs prisoners, or a proper juvenile holding area. Existing dispatch facilities are cramped. The jail entry area, booking room, and jail offices are poorly designed; prisoners have to pass by dispatch staff coming and going. The building floods during heavy rain. Both facilities are inefficient and heat with electric. A new building will take advantage of efficient building practices and natural gas.

A joint public safety building will create a central location for emergency response and benefit the entire Homer area. The Homer Police Department provides 9-1-1 services for many of the communities on the southern Kenai Peninsula and area-wide dispatching and support services to a host of agencies. Agencies such as the Coast Guard and State Parks could benefit from the expanded training spaces. A new building will allow the departments to work better together for the safety of the Homer residents and take advantage of shared spaces.

Plans & Progress: The Public Safety Building Review Committee, comprised of members of the public and Council, was formed in 2013 to oversee design and construction. The City Council hired a general contractor/construction manager team to see the project through construction including Stantec, Loren Berry Architect, and Cornerstone General Contractors. Over the last year, the committee and consultants have worked on conceptual design including siting criteria, concept design, cost projections, and a space needs analysis that accommodates Homer's public safety needs for the next 30 years.

Total Project Cost: \$30,083,672

2014-2016 Design: \$1,922,000

2014 (to 10% Design, funding secured): \$300,000

2015 (to 35% Design): \$355,000

2016 (to 100% Design): \$1,267,000

2016 (Site Preparation): \$2,250,500

2016-2017 (Construction): \$21,741,123

2017 (Contingency/Inspection/Admin): \$4,170,049

FY2017 State Request for Design: \$1,622,000

(City of Homer 30% Match: \$655,000)



Homer Fire Hall in winter



Homer Police Department in winter



3. Harbor Sheet Pile Loading Dock

Project Description & Benefit: This project will construct a sheet pile loading pier between the existing barge ramp and the fuel dock on the east side of the Small Boat Harbor. It is estimated that the dock will be 225 feet long and dredged to -17 feet. This dock would be used to transfer heavy loads by crane onto barges and landing crafts. During peak fishing time it can be used for delivering fish when the Fish Dock is at capacity. It would also serve as mooring for large shallow-draft vessels that are now mooring on the System 5 float. The project will stimulate the shipping and freight sectors of the local economy, creating jobs and providing revenues for Port & Harbor operations. A sheet pile loading dock is a cost effective way to increase docking facilities available at the Homer Port and Harbor.

Plans and Progress: This project was first identified as a need when the State of Alaska transferred ownership of the harbor to the City of Homer in 1999. Material from dredging of the harbor will be used to back fill the dock, saving the project the cost of fill. The Alaska State Legislature awarded \$350,000 in FY2015 which funds 100% of design and just shy of 20% of construction. Design for the sheet pile loading dock is currently underway.

Total Project Cost: \$1,450,000

2015 (Design Funding Secured): \$145,000

2016 (Construction): \$1,100,000

Funding Secured: \$205,000

FY2016 State Request: \$955,000

(City of Homer 15% Match: \$145,000)





4. Fire Department Fleet Management

Project Description & Benefit: The Homer Volunteer Fire Department is in need of a number of vehicle upgrades to be able to safely and efficiently protect the lives and property of Homer residents.

Quint (Ladder Truck): An Aerial truck will greatly enhance the City of Homer's firefighting capability. As Homer continues to grow and the size and complexity of buildings increases it is no longer safe or practical to fight fire from the ground or off of ground ladders (the Homer Volunteer Fire Department's tallest ground ladder is only 35 feet.) Large footprint and tall buildings (two stories or more) often require the use of elevated hose streams to fight fire effectively. HVFD has no ability to provide for elevated hose streams except off of ground ladders, which severely limits the application of water and endangers the lives of firefighters. Aerial apparatus allow for the application of water to the interior of a building without placing firefighters in immediate danger. They also allow for the rescue of persons that become trapped in upper stories or on rooftops by fire or other incidents that impede the use of interior stairways. An aerial truck will increase fire fighting capability for large public buildings recently built (West Homer Elementary School, the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, the Homer Ice Rink, and the South Peninsula Hospital Expansion), potentially lowering insurance rates for the community. Cost: \$1,000,000

Brush/Wildland Firefighting Truck: The Department's existing brush truck is a Ford F-350 that was converted to a brush unit in-house in 1990 by adding a manufactured tank, portable pump and a home-built tool storage compartment. The existing truck is severely deficient due to age-related wear and lack of capacity to handle the weight of firefighting equipment. A new Ford F-450/550 4x4 with wildland pump unit, tank, and tool compartments will provide critical and reliable service. In addition to fighting wildfires, the truck provides fire protection to areas inaccessible with traditional large fire apparatus due to poor road conditions during winter and break-up. Cost: \$150,000

Harbor Fire Cart Replacement: The Homer Harbor is outfitted with nine custom motorized fire carts that on multiple occasions have saved vessels and prevented the spreading of fire in the small boat harbor. These full response fire carts act as mini mobile fire engines and are capable of delivering AFFF foam to two attack lines at the same time. Unfortunately, the carts are over 20 years old and even though they are maintained with monthly and annual check-ups, many are failing due to the harsh marine environment. This project would purchase the pieces necessary to assemble eight new fire carts. Because of the special conditions in Alaska - harsh weather, extreme tides and the size of vessels - there is no pre-made fire cart that meet needs of the Homer Harbor. The City will assemble the fire carts using pieces that can be salvaged from the existing fire carts. A prototype has been constructed and tested by Harbor staff and is currently in operation. Cost: \$205,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,355,000

State Request FY2016: \$1,219,500

(City of Homer 10% Match: \$135,500)



A ladder truck like the one shown here will increase firefighting capability, firefighter safety, and potentially reduce insurance rates for homeowners.



5. East to West Transportation Corridor

Project Description & Benefit: Currently the only way for drivers to get through town is via Pioneer Avenue or the Sterling Highway. Extending Bartlett Street, acquiring and upgrading Waddell Way and putting in a road through Town Center providing an alternate east - west route for traffic will ease congestion and allowing drivers to more quickly and efficiently get to their desired destination. This project fulfills a major objective of the City's 2005 Transportation Plan.

Building a road through Town Center, 30 acres of undeveloped land in the heart of Homer, is the first step in opening up this prime real estate. The Homer Comprehensive Plan, Town Center Development Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy all call for careful development of Town Center. The roads will be built to urban road standards and include such amenities as sidewalks, storm drains, and street lighting. Development on newly opened lots will help grow Homer's downtown business sector.

Plans & Progress: The City has purchased a lot for the Bartlett Street extension. The City dedicates a percentage of sales tax to the Homer Area Roads and Trails (HART) fund for road improvement projects and has pledged over 2.1 million dollars from the fund as a match for this project. The Alaska State Legislature funded \$1.4 million in the FY2015 Capital Budget to initiate the first leg of the east to west transportation corridor, Waddell Way.

Total Project Cost: \$8,459,000

2015 (Land Acquisition): \$1,400,000

2015 (Design): \$543,000

2016 (Construction): \$5,430,000

2017 (Inspection & Contingency): \$1,086,000

State Request FY2016: \$4,939,250

(City of Homer 25% Match: \$2,114,750)

(Waddell Way FY15 State Grant: \$1,405,000 approved)





Mid-Range Projects

Part 2: Mid-Range Projects

- **Local Roads**
- **Parks and Recreation**
- **Port and Harbor**
- **Public Safety**



Local Roads

- **Heath Street - Pioneer to Anderson**
- **Land Acquisition for New Roads**



Heath Street - Pioneer to Anderson

Project Description & Benefit: This project provides for the design and construction of a connection from East End Road to Anderson Street. The project will address concerns raised by Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) regarding the Heath Street/Pioneer and Lake Street/Pioneer intersections and will provide access from East End Road past Homer High School to a developing residential area north of the high school. The City of Homer will work with ADOT&PF engineers to determine the best route (extension of Heath Street vs. extension of Lake Street) to provide safer and more effective circulation, improve emergency access to and from the high school, provide for pedestrian access from the high school to a hillside trail system, and reduce congestion at existing intersections.

Plans & Progress: The improvement is recommended in the 2005 Homer Area Transportation Plan and would implement recommendations of the 2005 Homer Intersections Planning Study (ADOT&PF). The City of Homer has committed to funding 50% of the project with Homer Area Roads and Trails (HART) funds.

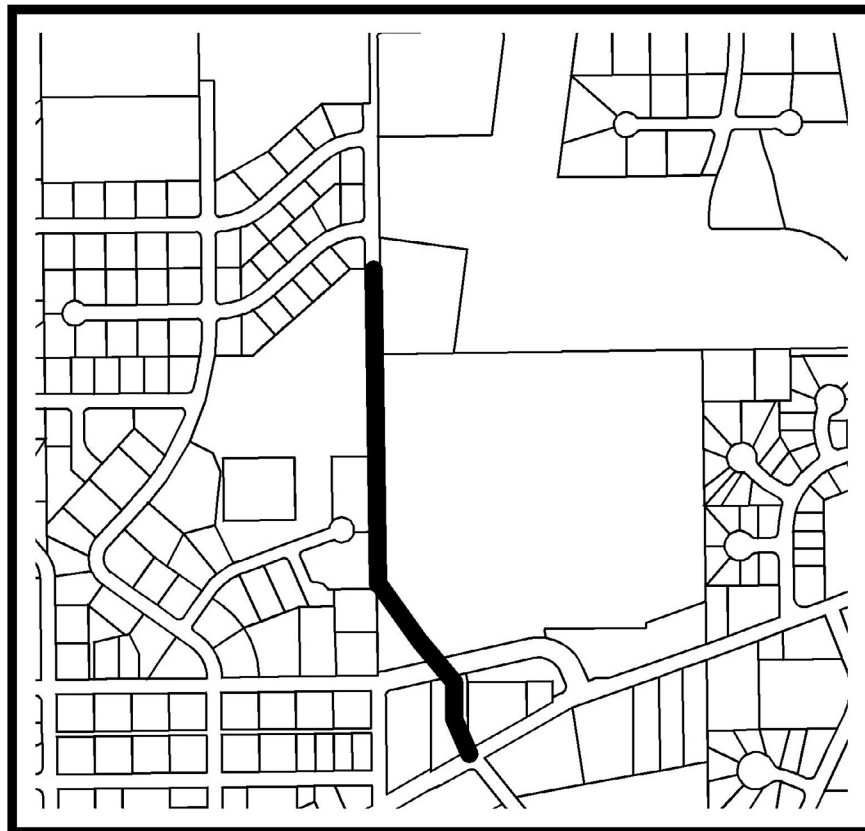
Total Project Cost: \$4,500,000

Schedule:

2018 (Design): \$500,000

2020 (Construction): \$4,000,000

Priority Level: 3





Land Acquisition for New Roads

Project Description & Benefit: This project will help meet current and future transportation needs by acquiring specific land parcels and rights of way to extend five local roads: It will improve traffic flow in Homer by providing alternate connections between different sectors of town.

Lake/Heath Street to Anderson Avenue

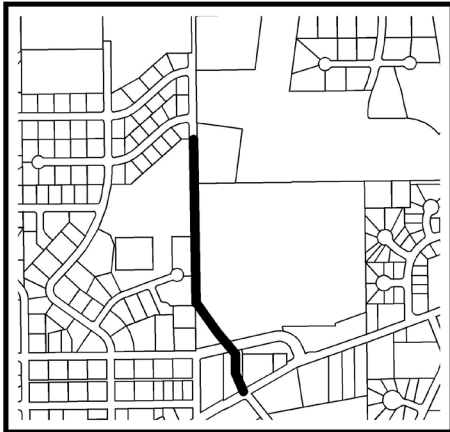
- Poopdeck Street extension north to Pioneer Avenue
- Early Spring Street extension north to East End Road

Plans & Progress: All three road projects are recommended in the 2005 Homer Area Transportation Plan.

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000

Schedule: 2015-2017

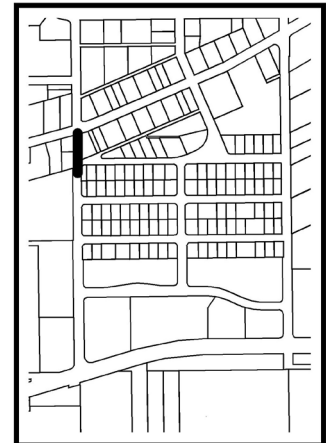
Priority Level: 1



Lake/Heath Street to Anderson Avenue.



Early Spring Street to East End Road.



Poopdeck Street to Pioneer Avenue.



Parks and Recreation

- **Ben Walters Park Improvements, Phase 2**
- **Jack Gist Park Improvements, Phase 2**
- **Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase 2**
- **Mariner Park Restroom**
- **Baycrest Overlook Gateway Project**
- **Bayview Park Restoration Project**
- **Rogers Loop Trailhead Land Acquisition**
- **Homer Spit Trailhead Restroom**



Ben Walters Park Improvements, Phase 2

Project Description & Benefit: Ben Walters Park comprises 2.5 acres on the shore of Beluga Lake, near the intersection of Lake Street and the Sterling Highway. With its central location, proximity to McDonalds restaurant, and access to the lake for winter and summer recreation, it is one of Homer's most frequently visited parks. Phase 2 will enlarge the parking area and renovate the picnic shelter that has become worn with heavy use over the years.

Plans & Progress: Phase 1 of the park improvement project, to replace the dock, was completed in 2009. Since then the Kachemak Bay Rotary Club has adopted the park under the City of Homer's Adopt-a-Park Program. They have made improvements such as painting the restrooms, installing a bench, resetting the posts and tending flower beds in the summer months.

Total Project Cost: \$250,000

Schedule: 2015

Priority Level: 2



Improvements are needed at Ben Walters Park including enlarging the parking lot and renovating the shelter.



Jack Gist Park Improvements, Phase 2

Project Description & Benefit: Jack Gist Park has been in development since 1998 on 12.4 acres of land donated to the City of Homer by a private landowner. As originally envisioned by the Jack Gist Recreational Park Association, this parcel has been developed primarily for softball fields. The proposed project will complete Phase 2 by improving drainage, constructing a concession stand/equipment storage building adjacent to the softball fields, and developing an irrigation system utilizing a stream on the property in conjunction with a cistern. Phase 3 will provide potable water (water main extension), construct a plumbed restroom, and acquire land for soccer fields.

Plans & Progress: Phase 1 of this project was completed in 2011. In 2005-2006, a road was constructed to Jack Gist Park from East End Road, a 70-space gravel parking area was created, and three softball fields were constructed including fencing, dugouts, and backstops. In 2008, bleachers were installed at all three softball fields. In 2009, three infields were resurfaced. In 2010, with volunteer help, topsoil was spread and seeded on two fields and the parking area was improved and expanded. In 2011, drainage work was completed on the outside perimeter (right and left field lines) of the third ball field, material was imported to improve the infield, and the outfield was improved with topsoil and seeding.

Total Project Cost: \$160,000

Drainage: \$50,000

Concession Stand and Equipment Storage: \$75,000

Irrigation System: \$35,000

Schedule: 2015

Priority Level: 2





Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase 2

Project Description & Benefit: Homer's popular Karen Hornaday Park encompasses baseball fields, a day use/ picnic area, a playground, a campground, and a creek on almost 40 acres. It is also used to host community events such as the Highland Games and KBBI's Concert on the Lawn. The Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan, updated and approved in 2009, sets forth goals and objectives to be accomplished over a 10-year period.

Phase 2 consists of parking lot improvements, moving the road, a trail along Woodard Creek, and a restroom. The road to access the park runs between the park and the parking lot, causing kids to have to cross in front of traffic to get to the park's attractions. The master plan proposes moving the road to the east and placing the improved gravel parking lots in between the road and the park. Woodard creek is one of the jewels of Karen Hornaday Park but gets little attention because there is no convenient way to access it. A trail along the creek would allow people to enjoy the city's only creek. One of the most common complaints of the park is the old restroom with crumbling cement and a leaking roof. A new restroom is in great demand from the parents, children and picnickers that frequent the park.

Plans & Progress: The Alaska Legislature appropriated \$250,000 for park improvements in FY 2011. This money together with City funds and fundraising by an independent group organized to make playground improvements (HoPP), helped complete Phase 1 (drainage improvements, ballfield improvements, new playground, new day use area and northern parking lot improvements). The City received a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant for campground improvements and the development of a new day use area between the two ball fields which was completed in 2014. The City spent \$25,000 on preliminary engineering for moving the road, one of the goals of Phase 2.

Total Project Cost: \$1,978,750

Schedule: 2015 - 2017

Priority Level: 2



Karen Hornaday Park was a construction site for one week during the Summer of 2012 when the community came together to build a state of the art playground.



Mariner Park Restroom

Project Description & Benefit: As one of Homer's most popular recreation areas, Mariner Park attracts campers, beach walkers, kiteflyers, Spit Trail users, birders, people with dogs, and others who come to enjoy the views and open-air recreation opportunities. This project will accomplish the most pressing need at Mariner Park: the construction of a plumbed restroom to better meet the needs of campers and beach walkers during the busy summer months.

Plans & Progress: Mariner Park is in a flood plain and any structure built there will require unique design to address flooding issues.

Total Project Cost: \$330,000

Schedule: 2016

Priority Level: 2



The portable restrooms at Mariner Park campground get heavy use during the summer season.



Baycrest Overlook Gateway Project

Project Description & Benefit: The Homer Public Arts Committee has designated the Baycrest Hill Overlook as one of the major elements of the Gateway Project, which entails enhancing visitor and resident experiences at the entrances to Homer. The other Gateways are the Homer Airport and the Homer Port.

Everyone who has driven to Homer remembers the first time they came around the corner on the Sterling Highway and saw the breathtaking panorama of Kachemak Bay. For many that was the same moment they made the decision to become part of this diverse, eclectic, and energetic community. In the 1990s visionaries at Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities constructed the current pullout during the Sterling Highway reconstruction effort. However, the current site does not adequately meet the goals of the Gateway Program.

Improving the landscaping and comfort of Baycrest Overlook will inspire locals and visitors and enhance this phenomenal setting. Interpretive signage will tell the story of Homer and the surrounding communities and highlight the phenomenal natural resources of Kachemak Bay. Improvements to the overlook will spur economic development, welcoming everyone and encouraging commerce and trade in a community dedicated to unique and natural quality of life experiences.

Plans & Progress: The first Gateway Project was undertaken in 2009. A collaborative effort with the City of Homer Public Arts Committee, City of Homer Airport Manager, City of Homer Public Works Director, Alaska State Parks, National Park Service, Kachemak Research Reserve and U.S. Fish and Wildlife created a beautiful diorama highlighting the wealth of public and private resources available to everyone who comes to Kachemak Bay.

This group plus representatives from Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Department of Transportation, Pratt Museum, Homer Chamber of Commerce, Kachemak Bay Conservation Society and Homer Garden Club have come together to work on the Baycrest Overlook Gateway Project.

The State and the City of Homer spent \$6,000 in 2013 to produce the Baycrest Overlook Interpretive Plan. The Plan included design, development, and locations for welcome and interpretive signage and was officially adopted by Homer City Council in 2013. Public Arts Committee meetings on the project are ongoing and a public comment meeting was held on September 18, 2012.

The project will consist of three phases:

1. Interpretive signage, benches and picnic areas
2. Enhanced landscaping
3. New restrooms and paving upgrades.

Total Project Cost: \$262,000

2013 (Preliminary Design): \$6,000

2015 (Construction): \$256,000

Signage/Benches: \$50,000

Landscaping: \$25,000;

Restrooms and Paving: \$181,000

Priority Level: 3





Bayview Park Restoration

Project Description & Benefit:

The goal of this project is to improve the accessibility and safety of Bayview Park and its playground elements with a focus on making the park more user-friendly to young children (infant-toddler-preschool age) and for children and parents/caregivers with disabilities or mobility issues.

- **Summer 2015:** Replace existing white picket fence with a wood frame-chain link fence to improve the stability and durability of the fence (current fence is in constant need of repair). Parents/caregivers appreciate having a fence as it provides a level of safety for young children around the busy roads and ditches surrounding the park.
- **Summer 2016-17:** Upgrade ground cover to playground standards, replace jungle gym, add additional swing port, and extend ADA trail to new elements as needed. The goal is to provide new playground elements that are designed for younger/toddler age and to have some accessible for children with disabilities.

Plans & Progress: In 2011 Homer Early Childhood Coalition raised money and funded a new slide and boulders that were installed by the City. Several parents built and installed stepping logs and 2 small “bridges”. In 2013 Homer Early Childhood Coalition coordinated with Corvus Design to meet with local families and children for project ideas and create a master plan with cost estimates. \$5,347.76 was raised to purchase and install elements and pay for design costs.

During the summer of 2014 \$5,118 and additional in-kind donations (equipment and labor) were spent to complete the ADA parking/trail improvements.

Homer Early Childhood Coalition Playspaces Work Group (Kate Crowley, Cheryl Illg, Angie Otteson-City of Homer, Jenny Martin, and Rick Malley- ADA specialist from ILP.) have developed a fundraising plan to raise additional funds through grant writing, community donations and in-kind donations of supplies, equipment, and labor. The group meets regularly to discuss design plans and fundraising.

Total Project Cost: \$189,974

Priority Level: 2



Though charming, the white picket fence that surrounds Bayview Park is in need of constant repair. A more practical chain length fence is needed to keep young children out of roads and ditches.



Homer Spit Trailhead Restroom

Project Description & Benefit: The parking lot at the intersection of the Ocean Drive bike path and Homer Spit Trail gets heavy use year round. The Spit trail is a popular spot for biking, running, walking, and roller blading. Parents bring their young children to ride bikes because the trail is relatively flat and has few dangerous intersections. A restroom would be heavily used by recreators and commuters using both trails.

Total Project Cost: \$295,000

Priority Level: 3



The parking lot at the Spit trail head full of cars on a sunny day.



Port and Harbor

- **Deep Water/Cruise Ship Dock Expansion, Phase 1**
- **East Boat Harbor**
- **Barge Mooring Facility**
- **Marine Ways Large Vessel Haulout Facility**
- **Homer Spit Dredged Material Beneficial Use Project**
- **Ice Plant Upgrade**
- **System 4 Vessel Mooring Float System**
- **Truck Loading Facility Upgrades at Fish Dock**
- **Ramp 5 Restroom**
- **Ramp 8 Restroom**
- **Seafarers Memorial Parking Expansion**



Deep Water/Cruise Ship Dock Expansion, Phase 1

Project Description & Benefit: To provide a facility that can accommodate multiple industry groups and provide the greatest economic benefit to the area, upgrades to the Deep Water/Cruise Ship Dock are necessary. Phase 1 of the project will widen the existing dock to 88 feet, increase overall length to 744 feet, and widen and strengthen the existing trestle. Later phases will expand the dock further, add a terminal building with other upland improvements, and add a rail for a 100-foot gauge gantry crane.

Resource Development Capabilities: The facility will provide staging for barged freight service to the Lake and Peninsula Borough via the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road or other facilities built to meet the need of future resource development. There is demand in the near term for modifications of the existing dock to accommodate long term mooring of large resource development vessels such as timber, mining and oil and gas barges.

Cargo Capabilities: The facility will be capable of handling containerized freight delivery to the Kenai Peninsula, thus reducing the cost of delivering materials and supplies to much of the Peninsula. The City has a 30-acre industrial site at the base of the dock which can support freight transfer operations and serve as a staging area for shipping to and from the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutians, and Bristol Bay.

Visitor Industry Capabilities: The dock expansion will also enhance cruise ship-based tourism in Homer by providing moorage at the dock for two ships (a cruise ship and a smaller ship) at the same time, reducing scheduling conflicts.

Improvements to the dock will fulfill a contingency planning requirement under Homeland Security provisions. The Port of Anchorage, through which 90% of the cargo for the Alaska Railbelt areas and the Kenai Peninsula passes, is vulnerable. If the Port of Anchorage were to be shut down and/or incapacitated for any reason, the port of Homer would become even more important as an unloading, staging, and transshipping port. The dock will also be able handle icebreakers, of particular importance given Alaska's strategic arctic location.

Plans & Progress:

In 2005 the City of Homer spent \$550,000 for cathodic protection of the existing dock and conceptual design of an expanded dock. \$2 million in federal transportation earmark funds was appropriated for the project for FY 2006 to prepare preliminary design and conduct further economic analysis. The Alaska Legislature appropriated an additional \$1 million for FY 2011. The Homer City Council has authorized the sale of \$2 million in bonds to help fund the construction of this project. The City has initiated the feasibility study for this project.

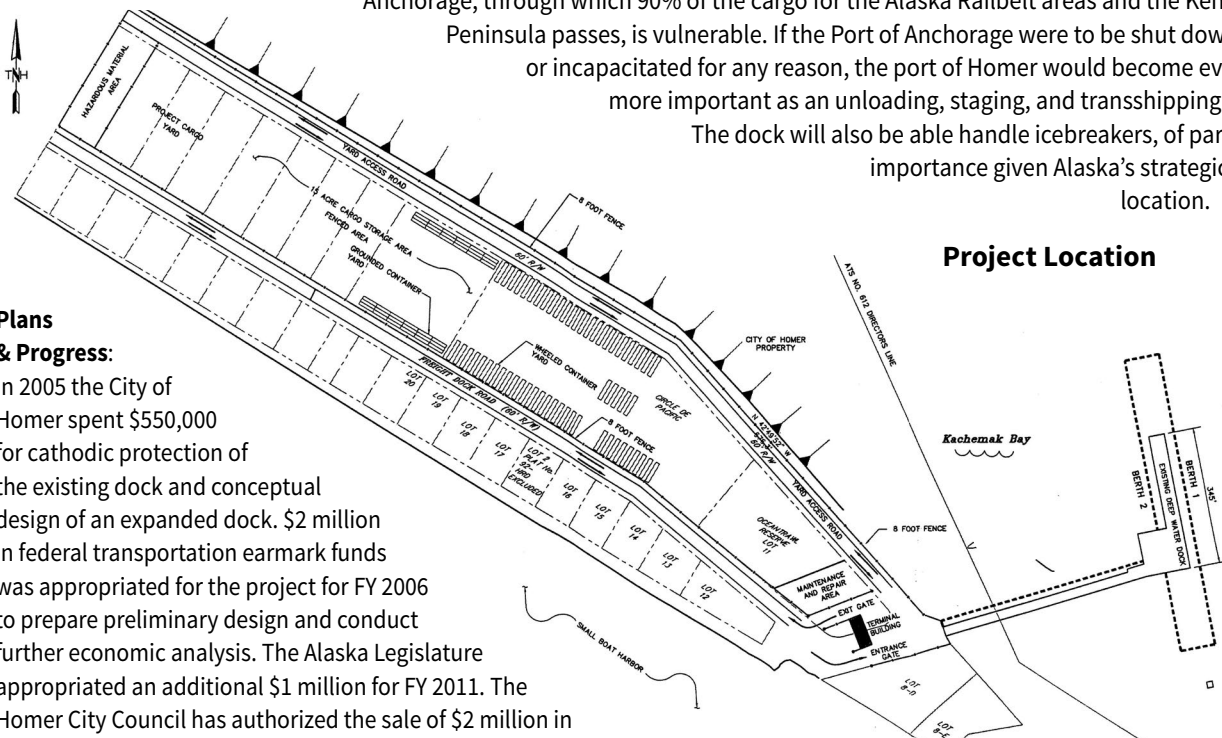
Total Project Cost: \$35,000,000

Feasibility: \$1,250,000 (Completion Spring 2016, currently underway)

Design: \$1,750,000

Construction: \$32,000,000

Priority: 1



Project Location



East Boat Harbor

Project Description & Benefit: This project will construct a new harbor ranging in size from 11 to 15 acres. It would enhance harbor capabilities by:

- Accommodating the large commercial vessels (fishing vessels, workboats, landing craft, tugs, barges, etc.) that are currently congesting the harbor at System 4 and System 5 transient floats, rafting two and three abreast due to shortage of moorage space at the floats, thus overstressing the floats;
- Enabling Homer to accommodate and moor the additional 40 to 60 large commercial vessels that potentially would use Homer Harbor as a home port but which have in the past been turned away due to lack of space;
- Providing a long-term solution to mooring problems the USCGC Hickory experiences on Pioneer Dock during the northeasterly storm surges and to the security problem faced by both the USCG cutters home-ported at Homer. These vessels are unable to maintain an adequate security zone around their current moorings in the existing small boat harbor (USCGC Roanoke Island) and on the Pioneer Dock west trestle (USCGC Hickory).

The Port of Homer and Homer Small Boat Harbor are regional facilities serving and supporting the northern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, and Kachemak Bay and are also a “place of refuge” for Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet, and Kennedy Entrance marine traffic in event of severe weather or machinery malfunctions.



Several conceptual designs have been proposed for a new Homer boat harbor. This one would add a new basin with its own entrance adjacent to the existing Small Boat Harbor.

The proposed new harbor basin will be dredged to minus 20 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) to accommodate large commercial vessels so they will not touch bottom on the lowest tides of the year (minus 5.6 feet). It will need to be dredged to minus 22 feet MLLW in the entrance channel, fairway, and one side of the basin to accommodate the USCGC *Hickory* at the proposed Coast Guard float. The new basin will provide the security zone and private moorings for the U.S. Coast Guard vessels at one side and will accommodate the large, deep draft commercial vessels at the other side.

Plans & Progress: The Army Corps of Engineers completed a reconnaissance study in 2004 that indicated a federal interest in having a new harbor in Homer; however, subsequent analysis found that the cost/benefit ratio was too low for the Corps to recommend the project. The City of Homer has requested a technical report from the Corps and is seeking funding from other sources.

Total Project Cost: \$115,725,000

Design and Permitting: \$1,750,000

Breakwater Construction and Dredging: \$90,275,000

Inner Harbor Improvements: \$23,700,000

Priority Level: 1



Barge Mooring Facility

Project Description & Benefit: Constructing a barge mooring facility at Lot TR 1A (east of the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon) will meet the growing freight needs of existing Homer businesses and attract additional large vessel business. Phase 1 of the mooring facility will consist of a row of piles driven perpendicular to the beach that extend down through the tidal area in conjunction with a stern anchoring system and bollards above the high water line. This proposed improvement will provide secure moorings for vessels that cannot currently be accommodated within the harbor's basin due to lack of space. Phase 2 includes uplands support facilities such as a wash down pad and stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). The project is a response to requests from vessel owners/managers seeking safe moorage and uplands haulout area for large shallow draft vessels.

Total Project Cost (2014): \$1,850,000

Phase 1 - Pilings and Bollards

Design/Engineering/Permitting/Geotechnical (2015): \$125,000

Construction - (2016): \$1,125,000

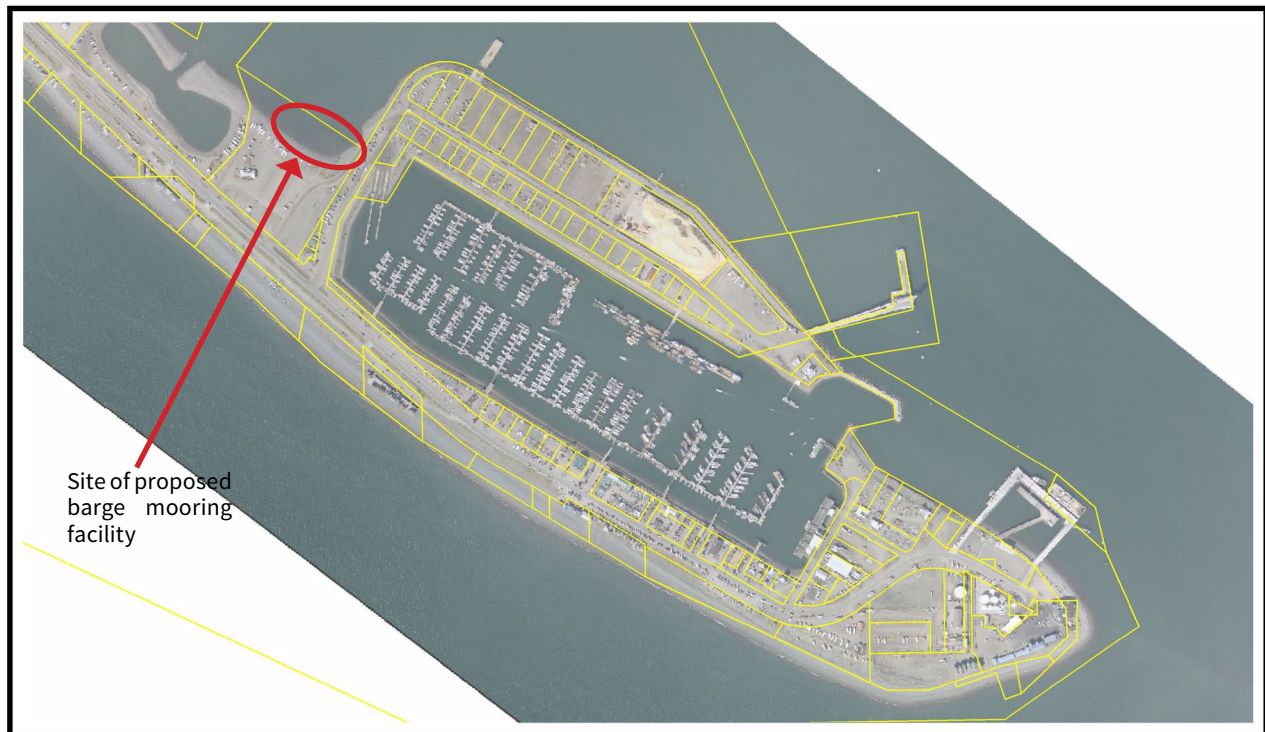
Schedule: Fall 2015

Phase 2 - Uplands Improvements

Design/Engineering/Permitting (2018): \$105,000

Construction -(2019): \$495,000

Priority Level: 2





Marine Ways Large Vessel Haulout Facility

Project Description & Benefit: This project will construct a “marine ways” facility for hauling out large vessels (over 70 tons) for dry-dock, maintenance, inspection, and repairs utilizing the existing 5-acre concrete pad at Lot 12. Currently there are no private facilities in Homer capable of hauling out vessels of this size. With construction of the marine ways facility, the Port of Homer would also be able to serve large freight barges that require inspections in order to be Coast Guard certified for their trade.

Since the wood chip business that formerly used Lot 12 left Homer, the lot and its concrete pad have been under utilized. Construction of the Marine Ways facility will accomplish a project that has been discussed for years and capitalize on the marine trades skill set that already exists in Homer. It is estimated that the facility would eventually support at least 50 full-time, long-term jobs.

Plans & Progress: A Large Vessel Haulout Task Force has been established to discuss how best to meet the need of this class of vessels. Different haulout options are being considered to serve our large vessel fleet, such as a travel lift, cylindrical air bags, a large vessel boat trailer, or creating long ramp and marine ways to the East of the Chip pad that would allow operators to pull these vessels on rails up onto the chip pad for repair.

Total Project Cost: \$6,000,000 - \$10,000,000
(Project cost is dependent on method of haulout chosen)

Schedule: 2016

Priority Level: 2





Homer Spit Dredged Material Beneficial Use Project

Project Description & Benefit: The purpose of this project is to dispose of dredged material from the entrance of the Small Boat Harbor and the Pioneer Dock berth in a beneficial manner. The material will be used to replenish eroded material along the beaches and create additional parking on the Spit. The beach replenishment points would be at Mariner Park (replenishing beaches on the west side of the Spit) and just north of the Fishing Lagoon (replenishing beaches on the east side of the Spit). A new parking pad would be created between the boardwalks across from Ramp 3 and Mariner Park parking lot would be improved. Armor rock will be installed across from Ramp 3 to protect against erosion.

Dredged material will be placed on the beaches as part of the Army Corps of Engineers' dredging/disposal operations. Hauling costs will be supplemented by Harbor Funds when hauling to Mariner Park and the City will spread, cap and place riprap along the beach where fill is placed near or in the tidal zone. A Corps permit will be needed to accomplish this work.

Total Project Cost: \$688,000

Schedule:

2015 (Design and Inspection): \$50,000

2015: \$10,000 (Spread available material in upland parking pad areas)

2016-17: \$628,000

(Compact material: 20,000; Instal riprap: \$350,000; Gravel cap: \$95,000; Paving: \$100,000 Contingency \$63,000)

Priority Level: 2



The Homer Spit has been shaped over the years by nature as well as human intervention. (2008 NOAA photo)



Ice Plant Upgrade

Project Description & Benefit: The ice plant at the Fish Dock is a critical component of the overall Port and Harbor enterprise, providing more than 3,500 tons of flake ice each year to preserve the quality of more than 20 million pounds of salmon, halibut, sablefish, and pacific cod landed at the Port of Homer. Built in 1983, the ice plant is in serious need of an upgrade to increase efficiency and reduce operating costs. This project will replace six of the seven old compressors within the ice plant with two new state-of-the-art high efficiency refrigeration compressors.

Total Project Cost: \$500,000

Schedule: 2015

Priority: 2



Four of the Ice Plant's aging compressors are shown here.



System 4 Vessel Mooring Float System

Project Description & Benefit: System 4 is made up mostly of floats that were relocated from the original harbor construction in 1964. In the 2002 Transfer of Responsibility Agreement (TORA) project, System 4 was completed by moving the old floats into place. Within two years it was filled to maximum capacity. System 4 floats are over 20 years beyond their engineered life expectancy and are showing their age. This project can be done in phases.

Plans & Progress: Phase 1 floats HH, JJ, and headwalk float AA between those floats were replaced in fall of 2014. Power and water was extended from ramp 6 to JJ as part of the same project. A new landing float was installed for Ramp 7 Spring of 2014. Phase 2 floats CC, DD, EE ,GG will be replaced next.

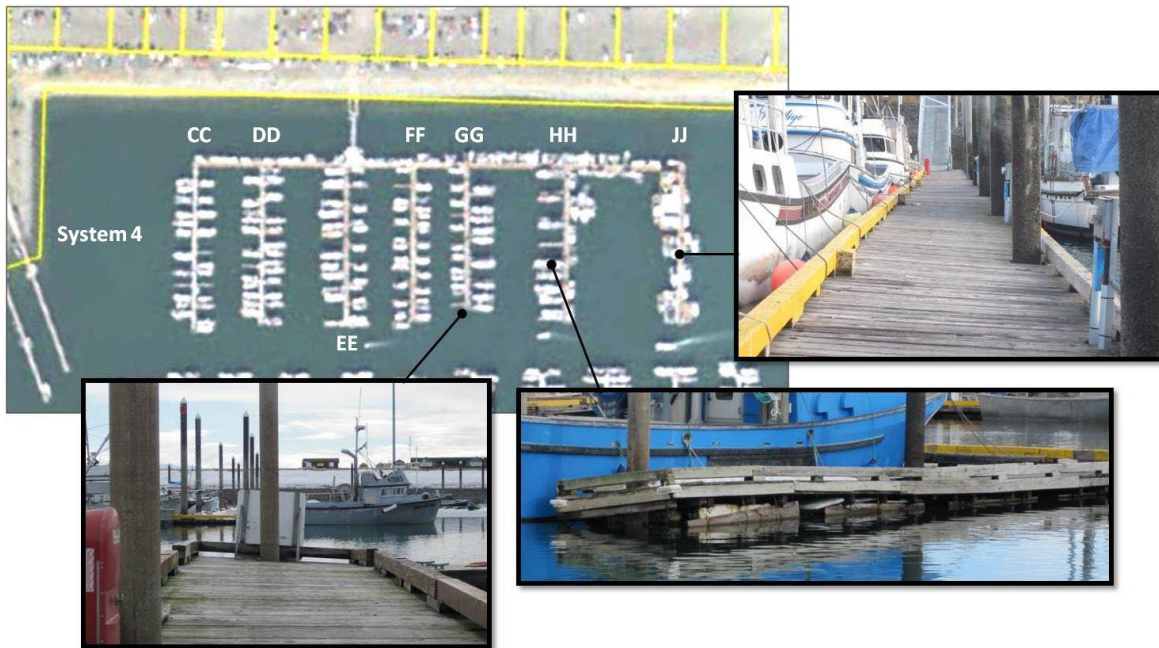
Total Project Cost: \$5,600,000

Schedule:

2015 (Design): \$600,000

2016-2019 (Construction): \$5,000,000

Priority Level: 2





Truck Loading Facility Upgrades at Fish Dock

Project Description & Benefit: Approximately 22 million pounds of fish are landed at the Homer Fish Dock each year and loaded onto trucks. The resulting truck, fork lift, and human traffic creates considerable congestion as fish buyers jockey for space to set up portable loading ramps. Lack of adequate drainage in the area creates further problems as the vehicles must maneuver in soft and often muddy conditions.

This project will construct a loading dock to facilitate the loading of fish onto trucks. In addition, it will provide for paving of Lot 12-B and other improvements to address the drainage problems that impact the area.

Total Project Cost: \$300,000

Schedule: 2017

Priority: 1



Currently at the Fish Dock, fish buyers have to contend with a muddy lot and lack of a loading dock to facilitate the transfer of fish to trucks.



Seafarers Memorial Parking Expansion

Project Description & Benefit: This project would use materials from dredging the harbor to build up a parking lot between Seafarers Memorial and the east end of the nearby boardwalk complex. The additional parking will be a welcome improvement as it is often hard to find parking during peak summer months on this section of the Spit. The project has the added benefit of replenishing the beaches on the east side of the Spit and protecting infrastructure from erosion. The material will be placed on the beaches as part of the Army Corps of Engineers' dredging/disposal operations. Funding is needed to supplement hauling costs, compact material, cap with gravel and pave the lot. A Corps permit will be needed to accomplish this work.

Plans & Progress: The City has appropriated \$15,000 for the Homer Area Roads and Trails (HART) fund for preliminary engineering and permitting of this project completed in 2015. The dredged materials are scheduled to be placed in the lot by fall of 2016.

Total Project Cost: \$635,000

Schedule:

2014 (Design and Permitting): \$8,000

2014 (Dredged Material Placement by Corps): In kind

2015 (Construction): \$627,000

Priority Level: 1



This project would fill in, level and pave the grassy area pictured above between the Seafarer's Memorial and the nearby boardwalk.



Public Safety

- **South Peninsula Fire Arms Training Facility**
- **Replacement Ambulance**



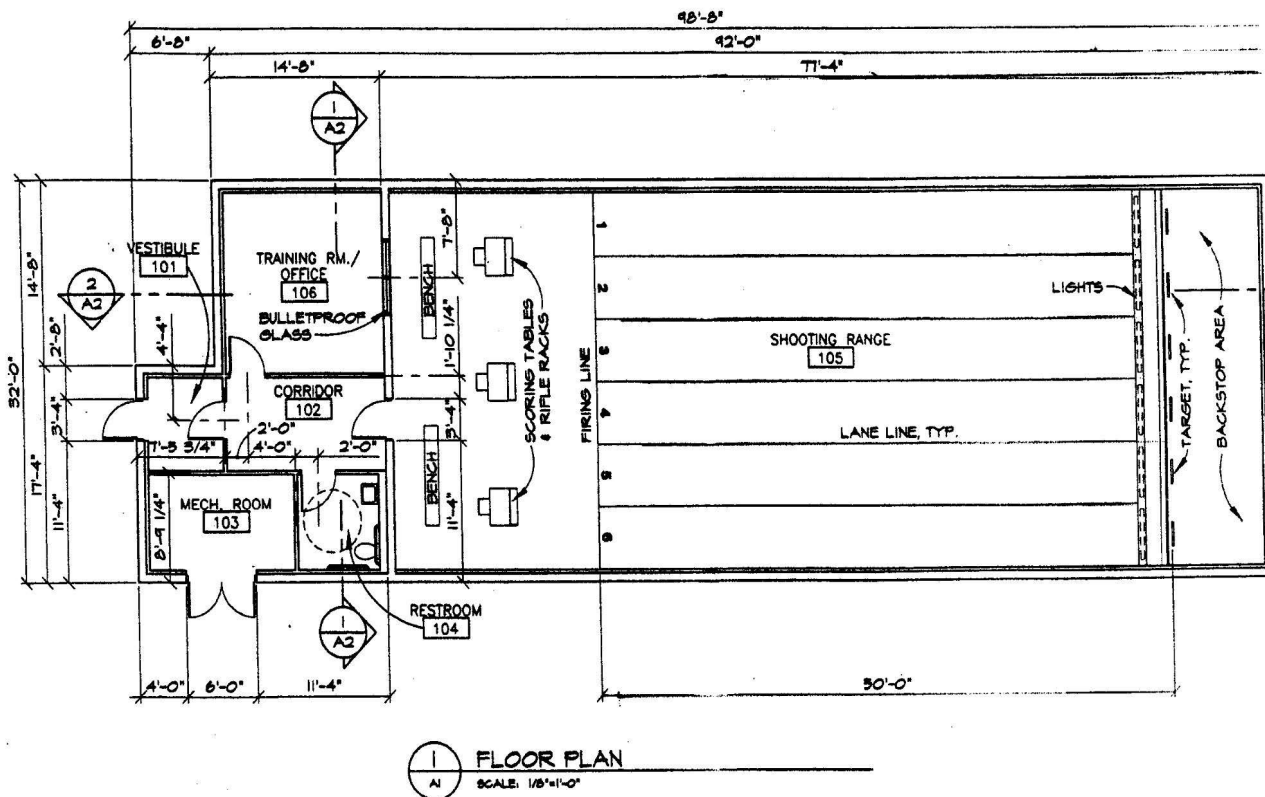
South Peninsula Fire Arms Training Facility

Project Description & Benefit: This project will construct a multi-agency training facility for law enforcement on the lower Kenai Peninsula. Beneficiaries will include the Homer Police Department, local units of the Alaska State Troopers, Alaska State Parks, and various federal law enforcement agencies. Properly managed, the facility could also be used by local gun clubs and sporting groups. The facility, which will include a modern indoor shooting range, will provide a proper and safe environment for firearms training. It will enable local law enforcement personnel to conduct training at any time of day, year-round, regardless of weather.

Total Project Cost: \$1,500,000

Schedule: 2017

Priority Level: 2





Replacement Ambulance

Project Description & Benefit: The Homer Volunteer Fire Department needs a new ambulance to replace the 1997 Ford Type 1 ambulance that is well beyond its standard life span. Due to its age and condition, the ambulance is primarily used for transports and as a second-out ambulance. A new ambulance would increase the fleet to 3 and allow the department to store an ambulance at the Skyline satellite fire station for quick response times on the ridge above town.

Plans & Progress: A replacement ambulance for the Homer Volunteer Fire Department has been approved by Alaska Code Blue for funding. The review process for Code Blue is rigorous and includes multiple steps including Southern Region staff, Board of Directors Equipment Review Committee, the Southern Region Board of Directors, and the Statewide Code Blue Steering Committee. During these steps, the ambulance was considered based on many established criteria, including its status as essential EMS equipment, reasonableness of request, application to the community setting, documentation of need, cost and how it fits into regional and statewide priorities. Because of funding shortfalls, Code Blue can only partially fund the City of Homer replacement ambulance at \$70,000. If the City cannot come up with funding for the remaining \$83,000 in the near future, it may lose the Code Blue grant opportunity.

Total Project Cost: \$170,000

Funding Secured:

City of Homer 10% Match: \$17,000

State of Alaska Code Blue: \$70,000

Priority Level: 1

Schedule: 2015



The 1997 ambulance has been well used by the HVFD. A more modern and reliable vehicle will better be able to serve the growing emergency management demands of Homer.



Public Projects

- **Back up Generator for Homer Public Library**
- **Storm Water Plan**



Backup Generator for Homer Public Library

Project Description & Benefit: This project would install a backup generator and automatic transfer switch at the Homer Public Library. Currently there is no backup power at the library. Any outage lasting more than 15 minutes results in a minimum of 20 staff hours for shut-down and recovery of 30-plus computers (staff and public), servers, printers, database connections, and software systems. In addition, remote services to patrons are lost. Health and safety issues include poor lighting, especially in winter, loss of phone functionality, and shut-down of police and fire alarms. Outages that occur when the Library is closed may result in damage to equipment if staff is unaware of the outage or unable to respond in time to execute proper shut-down procedures.

If the Library had back up power, it would be able to serve a critical role in an emergency. It was built in 2006 and has conference rooms, a large open space, office spaces, and state of the art communication systems including video teleconferencing capability. If City Hall were to lose power or become compromised, the Library is the only other facility capable of hosting the internet and phone communications for all City buildings. The Library is centrally located between the two main roads in Homer, Pioneer Avenue and the Sterling Highway, and is only a few blocks from City Hall. The Homer Public Library has been identified in the City of Homer Emergency Operations Plan as critical infrastructure and would be a good fit as an alternate Emergency Operations Center, Joint Information Center, or Public Information Center. The main drawback of the Library as any one of these sites is it currently does not have back up power.

Total Project Cost: \$114,400

Engineering: \$14,300

Purchase Generator: \$54,600

Installation: \$41,600

Inspection: \$ 3,900

Priority Level: 2

Schedule: 2016



Homer Public Library at Dusk. Photo Chirs Arend.



Storm Water Master Plan

Project Description & Benefit: The City of Homer has an outdated storm water master plan. The current plan was prepared in the 80's, projecting only basin runoff flows. The existing storm drainage system is expanding and a comprehensive storm water plan is needed to more effectively plan and construct storm water infrastructure, including sedimentation/detention facilities, snow storage and water quality improvements.

A new master plan will outline how the City can:

- Identify current and future storm runoff flows from individual drainage basins within the community.
- Identify infrastructure needed to effectively collect, transmit, treat, and discharge surface water runoff to Kachemak Bay.
- Provide a staged approach to constructing needed infrastructure to serve an expanding/developing community
- Establish pipe sizing, detention basin volumes, and cost estimates.
- Mitigate storm water runoff through the use of a wide variety of gray and green infrastructure practices and technologies that improve the quality and reduce the quantity of runoff discharging directly to receiving waters.
- Develop public education programs targeting specific stream degradation from storm water runoff.
- Provide storm water management systems and practices including collection, storage, conveyance and treatment structures that are components of a comprehensive plan to preserve or restore natural/stable in-stream hydrology.
- Identify projects that incorporate green infrastructure to manage, treat or reduce storm water discharges and urban non-point source runoff to the critical wildlife habitat of Kachemak Bay.

Total Project Cost: \$340,000

Priority Level: 2



A master plan is needed to address storm water management issues.



State Projects

The City of Homer supports the following state projects which, if completed, will bring significant benefits to Homer residents

Transportation projects within City limits:

- **Homer Intersection Improvements**
- **Main Street Reconstruction/Intersection**
- **Kachemak Drive Rehabilitation/Pathway**

Transportation projects outside City limits:

- **Sterling Highway Realignment MP 150-157**
- **Sterling Highway Reconstruction, Anchor Point to Baycrest Hill**



Homer Intersection Improvements

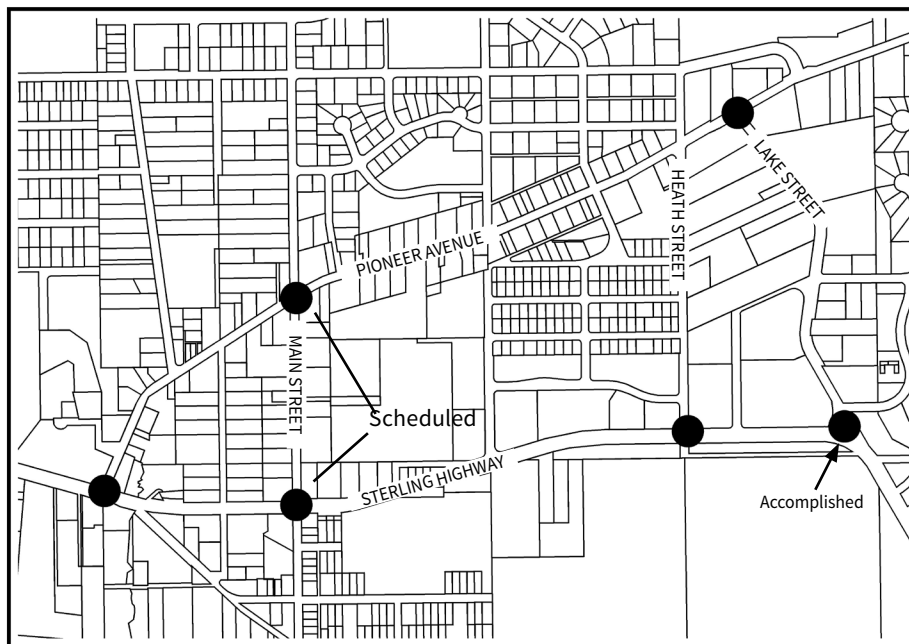
Project Description & Benefit: This project will implement recommendations of the 2005 Homer Intersections Planning Study commissioned by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The study, which focused on 12 intersections, involved traffic forecasts and analysis of intersection safety, intersection options, and pedestrian needs. The benefit of the project will be to enhance traffic safety and quality of driving and pedestrian experiences for residents and visitors, particularly as the community continues to grow.

The study notes that for the intersections that need roundabouts or traffic signals, either option will function well; however, “the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities supports the development of modern roundabouts at these locations because of the good operational performance of roundabouts, superior safety performance, and reduced maintenance.”

Problem intersections and recommended improvements noted in the study but are as follows:

- Sterling Highway and Heath Street - Roundabout or traffic signal
- Sterling Highway and Main Street - Roundabout or traffic signal (This project has been funded.)
- Pioneer Ave. and Lake Street/East End Road - Roundabout or traffic signal
- Sterling Highway and Pioneer Ave. - Roundabout or traffic signal
- Pioneer Avenue and Main Street - Roundabout or traffic signal

Plans & Progress: State of Alaska DOT/PF has obtained \$2.8 million to make safety improvements to Main Street Intersection and is moving forward with a preferred alternative that installs a flashing overhead beacon at the Pioneer and Main Street intersection (2014) and a traffic signal at the Sterling Highway and Main Street intersection (2017.)



Alaska DOT/PF has recommended roundabouts or traffic signals at six central Homer intersections, to be accomplished as soon as possible. A traffic signal was installed at the Lake Street/Sterling intersection in 2005 and improvements to the intersections on either side of Main Street are scheduled over the next few years.



Main Street Reconstruction

Project Description & Benefit: This project will provide curb and gutter, sidewalks, storm drainage, and paving for Main Street from Pioneer Avenue to Bunnell Street.

Homer's Main Street is a primary north-south corridor running from Bayview Avenue (near the hospital) to Ohlson Lane (near Bishop's Beach). In the process, it connects Homer's primary downtown street, Pioneer Avenue, with the Sterling Highway and provides the most direct access to the Old Town district. It also provides the western border to Homer's undeveloped Town Center district.

Despite its proximity to the hospital, businesses, and residential neighborhoods, Main Street has no sidewalks, making pedestrian travel unpleasant and hazardous. Sidewalks on this busy street will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike and provide economic benefits to local businesses and the community as a whole.

Plans & Progress: Main Street is a City street from Pioneer Avenue northward, and a State street from Pioneer Avenue south. The Homer Non-Motorized Transportation and Trail Plan, adopted by the City Council in 2004, calls for construction of sidewalks on both sides of Main Street to provide a safe means for pedestrians to travel between Old Town and Pioneer Avenue, and stresses that this should be regarded as a "near term improvement" to be accomplished in the next two years. The Homer City Council passed Resolution 06-70 in June 2006 requesting that Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF) "rebuild and upgrade Main Street from Pioneer Avenue to Bunnell Avenue as soon as possible in exchange for the City assuming ultimate ownership, maintenance, and operations responsibility."

State of Alaska DOT/PF has obtained \$2.8 million to make safety improvements to Main Street Intersection and is moving forward with a preferred alternative that installs a flashing overhead beacon at the Pioneer and Main Street intersection (2014) and a traffic signal at the Sterling Highway and Main Street intersection (2017.) However, there remains much work to be done to improve and reconstruct of the entire section of Main Street from Pioneer Avenue to Bunnell Street.



A mother pushes a stroller along Main Street between the Sterling Highway and Bunnell Street, while another pedestrian walks on the other side of the road.

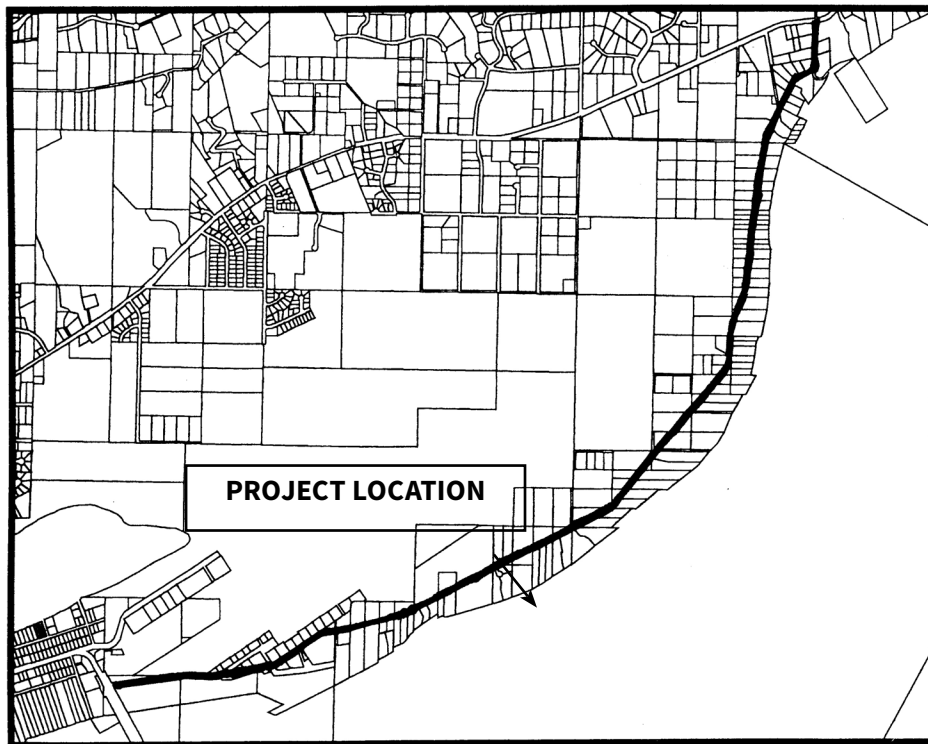


Kachemak Drive Rehabilitation/Pathway

Project Description & Benefit: Kachemak Drive connects Homer Harbor with Homer's industrial boat yards, serves drivers as a connector from the Homer Spit to East End Road, has a residential community, and serves as an alternate route to the airport. Truck, boat trailer, residential and commuter traffic are often heavy, with an approximate daily traffic of 1,500 vehicles. The road needs rehabilitation including raising the embankment, resurfacing, widening the road, and drainage improvements.

Bicyclists, pedestrians and occasional moms with strollers use Kachemak Drive to connect to the Spit, Ocean Drive, and East End Road bike paths. Kachemak Drive has narrow to non-existent shoulders, forcing cyclists to the left of the fog line. Motorists typically slow down behind bicyclists, wait until there is no oncoming traffic, then pass by crossing the center line. This procedure is dangerous to motorists and cyclists, especially on the hill leading up from the base of the Spit to the airport, where visibility is low. Bicycle traffic has increased in the past couple of years due to the advent of wide-tire winter bicycles and Homer's increasing popularity as a bicycle friendly town. Construction of a separated pathway along East End Road will increase recreational and commuter bicycle and pedestrian traffic on Kachemak Drive and will improve driver, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. Because of the significant right-of-way acquisition involved, this project will likely take several years to complete.

Plans & Progress: The Kachemak Drive Path Committee has worked with the City of Homer Advisory Parks and Recreation Commission and Transportation Advisory Committee to explore potential alternatives. The City performed preliminary engineering in 2012 on a portion of the trail and found significant grade and easement challenges to the project.





Sterling Highway Realignment MP 150-157

Project Description & Benefit: The Sterling Highway is a vital transportation corridor serving most of the communities on the Kenai Peninsula, including Homer at the southern terminus, and is the only road connecting these communities to the larger North American road system. The vast majority of people and goods routed in and out of Homer utilize the Sterling Highway as compared to air or water transportation.

This project will protect the Sterling Highway from erosion that is threatening the highway north of Anchor Point. Completion of the project will involve re-routing the highway away from areas that are eroding, utilizing existing road right-of-way as much as possible. The Alaska Department of Transportation has noted that the first effort needed is for reconnaissance study to evaluate alternatives and quantify costs.

Plans & Progress: The project “Sterling Highway Erosion Response MP 150-157” is included in the 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).



As seen in this aerial image, the eroding edge of the bluff is only 30 feet away from the Sterling Highway at a section just north of Anchor Point.



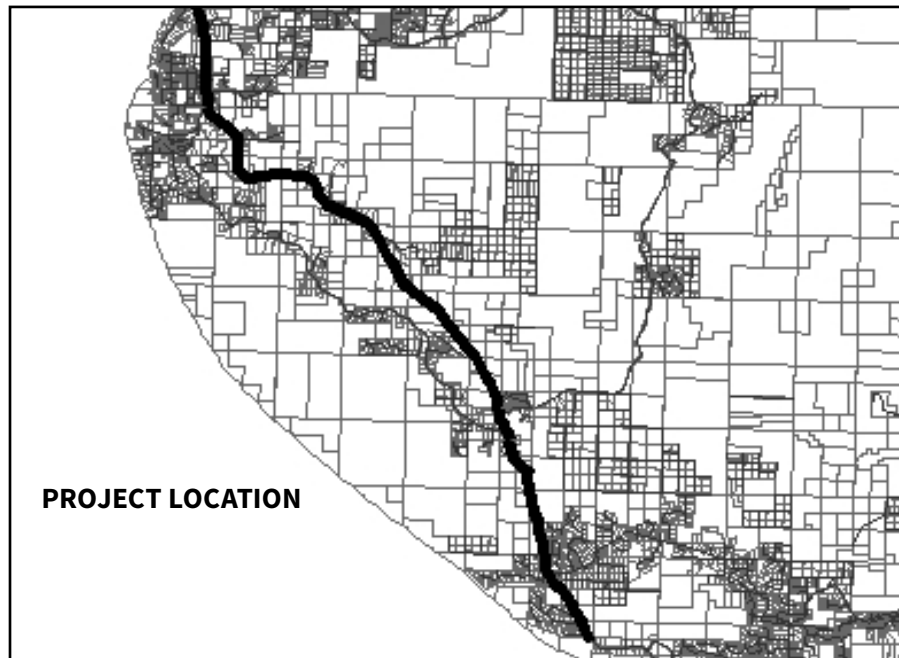
Sterling Highway Reconstruction Anchor Point to Baycrest Hill

Project Description & Benefit: This project will reconstruct 12 miles of the Sterling Highway between Anchor Point (MP 157) and the top of Baycrest Hill in Homer (MP 169) to address severe safety issues resulting from curves, hills, and blind spots on the existing road. The project has been identified as a high priority of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Many major side road intersections, gravel hauling operations, and school bus stops contribute to dangerous conditions on the 12-mile section of highway, which has been the scene of several serious accidents, many with fatalities, over the past several years. Continued population growth has led to more subdivisions with intersecting roads and more traffic on the highway, exacerbating the problem. School buses must stop in some locations with blind corners and hills.

The project calls for construction of an improved two-lane highway paralleling the alignment of the existing highway. The reconstructed highway will be designed to allow two additional lanes to be added at a future date.

Plans & Progress: This project (“Sterling Highway: MP 157-169 Rehabilitation - Anchor Point to Baycrest Hill”) is included in the 2012-2015 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Two and a half million dollars was included in the FY2013 capital budget for design and right of way phases of this project. Total costs are expected to exceed \$36 million; consequently, the project may be constructed in phases.





Projects Submitted by Other Organizations

The City of Homer supports the following projects for which local non-profit organizations are seeking funding and recognizes them as being of significant value to the Homer community:

- **Pratt Museum: New Facility and Site Redesign**
- **Homer Senior Citizens: Natural Gas Conversion**
- **South Peninsula Hospital: Site Evaluation and Planning for Hillside Reinforcement**
- **Kachemak Shellfish Growers Association: Kachemak Shellfish Hatchery**
- **Homer Council on the Arts: Re-configuration and Facility Upgrade**
- **Haven House: Safety/Security Improvements**
- **Homer Hockey Association: Kevin Bell Ice Arena Acquisition**



Pratt Museum

New Facility and Site Redesign

Project Description & Benefit: The national award-winning Pratt Museum preserves the stories of the Kachemak Bay region and provides a gathering place for people to learn and to be inspired by this region and its place in the world. The Pratt's exhibits, education programs, and collections seek to foster self-reflection and dialogue among the Museum's community and visitors. Each year, the Pratt serves up to 30,000 visitors, with more than 4,000 young and adult learners participating in its programs. One of only eight accredited museums in Alaska, the Pratt is consistently viewed as one of Alaska's most important cultural institutions and as a leader among small museums across the country. Today the Pratt Museum exists in a structure that does not meet the Museum or the community's needs. The existing 10,500 square foot building is more than 47 years old, and the building's galleries, public meeting, and education spaces do not support the Pratt's goals or embrace current opportunities. The building is not ADA accessible. Urgently needed are expanded collections storage and the ability to meet current collections care requirements for managing temperature and humidity. The Pratt is now working on a project to better serve this community and visitors long into the future, through the construction of a new facility and redesign of the Pratt's 9.8 acres. Benefits of this project will include: 1) improved education programs and exhibits; 2) creation of a community learning space to promote education and community dialogue; 3) an expanded trail system; 4) the ability to serve larger visitor and school groups; 5) greater representation at the Museum of the region's diverse cultural groups; 6) the ability to care for growing collections, including community archives and stories; and 7) full disability accessibility. The Planning Phase spanned the Fall of 2007 to December 2010. The Design Phase started in January 2011 and will be complete in 2015 at which time the project will be shovel-ready. Construction will begin as early as the Fall of 2016, or when the balance of the construction funds are raised, with the building opening a year later. The total budget is \$9.5 million.

Plans & Progress: Nearly a decade of thorough organizational evaluation, professional assessment, and community dialogue led the Pratt Museum Board of Directors and staff to the decision to embark on an ambitious capital project and carry out a comprehensive redesign of the Pratt's property. A fundraising feasibility study was conducted in 2009 in tandem with the development of draft architectural and site concepts. Additionally, the McDowell Group conducted an analysis of the economic impact of the Pratt's operations and construction project on the local community, finding that the Museum generates substantial economic activity in the region. Now in the Design Phase, the Pratt has secured cash and pledges that represent 36% of the project budget and has laid the groundwork for the successful completion of this project through the following critical steps:

- The Pratt has gathered diverse community and stakeholder input through public meetings, surveys, and other means to guide the Planning Phase and will continue to gather input throughout the Design Phase;
- With leadership from the Patrons of the Pratt Society, 9.8 acres of urban green space have been acquired in the heart of Homer, which the Museum now owns debt-free;
- The Pratt participated in the Rasmuson Foundation's prestigious "Pre-Development Program," which provided more than \$70,000 in in-kind planning services, resulting in substantial Planning Phase cost savings;
- The Museum has recruited community leaders for the capital campaign who represent the Pratt's multiple disciplines in the arts, sciences, and humanities;
- The Pratt is working on Phase II community input planning and research for Master Exhibit Plan permanent exhibit renovations to be installed in the new building;
- The Museum has secured \$3.3 million (36% of the project total) in cash, grants, and pledges;
- An additional third of the project budget has been identified from major funders who will contribute when later funding benchmarks have been reached
- An upgrade and expansion of the trail system, the first part of the project, was completed in 2012, and
- Schematic designs are complete, and the balance of the Design Phase will be completed in 2015.

Total Project Cost: \$9,500,000
(FY16 State Request: \$1,650,000)
Preconstruction: \$1,000,000
Construction: \$8,500,000

Schedule:

Planning: 2010
Design/Preconstruction: 2015
Construction: 2017





Homer Senior Citizens Natural Gas Conversion

Project Description & Benefit: This project would convert the Homer Senior Center (HSC) facilities to natural gas. The project budget includes City of Homer Special Assessment costs, service line and meter costs from Enstar, converting boilers on six structures, as well as gas ranges and dryers in senior housing units.

HSC has been the sole non-profit senior services provider for Homer for the past 39 years. HSC relies upon grants, private donations and fees for service for funding. With budgets tight and the economy still in recovery, private donations are not at the same level. Expenditures increase annually, while revenue continues to remain at the same level, and in some cases declines.

Converting to natural gas as a supplemental energy source will reduce our cost for heating oil. This will save the Center as well as the 85 seniors who pay for electric heat at this time. Currently HSC expends over \$100,000 in fuel oil. With natural gas HSC will save \$37,000 annually, according to projections. HSC will save approximately \$10,000 annually due to the replaced appliances. The combined savings represents approximately \$35,000 annually, equating to one full-time employee.

Plans & Progress: The Alaska State Legislature awarded Homer Senior Citizens Inc. \$100,000 in FY2015 towards this project. Conversion is in progress and expected to be completed by September, 2015 for the Assisted Living, Senior Center and Adult Day Services. The total amount spent towards this project as of July, 2015 is \$153,461. The conversion of the independent housing continues to be a priority; however, additional fundraising is required to complete this phase of the project.

Total Project Cost: \$504,898

Funding Secured: \$100,000

Schedule:

Preconstruction: 2014

Construction: 2015



Homer Senior Citizen's main building.



South Peninsula Hospital Site Evaluation & Planning for Hillside Reinforcement

Plans and Progress: South Peninsula Hospital sits on a very steep hillside, with all parking lots and outbuildings being terraced down from the main hospital building. Both the lot the hospital sits on and the lot behind it continue with a very steep elevation incline. The buffer is only 12 feet behind the building cut into the hillside before the terrain continues with the steep incline for as far as 300 yards. The remaining hillside has thick vegetation and is not utilized or developed in any way at this time.

The facility has had numerous additions and structural work completed in the last 10 years which may have impacted and affected the stability of the hillside. The hillside runs continuous from the entrance of parking the entire length of the building and beyond. No part of the main hospital building is out of the risk zone for damages from hillside erosion and sloughing.

A site evaluation is necessary to establish the current condition of the hillside, and make any recommendations to secure it from further erosion and sloughing. Such evaluation would include a survey, soils testing, geologic hazard assessment and mitigation report, landslide evaluation, earthquake assessment, and recommendations for options to minimize risk to the facility. The recommended options would include cost estimates.

Plans and Progress: The estimated cost of such a study, evaluation, and report is \$100,000. This could include work by the Army Corps of Engineers, and/or a private engineering firm.

Total Project Cost: \$100,000

Schedule: 2014





Kachemak Shellfish Growers Association

Kachemak Shellfish Hatchery

Project Description and Benefit: For over twenty years Kachemak Shellfish Mariculture Association (KSMA), a 501-c3 organization, has worked to fulfill its primary mission of assisting shellfish growers in Kachemak Bay to establish an economically sustainable oyster industry. Today through its partnership with the Kachemak Shellfish Growers Cooperative (KSGC), a co-op formed to market and distribute mussels and oysters, there are 14 farms in the Bay and a sorting, marketing and shipping facility on the Homer Spit supplying shellfish and mariculture related goods to local restaurants, residents and tourists while shipping oysters all over Alaska and the nation.

Five years ago the industry identified an oyster seed shortage affecting the shellfish industry on the entire Pacific Coast. Local leaders developed a small proof of concept experiential oyster hatchery/setting facility at the KSGC building to address this issue. Over the past three years, on a thin budget, with the assistance of industry professionals, and with the support of the State of Alaska, the co-op raised over 7.5 million oyster seed. KSMA supports this highly technical hatchery and laboratory with two employees who oversee the 24-hour a day, five-month process culturing oysters and propagating algae (oyster food) in conjunction with their other duties. Please note that this should not be understated; others have invested more with lesser success. Some experts gave this experimental nursery only a 10% chance of success. However, thanks to the nutrient rich waters of Kachemak Bay and the dedication and expertise of staff the oysters thrived at the Homer Spit facility and into the upweller (a nursery for the young oysters) in Halibut Cove. With the commitment of KSMA's employees and the Bay's farmers this proof of concept is ready to mature to the next step—a fourth year of production and expanding the hatchery to a financially sustainable operation through the scale of production. By supplying oyster seed to shellfish farmers throughout the state of Alaska, it will reduce cost to farms and the impact of seed shortage.

Over the past three years KSMA produced 7.5 million seed and has purchased or developed much of the expertise and equipment necessary for the hatchery expansion including technician training, the expensive salt water well, and algae production. However a larger lab, and storm damage prevention are needed to mature the proof of concept to a production facility supporting the greater Bay and its residents. The Kachemak Mariculture building on the Spit needs professional engineering, design, and planning to transition its available space from an experimental, small hatchery to the next phase of a permanent hatchery enabling KSMA to commercially produce oyster seed.

The benefit of a thriving oyster farming industry in Homer is huge. Oyster production in Kachemak Bay is currently in its 22nd year. Oysters have become a sparkling year-round addition to the seafood options available to residents and tourists in Homer. Every cooler of oysters delivered to the dock represents approximately \$150 to the grower. By the time the end user receives those oysters, the economic ripple effect becomes approximately \$725. Oysters clearly benefit the community and economy.

A local hatchery and nursery can also provide a great learning lab for high school and university students, who currently have to travel to the hatchery in Seward for their studies. (The Seward hatchery hatches opilio crab; however the waters of Resurrection Bay are less conducive to oyster seed.) A course in mariculture could easily be developed in conjunction with aspects of oyster seed development, culturing and marketing.

Plans and Progress: The design and expansion of the shellfish hatchery is in process. Successful seed will be sold first to growers in Kachemak Bay. Excess seed will be sold to other farmers in the state who are eager for a reliable supplier.

KSMA's Hatchery consultant has many designs from hatcheries where he has assisted. Final design for the Homer Spit Facility would occur in conjunction with permitting.

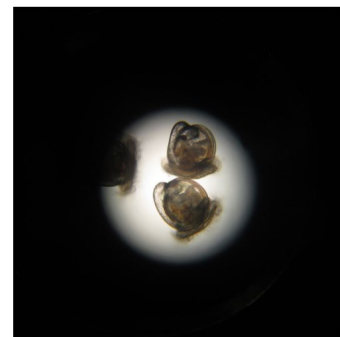
Total Project Cost: \$400,000

Preconstruction: \$75,000

Funding Secured: \$50,000

Construction: \$325,000

Schedule: 2016



Microscopic view of two tiny oysters.



Homer Council on the Arts Re-configuration & Facility Upgrade

Project Description & Benefit: Reconfiguring the building that Homer Council on the Arts presently owns and resides, will provide an ADA accessible, energy efficient venue for HCOA programming. Re-configuration will also provide the public with 1) a larger and more accessible space to use for classes, events, meetings, exhibits and performances 2) a conference room for smaller exhibits, meetings and classes, 3) a larger art room for classes and workshops which will also function as a backstage for the performance space 4) two ADA accessible bathrooms, 5) one business rental space for additional revenue.

HCOA is currently participating in the Foraker Group Pre-Development Program, sponsored by Rasmuson Foundation. The project manager and architect have met with the HCOA Board several times to discuss programmatic needs and how to accommodate these needs with building improvements. They are guiding our process to ensure our project is right-sized and feasible. Specifically, the building remodel will include 1) the replacement of the heating and ventilation systems with natural gas, 2) energy efficient windows and doors, and new rear entry 3) repair of water issues in the basement, 4) ADA approved handicapped accessible bathrooms, 5) re-configuration of the current floor plan to accommodate programming and public use of space.

Plans & Progress: HCOA is moving ahead to convert to natural gas, the first priority in phase one of the renovation plan. We are proceeding with this project by refinancing our existing mortgage. Expected completion date is Fall, 2015. We are currently looking at the energy audit (completed August of 2012), and will be using additional funds from the refinance to make changes/upgrades that will align us with the audit. HCOA and the Pratt Museum have just announced that we are in conversation about the possibilities of collaborating to make use of the existing Pratt museum building as a performance art and activity space. Both organizations will be working diligently over the next several months to further develop this vision of an arts and culture complex. We invite the community's ideas and commitment to join us in creating this important and vital center for our community. Thank you very much for City support with these projects. HCOA looks forward to working with the City of Homer as we all move forward with innovative ideas to better meet the needs of our greater community.

Phase 1: Replace heating and ventilation systems and address water issues in basement.

Phase 2: Reconfigure floor plan including back entrance, and new windows.

Total Project Cost: \$500,000

Schedule:

Preconstruction: 2014

Construction: 2019





Haven House Safety/Security Improvements

Project Description & Benefit: Haven House provides protection through emergency shelter and program services to adults and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Domestic violence and sexual assault offenders are among the most dangerous type of violent offender and such shelters warrant a high degree of security systems, equipment, and technology. Haven House is requesting \$25,000 to improve the security of the facility through upgrading existing surveillance equipment, adding additional, much-needed surveillance equipment, upgrading existing security system, improving communications between all offices in the building, as well as instant communication to law enforcement, and improving equipment that contributes to security, such as doors, windows, locking systems, and fence. According to feedback collected on surveys from Haven House shelter employees and clients, as well as security challenges we have faced in the past, there is a need to provide improvements to our security systems currently in place. This will protect Haven House clients, staff, and community members and provide a much-needed public safety function for the entire southern Kenai Peninsula communities.

Plans & Progress: In July of 2014 Haven House completed phase 1 of improving the security of the building. Phase 1 consisted of building in an arctic entry with a locked interior door that provides an additional entrance and layer of security to the building. Prior to this addition, there was free access into the Haven House administrative floor without authorization. This is not best practice for domestic violence shelters and was addressed to keep staff, clients, and community members safe. \$25,000 was secured for phase 1, from the Rasmuson Foundation. Phase 2 will be completed with additional funds from the Rasmuson Foundation and the State of Alaska by spring of 2016. Phase 2 consists of installing a new buzz-in system for the 2 entry doors.

Haven House is seeking funding support to move into the next phase of security improvements. Phase 2 entails the addition and updating of security cameras, improving monitoring surveillance systems, replacing a number of existing doors and windows with more secure models, improving communications systems within the building that improve security, and making improvements to the Haven House fence.

Total Project Cost: \$70,000

Funding Already Secured: \$45,000

Schedule: 2014-2015





Homer Hockey Association Kevin Bell Ice Arena Acquisition

Project Description & Benefit: The Kevin Bell Arena was constructed in 2005, with initial funding from grants associated with the Kenai Peninsula hosting the 2006 Arctic Winter Games combined with a loan from English Bay Corporation/Homer Spit Properties. Since opening its doors, the Homer Hockey Association (HHA) has operated the rink within its yearly \$300,000 budget. In September 2015, HHA will have to begin paying the principal on its loan which will double monthly payments and make programs too expensive for people to participate. In order to purchase the building and the land, HHA needs to obtain \$2.74 million dollars.

The Homer Hockey Association (HHA) is a volunteer run, non-profit organization, one of a few in the USA. In 2012, HHA won the Alaska Recreation & Parks Association Outstanding Organization award. Volunteers contributed an estimated 14,000 volunteer hours in the 2013-14 season, representing a huge commitment of time and effort by our community. The Kevin Bell Arena hosts up to 800 users a week during the winter.

The Homer Ice Rink hosts many tournaments and events that bring commerce to the City of Homer, especially important during the winter when tourism is low. In the 2013-14 season, HHA hosted 12 separate events with a combined total of 194 games. These tournaments and jamborees brought over 1377 out of town players to Homer who often brought family and fans and spent money in the form of lodging, dining, food and merchandise purchases.

Plans & Progress: The mission of the Homer Hockey Association/Kevin Bell Arena is to cultivate on-ice recreation of all kinds, for all ages, on the Lower Kenai Peninsula. Homer Hockey Association is accomplishing this mission. Programs have been expanded over the years to include activities for all including: figure skating, hockey for adults and children, broomball, and a new curling program.

Revenue from fundraising, grants, and sponsorships is significant for the organization. Last year, HHA sponsored a seafood dinner, golf tournament, garage sale, and pie auction earning a total of \$13,883. Grants and sponsorships totaled \$68,289 and a raffle, which is mandatory for all of our members, earned \$23,834 for the 2013-14 season. This season, HHA is conducting some of the same fundraisers and pursuing a crowdfunding project to obtain contributions from a wider group, not just Homer residents. Every year since the Kevin Bell Arena opened in 2005, the HHA has operated within its budget.

Because of the dire financial situation and the extensive time commitment of the volunteer board, a financial task force was created to explore avenues to secure the rink's financial future. The grass roots campaign secured resolutions from the City of Homer and the Kenai Peninsula Borough and is presently circulating a petition to solicit support and inform Kenai Peninsula residents as well as ice sports supporters everywhere of our situation. Homer Hockey Association has been in contact with state and federal legislators about the rink's financial situation and are requested help in identifying possible funding sources.

Total Project Cost: \$2,740,000

Schedule: 2014-2015





Capital Improvement Long-Range Projects

The following projects have been identified as long-range capital needs but have not been included in the Capital Improvement Plan because it is not anticipated that they will be undertaken within the six-year period covered by the CIP. As existing CIP projects are funded or as other circumstances change, projects in the long-range list may be moved to the six-year CIP.

Local Roads

Fairview Avenue – Main Street to East End Road: This project provides for the design and construction of Fairview Avenue from Main Street to East End Road. The road is approximately 3,000 linear feet and the project will include paving, water and sewer mains, stub-outs, storm drains, and a sidewalk or trail. The project extends from the intersection of Main Street to the Homer High School, and finally to East End Road, and will provide an alternative to Pioneer Avenue for collector street access east/west across town. This roadway would benefit the entire community by reducing congestion on Pioneer Avenue, the major through-town road, and would provide a second means of access to the high school. It would also allow for development of areas not currently serviced by municipal water and sewer.

This improvement is recommended by the 2005 Homer Area Transportation Plan. Necessary right of way has already been dedicated by the Kenai Peninsula Borough across the High School property.

Cost: \$1.75 million **Priority Level 3**

Fairview Avenue – Main Street to West Hill Road: This project provides for the design and construction of Fairview Avenue from Main Street to West Hill Road. The road is approximately 4,200 linear feet and the project will include paving, water and sewer mains, stub-outs, storm drains, and a sidewalk or trail. In conjunction with the Fairview to East End Road project, this project will benefit the entire community by providing an alternative to Pioneer Avenue for collector street access east/west across town, thereby reducing congestion on Pioneer Avenue and developing alternative access for emergency vehicle response. The need for the road extension has increased markedly with the development of three major residential subdivisions in the area.

This improvement is recommended in the 2005 Homer Area Transportation Plan.

Cost: \$3 million **Priority Level 3**

Parks And Recreation

Beach Access from Main: This project will provide residents and visitors with coastal viewing stations and access to the beach at the southern end of Main Street, utilizing City-owned land. The project will enhance connectivity in Homer's developing trails and park system, providing additional access so that beachgoers can walk onto the beach at one point and off at another, on a loop through Old Town, Town Center, etc. For those not physically able to walk all the way to the beach, platforms near the roads will provide nice views and benches on which to relax. Interpretive signage could provide information on Homer history, beach formation, and other topics.

The Main Street beach access point is envisioned to have a small parking area, a viewing platform with a bench, and stairs with landings.

Cost: \$250,000 **Priority Level 3**



Capital Improvement Long-Range Projects

East Trunk/Beluga Lake Trail System: This project will create two connecting trails:

- The Beluga Lake Trail will partially encircle Beluga Lake with a raised platform trail that includes a wildlife observation site. The trail will connect neighborhoods and business districts on the north and south sides of the lake.
- The East Trunk Trail will provide a wide gravel pathway from Ben Walters Park east along the City sewer easement, along the north side of Beluga Lake (connecting with the Beluga Lake Trail), and eventually reaching East End Road near Kachemak City.

The completed trail system will connect Paul Banks Elementary School, the Meadowood Subdivision, and other subdivisions and residential areas to Ben Walters Park. It will additionally provide hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing opportunities around Beluga Lake. In addition, it will provide an important non-motorized transportation route.

The Beluga Lake Trail, a trail connection to Paul Banks Elementary School and East End Road are included in the 2004 City of Homer Non-Motorized Transportation and Trail Plan.

Cost: Beluga Lake Trail—\$1.5 M East Trunk Trail—\$2 M Priority Level 3

Horizon Loop Trail, Phase 1: The Homer Horizon Loop Trail is proposed as a four to five mile route that would run clockwise from Karen Hornaday Park up around the top of Woodard Creek Canyon, traverse the bluff eastward, and then drop down to Homer High School. The parking lots of Karen Hornaday Park and Homer High School would provide trailhead parking. Those wishing to complete the loop will easily be able to walk from the high school to Karen Hornaday Park or vice versa via Fairview Avenue. A later stage of trail development will connect the Horizon Loop Trail with the Homestead Trail at Bridge Creek Reservoir.

Cost: Staff Time Priority Level 3

Jack Gist Park Improvements, Phases 3: Jack Gist Park has been in development since 1998 on 12.4 acres of land donated to the City of Homer by a private landowner. As originally envisioned by the Jack Gist Recreational Park Association, this parcel was developed primarily for softball fields. The long-term goal is to acquire adjacent properties that will provide space for soccer fields. Phase 3 development will construct a plumbed restroom at the park and develop soccer fields.

Cost: \$400,000 Priority Level 3

Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase 3: Phase 3 park improvements will include building a concession stand, shed, landscaping, signage, and revegetating Woodard Creek.

Cost: \$860,000 Priority Level 2

Mariner Park Improvements: This project will provide significant improvements to Mariner Park as called for in the park's master plan: Construct a bike trail from the "Lighthouse Village" to Mariner Park (\$325,000); Construct a pavilion, additional campsites, and interpretive kiosk (\$150,000); and improve the appearance of the park with landscaping (\$75,000).

Total: \$500,000 Priority Level 3



Capital Improvement Long-Range Projects

Public Restrooms – Homer Spit: With increased activity on the Homer Spit, the need for restroom facilities has also increased. The restroom at Ramp 2 is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.

Cost: \$295,000

Priority Level: 2

PUBLIC PROJECTS

Homer Conference Center: Homer is a popular visitor destination and the visitor industry is a critical component of the local economy. However, millions more dollars might be spent in Homer if a meeting facility large enough to attract conferences with several hundred participants was available. Currently, Homer has no facility capable of providing meeting space for groups of more than 180 people.

Homer's reputation as an arts community will help attract meetings and audiences if a facility exists to accommodate and showcase these events. The conference center, featuring banquet/ballroom space and flexible meeting space, will fill this need. If the facility is located in Homer's developing Town Center, other area businesses would also benefit from the increased number of visitors attending meetings at the conference center.

A conference center will increase Homer's ability to compete with other communities in that important niche of the visitor industry, and will also provide a venue for meetings and cultural events hosted by local organizations, such as the Kachemak Bay Writers Conference and Shorebird Festival events.

In partnership with the Homer Chamber of Commerce, the City of Homer commissioned a conference center feasibility study completed in summer 2005. The study predicts moderate demand from outside groups for a conference center in Homer. The Conference Center Feasibility Study Steering Committee made a formal recommendation that the City support efforts to encourage the construction of a conference center in Homer's Town Center. In August 2005, the Homer City Council passed Resolution 05-86(A) which recommends further consideration and authorizes the City Manager to pursue ideas and discussions that will increase the likelihood of a conference center being built in Homer.

Cost: \$5 million

Priority Level: 3

Public Works Complex: The City of Homer Public Works complex on the Sterling Highway was constructed in phases from 1974-1986 (except for the recently completed large equipment storage shed). In 1980, Homer's population was 2,209. Since that time, the population has grown more than 150%, with a corresponding increase in roads, water/sewer lines, and other construction activity that requires employee and equipment time. The existing facility is no longer adequate to meet these needs and the problem will become more acute with continued growth.

A new Public Works complex will include the following:

- Increased office space to provide adequate room for employee work areas, files, supplies, and equipment storage
- Adequate space for Parks Division and Engineering staff and equipment
- A waiting area for the public, contractors, etc.
- A conference room that doesn't double as the employee break room
- A break room with adequate seating, storage, and locker space
- A laundry room
- A garage for the motor pool large enough to accommodate more than one or two projects at a time
- Improvements in ventilation throughout the facility and wiring for computer technology

Cost: Design—\$500,000

Construction—\$4,500,000

Priority Level: 2



Capital Improvement Long-Range Projects

Homer Greenhouse: Homer's growth in population and area, the importance of tourism to the local economy, and increased community requests for beautification illustrate the need for a new greenhouse capable of producing 100,000 plants annually. In addition to spring planting, the greenhouse can be used to grow hanging baskets for the Central Business District; poinsettias, etc. for the winter holiday season; and shrubs and trees for revegetation and park improvements. The greenhouse could also serve as a community resource for meetings, weddings, winter visits, etc.

Cost: \$400,000

Priority Level 3

Public Market Design and Financing Plan: This project will facilitate implementation of a recommendation in the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy discussed in both the "Agriculture" and "Downtown Vitalization" sections. It is also consistent with the goals of the Homer Town Center Development Plan and the Climate Action Plan. Specifically, the project will provide a permanent, weather-protected venue for the Homer Farmers Market in Town Center. The project will kick off development in the Town Center district, providing immediate benefits to downtown Homer and serving as a catalyst for further development.

Cost: \$60,000

Priority Level 3

UTILITIES

Spit Water Line – Phase 4: The existing Homer Spit water line is 40 years old and is constructed of 10-inch cast iron. In recent years it has experienced an increasing number of leaks due to corrosion. The condition has been aggravated by development on the Spit resulting in increased load from fill material on an already strained system. Phase 4 of this project consists of slip lining approximately 1,500 linear feet of water main to the end of the Spit. Slip lining the Homer Spit waterline, versus replacing, will reduce cost while ensuring an uninterrupted water supply for public health, fire/life safety needs, and expanding economic activities on the Spit. The City received a grant for the EPA for design of the project which was completed in fall of 2014.

Cost: \$400,000

Priority Level 3

Bridge Creek Watershed Acquisition: Currently, the Bridge Creek watershed is the sole source of water for Homer. To protect the watershed from development that could threaten the water supply and to ensure the availability of land for possible future expansion of water treatment operations within the watershed, the City seeks to acquire additional acreage and/or utilize conservation easements to restrict development that is incompatible with clean water.

Cost: \$1,000,000

Priority Level 3

Alternative Water Source: Currently Homer's sole water source is the Bridge Creek Reservoir. Population growth within the city, increased demands for city water from residents outside city limits, increasing numbers of tourists and summer residents, and climate change that has reduced surface water availability are all factors in the need for a new water source to augment the existing reservoir.

Cost: \$16,750,000

Priority Level 3



Capital Improvement Long-Range Projects

West Hill Water Transmission Main and Water Storage Tank: Currently, water from the Skyline treatment plant is delivered to Homer via two transmission mains. One main (12-inch) is located along East Hill Road and delivers water to the east side of town. The other (8-inch) runs directly down to the center of town. A third transmission main is needed to deliver water to the west side of town, provide water to the upper West Hill area, and provide backup support to the two existing transmission mains. A new water storage facility is also needed to meet the demands of a rapidly growing community.

The addition of a third water transmission main has been identified in comprehensive water planning documents for over 20 years.

Cost: Design—\$500,000 Construction—\$4.5 M Priority Level 2

STATE PROJECTS

Ocean Drive Reconstruction with Turn Lane: Ocean Drive, which is a segment of the Sterling Highway (a state road) connecting Lake Street with the Homer Spit Road, sees a great deal of traffic, particularly in the summer, and has become a source of concern for drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and tour bus operators. This project will improve traffic flow on Ocean Drive and reduce risks to drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians by creating a center turn lane, providing well-marked crosswalks, and constructing a separated bike path. The project will also enhance the appearance of the Ocean Drive corridor by moving utilities underground and providing some landscaping and other amenities.

Currently, a bicycle lane runs on the south side of Ocean Drive. However, it is common for cars and trucks to use the bicycle lane to get around vehicles which have stopped in the east-bound traffic lane in order to make a left turn. Some frustrated drivers swing around at fairly high speeds, presenting a significant risk to bicyclists and pedestrians who may be using the bike lane. In recent years, the Homer Farmers Market has become a popular attraction on the south side of Ocean Drive during the summer season, contributing to traffic congestion in the area. In addition, Homer is seeing more cruise ship activity which also translates into more traffic on Ocean Drive. All of these factors have led to increased risk of accidents.



Capital Improvement Appendices

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- **Resolution 14-093**
- **City of Homer Financing Assumptions**



Capital Improvement Appendices

CITY OF HOMER 2016-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING PROCESS FY 2017 LEGISLATIVE REQUEST DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

| ACTION | TIME FRAME |
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| City Council approval of schedule | May 11, 2015 |
| Solicit new/revised project information from City departments, local agencies and non-profits | May 11 |
| Input for new draft requested by | June 30 |
| Prepare and distribute draft CIP to City advisory groups for review and input. (Administration compilation of draft CIP June 30-July 8) | (Meeting dates): Planning Commission July 15, August 5 |
| | Parks and Recreation Commission August 20 |
| | Port and Harbor Commission July 22 |
| | Library Advisory Board August 12 |
| | Economic Development Commission July 14, August 11 |
| | Public Arts Committee August 13 |
| Administrative review and compilation | August 15 - August 20 |
| City Council worksession to review proposed projects | August 24 |
| Public Hearing on CIP/Legislative request | September 14 |
| Consideration of resolution by City Council | September 28 |
| Adoption of resolution by City Council | October 12 |
| Administration forwards requests for Governor's Budget | October 2016 |
| Distribution of CIP and State Legislative Request | October 2015 & January 2016 |
| Compilation/distribution of Federal Request | February 2016 |



Capital Improvement Appendices

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor/City Council

RESOLUTION 14-093

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2015-2020
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016.

WHEREAS, A duly published hearing was held on September 8, 2014 in order to obtain
public comments on capital improvement projects and legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the City Council to provide the Governor, the State
Legislature, State agencies, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, and other potential funding
sources with adequate information regarding the City's capital project funding needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the "City of
Homer Capital Improvement Plan 2015-2020" is hereby adopted as the official 6-year capital
improvement plan for the City of Homer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following capital improvement projects are identified
as priorities for the FY 2016 State Legislative Request:

1. Water Storage/Distribution Improvements
2. Public Safety Building
3. Harbor Sheet Pile Loading Dock
4. Fire Department Fleet Management Plan
5. East to West Transportation Corridor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that projects for the FY 2016 Federal Legislative Request will
be:

1. Deep Water/ Cruise Ship Dock Expansion, Phase 1
2. East Boat Harbor

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby instructed to advise appropriate
State and Federal representatives and personnel of the City's FY 2016 capital project priorities
and take appropriate steps to provide necessary background information.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council for the City of Homer on this 13th day of
October, 2014.



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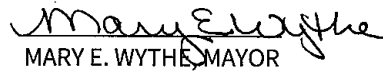
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ATTEST:


JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

CITY OF HOMER


MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR



Capital Improvement Appendices

City of Homer Financing Assumptions: Capital Improvement Program

Implementation of the City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan requires utilization of various financing mechanisms. Financing mechanisms available to the City of Homer include:

- Federal grants or loans
- State grants or loans
- General obligation bonds
- Limited obligation bonds
- Revenue bonds
- Special assessment bonds
- Bank loans
- Pay as you go
- Private sector development agreements
- Property owner contributions
- Lease or lease–purchase agreements

The use of any of the financing mechanisms listed above must be based upon the financial capability of the City as well as the specific capital improvement project. In this regard, financing the CIP should take into consideration the following assumptions:

1. The six-mill property tax limitation precludes utilizing General Fund operating revenue to fund major capital improvements. Available revenue should be utilized to fund operation and maintenance activities.
2. The operating revenue of enterprise funds (Port & Harbor, Water & Sewer) will be limited and as such, currently only fund operation and maintenance activities.
3. The utilization of Federal and State grants will continue to be significant funding mechanisms. Grants will be pursued whenever possible.
4. The 1½ percent sales tax approved by voters of Homer for debt service and CIP projects is dedicated at ¾ percent to sewer treatment plant debt retirement, with the remaining balance to be used in water and sewer system improvement projects, and ¾ percent to the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Program.
5. The HART Program will require property owner contributions of \$30 per front foot for road reconstruction, with an additional \$17 per front foot for paving.
6. The Accelerated Water and Sewer Program will require substantial property owner contributions through improvement districts/assessment funding, set currently at 75 percent.
7. The private sector will be encouraged to finance, construct, and operate certain nonessential capital improvements (e.g., overslope development).
8. The utilization of bonds will be determined on a project-by-project basis.
9. The lease and/or lease–purchase of capital improvements will be determined on a project-by-project basis.



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From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
Date: August 13, 2015
Subject: Strategic Plan and the Needs Assessment

Over a year ago, the Commission decided to postpone any more work on the Commission's strategic plan until the Needs Assessment was complete. Now that it is complete, is time for the Commission to look ahead and come to consensus on what the goals and priorities of the Commission are. I'd also like to talk about our process a bit.

- I propose the Commission have a PARC related speaker at every meeting.
- The point of the speakers is for all the Commissioners can get up to speed on the projects that are being worked on in the Community, how to lend support and not duplicate efforts.
- I am coming to understand that the strength of our community visioning is a double edged sword. While it allows us to dream big, while are we dreaming, other opportunities are passing us by. As a group we have to be aware of what is going on around us, and how our actions enhance or detract from overall progress.
- The most immediate issue is maintaining the current level of funding for parks and Community Rec. This is the most pressing issue between October 26th and December 14th, when the budget will be passed.

Process:

- I suggest the Commission amend the bylaws to return to having the Chair approve or deny agenda items. Its really hard to provide good staff support and for the Commission to be an effective tool when we're all going in different directions. Its typically the job of the chair to do some gate-keeping so to speak.
- If you have an item you want on the agenda, if would be good for you to provide background material for the packet, tell staff why you want to talk about it, and the action you'd like the Commission to take. Every agenda item should lead to an action, specifically a policy or budget recommendation to the City Council.
- If the topic is so far in its infancy that you can't define the action to be taken, its probably not ready to be considered by the Commission. See page 3 of the needs assessment - Notice it says less about specific projects, and more about how we all work together. Two big concepts are that an idea or project should have broad support from multiple user groups, and a high level of support from a group that can champion the cause. If the new idea does not have those two things, more groundwork is needed. The Commission is not the place for someone to start a new idea; it's a place to look for support after there is already significant community buy in and there is someone who can bring the idea to fruition.

Attachment:

Executive Summary of the Needs Assessment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HOMER RECREATION AND CULTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture (PARC) Needs Assessment is intended to determine the resources and prioritize the needs for the area community (including the City of Homer and four neighboring census tracts: Anchor Point, Fritz Creek, Diamond Ridge and Kachemak City) concerning parks, arts, recreation and culture (PARC) facilities and programs. To accomplish this, the project involved:

1. Assessing community values, wants and needs related to PARC resources, based on feedback from a broad range of organizations, individuals, and businesses;
2. Identifying gaps between identified needs and existing facilities and programs; and
3. Investigating strategies for meeting priority needs, recognizing the realities of finite resources (e.g., funding, volunteers, profitable business opportunities) and Homer's relatively small population. Strategies include better use of existing facilities, while investigating options for new resources to support future recreation and culture improvements.

The results reflect the reality that many residents, businesses, organizations of and visitors to the greater Homer area deeply value PARC resources for their social, health and quality of life benefits, for the economic opportunities they provide, and because they make greater Homer the community and the place in which they choose to live. The greater Homer area has attracted a community of people with great vision and capacity to make things happen: community members dedicate a remarkable number of volunteer hours, have started and maintained numerous nonprofits, hosted community events, and donated materials and funding toward various community resources.

AMBITIOUS, REALISTIC AND STRATEGIC

With all this community effort, greater Homer already has a wealth of PARC resources. The needs assessment reveals a desire for even more: a broad and ambitious list of ways to further expand and fill PARC gaps. At the same time, it is clear that there are limits in the community's ability to meet all expressed wishes, and that there is a desire to be realistic about how much the community is able to take on and sustain over time. To satisfy these goals, this summary of identified needs is presented within the context of an overall set of strategies:

1. Maximize the use of existing public resources.
2. Look for and take advantage of opportunities for the private sector to fill gaps.
3. Explore new ways to improve the efficiency and coordination of providing PARC resources and related information sharing.

4. Maintain existing facilities while developing funding strategies for highest priority future expansion or renewal projects.

SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED PRIORITY NEEDS

A full list of identified needs is included in the attached Identified Needs Inventory. This list was generated from a review of previous relevant plans and studies, an online community survey, an online provider questionnaire, community workshop and focus group discussions, and key informant interviews. From this inventory, a set of priorities was determined by filtering the identified needs based on whether they had:

1. Broad support from multiple user groups and the general public and therefore would directly serve the largest portion of the community, *or*
2. High level of support from one or more organized user group(s) and therefore already has a project champion, although it may directly serve a smaller subset of the community.

The identified needs were also filtered through a set of specific criteria developed by the community as the basis for prioritization; these criteria determined that priorities should:

1. Contribute to the economic vitality of the community.
2. Bring together multiple organizations and user groups (such as seniors and youth).
3. Support the capacity and mission of existing organizations.
4. Be affordable to users.
5. Be able to be staffed and maintained.
6. Have a user group.
7. Be physically accessible to community members, in a central location, and complement adjacent land uses (if applicable).
8. Include both passive and active recreation together.

The priorities that emerged through this filtering process focus on the need for indoor facilities/activities and improvements to PARC resource coordination, and also included a number of more modest of outdoor facilities and programming needs.

INDOOR FACILITIES

Of the priorities that filtered to the top, the most significant was space for indoor activities. The most pressing needs are for a general-purpose gymnasium and a multi-purpose space for dance, martial arts, performing arts (rehearsals, performances), and community events. It will be difficult for the community to meet these types of programming needs until adequate space is created. Specific identified needs include:

- Active recreation space: large multi-purpose gymnasium, indoor walking track, affordable weight room, martial arts gym, indoor (and outdoor) racket sports-
- Space for the arts: centralized location for music activities (including practice studio, recording studio and/or programming), more spaces for making art, 200-300 seat performance space, and
- Spaces for youth: toddler and family spaces,¹ teen space while school is not in session.
- Space that can support varied community events and gatherings.

Depending on specific designs, many or even all of these needs might be met in a single facility. A multi-purpose community center was the most frequently identified need across providers, user groups, existing plans and the general public. Although frequently mentioned, a new multipurpose facility would be costly. Considering the other identified needs, this project might best be deferred to a medium or long-term status, giving time to raise the necessary funding as well as time for the area's population, industry and tax base to grow. The next step for the community will be to determine how best to meet priority indoor space needs through existing facilities, new discrete facilities or grouped within a single multi-use project. Investigating options will include consideration of: the availability of existing spaces and their ability to adequately meet the identified needs; potential project providers (who will own and operate the space, who will run the activities), their responsibilities, level of commitment and ability to sustain use/participation; potential funding mechanisms and willingness to pay; and which uses will be compatible or incompatible in a multi-use facility. While these decisions are being made, the City should investigate ways to keep the HERC open (e.g., for another 10 years) to help meet indoor space needs.

Another priority that came up repeatedly during the needs assessment is the need to stabilize the financial future of the Kevin Bell Ice Arena. Though the City is not responsible for this facility, thousands of people use the facility (up to 800 in a week). The facility supports local users and also attracts teams from outside the community who spend time (and money) in Homer. Aside from the debt of the building and land, the rink's revenue has supported its yearly operations since it opened in 2005. Current debt totals \$2.74 million, and it will require \$60,000 per year to repay. The rink has become an institution in Homer, providing healthy lifestyle choices and also important winter revenue with the annual tournaments and games, bringing visitors from other cities. The Needs Assessment is not the forum in which to work out the specific near term strategies on this time-sensitive issue. The community can continue to seek opportunities to meet existing user needs at the hockey arena (e.g., indoor walking, climbing) as well as investigate longer term revenue sources that could help sustain the facility. The idea was raised to consider dedicating some amount of City funds to cover a portion of the \$60,000 annual debt payment.

¹ Some of these space needs may be fulfilled by better communication about existing toddler-friendly spaces and activities; many programs are already offered and new activities starting.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Priority outdoor facilities include: upgrading the softball fields, car-free ice skating at Beluga Lake, a warming hut on the spit, an outdoor amphitheater, and multi-use trail connections. These outdoor improvements, while important, present a much lower threshold of cost and complexity than the possible need for some form of new, multipurpose indoor facility(ies).

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, PROGRAMING

A number of programming needs were identified, listed below. Exploring options to meet these identified needs is important, but must be considered in the context of the management and/or addition of indoor facilities, which is closely tied to many of these identified needs.

- Indoor, winter event space and programing, activities (e.g. laser tag, bumper cars, go cart track, child play area), and longer hours for programs or facilities (e.g. late night and/or early morning).
- Multi-generational activities, for parents and toddlers, for mentally and physical disabled older people, for seniors in general.
- Activities at McNeil Canyon School and in Anchor Point, specifically.
- Short courses/workshops (one day or less), with smaller time and financial commitment.
- Specific activities/classes: folk school, healthy cooking, lifelong learning programs, Zumba, wildfoods safety, marine safety, adult indoor soccer.

MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Outreach results make clear that participants recognize the need for new strategies to meet these priorities and identified the following solutions:

- Make better use of what already is available:
 - Centralized community calendar and information sharing (e.g., via mobile phone app).
 - Transportation improvements to get people to activities/events (e.g., affordable cross-bay transportation, rides for youth and seniors who do not drive).
 - Continued coordination and access to school district resources, particularly the high school.
- Improve the delivery of PARC resources:
 - Centralized meeting room list/scheduler.

- Consolidated community PARC leadership to reduce the number of volunteer boards and enable better coordination among providers (e.g., calendaring, networking, partnerships on projects, joint fundraising or grant applications, reciprocal membership agreements).
 - Consider a centralized City Parks and Recreation Department with additional City of Homer recreation staff (existing staff are currently at capacity, and the City could potentially leverage increased community involvement toward providing services and completing park improvement projects with additional staff.).
 - Consider ways to maintain the PARC Committee and continued City involvement in PARC resource management.
- Investigate new funding options (e.g., service area); consistent capital funding is needed, whether for the HERC, ballfields, or park improvements.

OPPORTUNITIES TO USE EXISTING FACILITIES

The community felt strongly that Homer's many existing resources should be used to meet existing needs before any new facilities were built or programs started. The Needs Assessment included an analysis of the extent to which priority needs could be met with existing resources, based on the needs and existing resources inventories generated through the needs assessment process. Many identified needs could potentially be met through existing or new resources, depending on the will of the community.

NEXT STEPS AND IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES

Parks, art, recreation and culture are important enough to area residents that a majority support some degree of increased public funding for recreation and culture facilities and services through various means. In the near term, recreation and culture leaders could continue to focus on the operational and organizational priority needs to better coordinate and consolidate existing resources in terms of space, funding and fundraising efforts, information sharing, and planning for longer-term priorities, such as a new multi-purpose facility or addressing the future ownership of the Kevin Bell Ice Arena.

The statistically valid survey indicates a level of support and willingness to dedicate City funds toward these two large capital projects. Just over half of the statistically-valid telephone survey respondents (56.8 percent) said that a new multi-purpose community center should be a City priority within the next 10 years and indicated a willingness to contribute some amount of property taxes to its development. Similarly, just over half of the statistically-valid telephone survey respondents (53.6 percent) indicated that the City should provide approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 per year in new funding to help cover a portion of the loan payment on the hockey arena, and look to the Homer Hockey Association to find the remaining funding for the Kevin Bell Ice Arena. Another 20.1 percent of survey respondents indicated a willingness to dedicate city funding to pay the entire \$60,000 annual mortgage payment on the ice arena.

The statistically valid survey also indicates a level of support for different potential funding mechanisms. The most frequently indicated choice of municipal funding mechanism for new recreation and culture services was to reallocate existing funding from other municipal sources (25 percent). Support for taxes (property, sales, other) as the preferred funding mechanism ranged from approximately 12-18 percent, while survey results also indicate that over 55 percent of area residents would to some degree favor the creation of a service area in the Homer area to fund new recreation and culture services. The most likely and robust strategy for funding existing and new recreation and culture facilities and services is to leverage funding from a variety of sources, including city tax funding, user fees, grants and continued volunteer support.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLAN 2013

MISSION STATEMENT

The Commission is established to advocate in an advisory capacity to the City Manager and the City Council on the problems and development of parks, recreation facilities and public beaches within the City.

STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE COMMISSION – What is the focus for the commission?

General Goals of the Commission

- Advocate for obtaining open and green space
- Receive notification of future land disposals with attention to park and recreation needs
- Keep existing green space and public open space
- Preserve areas of natural beauty and access
- Receive notification of vacations of public access
- Receive report on City cemetery maintenance costs, future land use, budget orientation funds, how many plots and where the revenues are applied from plot sales
- Improve Public Outreach for Parks, Recreation and trails opportunities, possibly with a brochure

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION – Must have achievable results, an action statement.

3-5 Year Projects

- Advocate for a Parks and Recreation Department
 - Focus on Department Only (separate from community rec center discussion)
- Talking Points for Commissioners to Speak to Council with Assurance and Confidence
- Plan and Develop Footpaths in the Town Center Area
- Construct a Bike/Pedestrian Path Along Kachemak Drive
- Create a long term plan for a multiuse community facility
- Explore the idea of a Recreational Service Area
- Mariner Park Site Improvements – Level parking Area, delineation of Day Use Area and Camping Area, Define and Improve Campsites and relocate Kiosk, increase number of spaces and revenues

1-2 Year Projects

- Develop a Kayak Launch for the Water Trail @ the Pier 1 lot
- Develop and Create a Dog Park
- Diamond Creek Recreational Improvement Plan – Support the plan's adoption by the City Council.
 - o Next Steps, Trails improvements, Trail head parking lot
- Plan and build Woodard Creek Trail
- Continue work on Karen Hornaday park drainage, the parking lot, and master plan implementation. Immediate goal of completing already funded projects and applying for new funds.
- Increase the city budget for parks and recreation
- Improve pedestrian access to Mariner Park from the Homer Spit Road and the bike path
- Extend the Bike path on Ocean Drive loop to connect to Homer Spit Road (around the bend)
- Create an overall uniform sign design for city parks and recreation areas.
- Review Town Center Plan to Identify Short Term Projects
- Explore what should be done with the HERC building

ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION –Who will do what, when and how?

- Have a committee go to City Council with recommendations, action plan and time frame.
- Every time there is a memo from the Commission to City Council a Commissioner should go to the meeting and speak about it.
- A commissioner should attend every council meeting to speak with council and keep them informed about what they are working on.
- One member of the Commission attend meetings of other user groups – skiing, co-host, etc. Create better working relationship and communication with user groups.
- Educate other city commissions, committees and boards
- Staff to send notice of commission projects

SHARED ACTIONS STAFF/COMMISSION

- Focus and monitor the HNMTTP implementation
- Research and create best use plans for all parks, with WKFL being the next park.



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To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
Date: August 13, 2015
Subject: Woodard Creek Land Purchase

Introduction

Commissioner Archibald requested this item be on the agenda. There is a piece of land on the north side of Pioneer Ave that connects north to the Pratt property. The Woodard Creek Coalition is interested in purchasing the land, to extend a trail from the museum to Pioneer, as well as potentially daylighting the creek. For your reference, the lot is between All Hopped Up and the Legislative Information Office. Long ago, there was a little overnight accommodations business there. Its currently vacant land, and for sale.

Project: Phase One: \$50,000 HART Trail funds towards the \$90,000 purchase of 272 W Pioneer Ave. Long term, a trail would be constructed connecting Pioneer to the Pratt Museum, and the creek could be daylighted.

Discussion

The request is to use HART funds to help pay for this purchase, with other organizations raising the balance and owning the land. Usually, nonprofits or groups request money through the Homer Foundation, or they lobby the City Council. Ideally, for a capital project, it would also be on the City's CIP. Council has not been approached to see if the City is interested in owning this land, but I think it's a longshot since the City recently purchased land and built restrooms almost across the street. So the request is really to see if Council would be willing to spend HART funds for another organization to purchase land and build a future trail.

Please discuss the following three points:

1. Should HART funds be available for other organizations to purchase land for trail related activities within the City or on City lands outside the City?
2. Does the Commission support using HART funds for the purchase of this specific property?

Attachment: Map



Subject lot

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL CALENDAR
FOR THE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

| <u>MEETING DATE</u> | <u>SCHEDULED EVENTS OR AGENDA ITEM</u> |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MARCH 19, 2015 | LAND ALLOCATION PLAN REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL UPDATE ON PARK & RECREATION SYMPOSIUM – HOMER...ON THE MOVE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APRIL 16, 2015 | SELECT SPRING PARK &/ OR BEACH WALK THROUGH FINAL REPORT ON PARK & RECREATION SYMPOSIUM – HOMER...ON THE MOVE |
| MAY 4, 2015 SPECIAL | TENTATIVE PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPDATE BEACH POLICY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 21, 2015 | WORKSESSION SPRING PARK AND/OR BEACHES WALK THROUGH FINAL REVIEW, PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BEACH POLICY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 18, 2015 | INITIAL BUDGET REVIEW – WHAT DOES THE COMMISSION WANT FOR 2016? THANK YOU ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 16, 2015 | NO MEETING SCHEDULED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUGUST 20, 2015 | BUDGET REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS STRATEGIC PLANNING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 | FALL PARK WALK THROUGH AND BEACH WALK; ELECTIONS; SELECT KHP CLEAN UP DAY BUDGET DISCUSSION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OCTOBER 15, 2015 | KAREN HORNADAY PARK CLEAN-UP REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE THANK YOU ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2 ND HALF OF THE YEAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOVEMBER 19, 2015 | STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW & PLANNING |
| DECEMBER 2015 | NO MEETING SCHEDULED |
| | HAPPY HOLIDAYS! |

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL CALENDAR
FOR THE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

2015 HOMER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ATTENDANCE

It is the goal of the Commission to have a member speak regularly to the City Council at council meetings. There is a special place on the council's agenda specifically for this. After Council approves the consent agenda and any scheduled visitors it is then time for staff reports, commission reports and borough reports. That is when you would stand and be recognized by the Mayor to approach and give a brief report on what the Commission is currently addressing, projects, events, etc. **A commissioner is scheduled to speak and has a choice at which council meeting they will attend. It is only required to attend one meeting during the month that you are assigned.** However, if your schedule permits please feel free to attend both meetings. Remember you cannot be heard if you do not speak.

The following Meeting Dates for City Council for 2015 is as follows:

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| January 12, 26 2015 | <u>Commissioner Archibald</u> |
| February 9, 23 2015 | <u>Commissioner Archibald, Commissioner Steffy</u> |
| March 9, 23 2015 | <u>Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Steffy</u> |
| April 13, 27 2015 | <u>Commissioner Lowney, Commissioner Lillibridge</u> |
| May 11, 26 (Tues) | <u>Commissioner Steffy, Commissioner Archibald</u> |
| June 8, 22 2015 | <u></u> |
| July 20 2015 | <u>Commissioner Roedl</u> |
| August 10, 24 2015 | <u></u> |
| September 14, 28 2015 | <u></u> |
| October 12, 26 2015 | <u></u> |
| November 23, 2015 | <u></u> |
| December 14, 2015 | <u></u> |

Please review and if you will be unable to make the meeting you are tentatively scheduled for please discuss.

PLEASE NOTE: When additional commissioners are appointed the proposed schedule above will reflect those added commissioners.



City of Homer Community Recreation **ACTIVITY & RECREATION GUIDE**

**Fall-Winter
2015-16**

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Instructional Classes**

Film Festival

AK Parks & Rec Conference

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Other Programs

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Welcome!

Community Recreation Mission Statement

The City of Homer Community Recreation will promote community involvement and life-long learning through educational and recreational opportunities for people of all ages. This will be accomplished through maximizing usage of all community facilities and resources. While utilizing, expanding and uniting local business and school resources and expertise. Our program shall be designed to recognize cultural diversity and to address social and community concerns.

Thank You Homer Schools/Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Most of our activities are made possible because of cooperative use of School District facilities. We extend our appreciation to the District, School Board members, school staff and administrative staff for their support of the Homer Community Recreation Division.

We Want You!

Volunteers or works as a contracted instructor! We strive to continually develop new and affordable programs for our community. If you have any special skills to share, or ideas for programs you would like to see offered, please give us a call.

Parks, Playgrounds & Pavilions

The City of Homer provides many parks, playgrounds and pavilions for your outdoor recreational endeavors. Check out Hornaday Park, Bishop's Beach and Bayview Park to name a few.

Contact Us

Recreation office is located in the Homer High School building:
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Office Hours (varies)

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Friday)

Advertising

Consider advertising your business, program or organization in our next guide. The publication of this activity & recreation guide is supported in part by the paid advertising that appears in it. The City of Homer does not evaluate or endorse the vendors, or the goods or services, that appear in this advertising.

Code of Conduct

Proper behavior by all participants is expected at all times. Participants shall be respectful to peers, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities. Community Recreation reserves the right to terminate participation toward individuals who cannot exhibit proper behavior.

Unsupervised Children

Please do not bring children to adult classes/activities. It can be a distraction to others and creates a liability for the recreation program.

Refund Policy

Community Recreation will not refund, credit or prorate any classes/activities unless it is cancelled. The manager will determine a refund based on unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

Registration

Registration is ongoing for most of our programs, but there are some that require pre-registration. Be sure to contact instructor in advance if there is a pre-registration required! Registration for drop in activities is on site.

Disclaimer

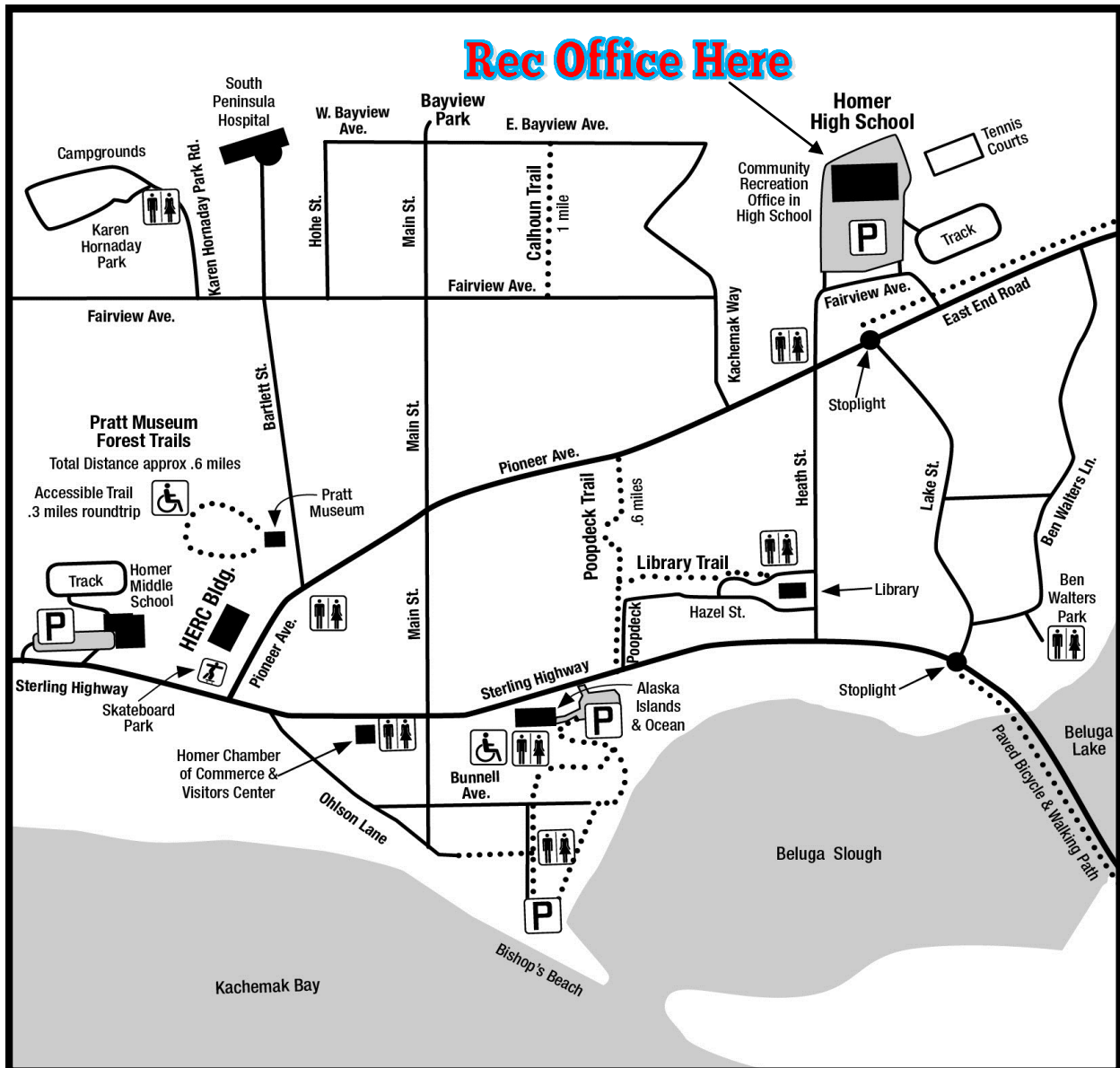
Many, if not all, of the Community Recreation classes are held in the local schools. The school may require any of our classes or activities to be cancelled with limited notice. Classes may or may not be rescheduled pending time and space availability.

Volunteer

If you are interested in teaching a class or helping out with the program, please contact us today at 235-6090. Thanks for your support and participation!

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Welcome Alaska Parks & Rec Professionals to Homer!

Alaska Recreation and Park Association 2015 Annual Conference at a Glance

Homer, AK

| Preconference Events | Conference Events | | Post Conference Events |
|--|--|---|--|
| Wednesday, Oct. 7 | Thursday, Oct 8 | Friday, Oct 9 | Saturday, Oct 10 |
| Parent & Tot Swim Lesson Instructor Course 11:00 am—1:00 pm | Keynote Speaker: 9:30 am Educational Sessions: 10:45—11:45 am Including: The Balloon Animal: The Most Stressed Animal in the World and Foundations for Teaching Like A Pro! | Educational Sessions: 9:30—11:45 am Including: The Users-Eye View: Techniques Towards Effective Facility Design and Swim 101 | Certified Pool Operator Class (<i>Cont. on Sunday</i>) 8:00 am—5:00 pm <i>daily</i> |
| "Rainbow Tours" Sight Seeing Cruise 1:45 pm | Conversations with Christine 11:45 a.m. | Sectional Luncheon 11:45 a.m. | ARPA Fun Run 9:00 am |
| ARPA Board Meeting 4:00—5:30 pm | Educational Sessions: 1:30—4:30 pm Including: Marijuana Marijuana Everywhere and Speed Session: What's happening in recreation across Alaska | Educational Sessions: 1:30—4:30 pm Including: Playground Design: Getting it Right the First Time and Sectional Roundtables | Accessibility in School Sports 9:00 am—12:00 pm |
| Conference Opening: 2nd Star Social 6:00 pm | All Conference Social Event Location: Alice's Place 6:00—9:00 pm | Conference Closing: Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet 7:00—10:00 pm | "Did You Know?" Training 10:00 am—3:00 pm |

For a complete list of conference events and education sessions please visit: <http://www.alaskarpa.org/annual-conference/>



Key Note Speaker
Christine Byl author of the highly acclaimed "Dirt Work:" a lively and lyrical account of one woman's unlikely apprenticeship on a National Park trail crew and what she discovers about nature, gender, and the value of hard work. Christine is a gifted writer and public speaker with a passion for growth of character that comes from the time spent developing trails in challenging environments. With a spirit of drive and interpretation, she is an ideal spokeswoman for an industry that wants to "Be the Difference." Visit her website at www.christinebyl.com for links to many of her online articles and interviews, than join us October 8-9 in Homer, Alaska for a great conference!



Certified Pool & Spa Operator Class



Two-Hour Rainbow Tours Sight Seeing Cruise



ARPA Fun Run

Registration:
Early Registration (by 8/31)
ARPA Member **\$200.00**
Non-Member **\$250.00**
Student **\$75.00**
Registration after 8/31
ARPA Member **\$300.00**
Non-Member **\$375.00**
Student **\$75.00**

Daily Registration:
ARPA Member **\$150.00**
Non-Member **\$175.00**

Pre/Post Conference Events
2 Hour Rainbow Tours Sight Seeing Cruise **\$40.00**
ARPA Fun Run **\$15.00**
Certified Pool Operator Class **\$450.00**

Pre-Conference Session: Wednesday, 2:00 pm the ARPA Aquatics section will be presenting the Swim Professor himself, Mr. Jim Reiser. Jim will be teaching a Parent & Tot Swim Lesson Instructor Course. Jim will also be presenting two educational session during the conference: Swim Lessons 101 and Teaching Like a Pro.



Post-Conference Session: ARPA is please to offer its members access to the "Did You Know?" program. This program is designed increase parks and rec advocacy in your community. A special training session will be offered on Saturday to help you learn how to make the most of this exciting new program.



Vendor EXPO!
Thursday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am—2:00 pm
A big THANK YOU to all of the vendors who help make the annual ARPA conference possible!



Accommodations: Conference accommodations are available at the beautiful Land's End Resort located at the end of the Homer spit. A select number of rooms are available at a discounted conference rate. When inquiring about this rate please use discount code: **ARPA**.

HOMER SHARES THE ROAD



When Driving

- Always watch for people walking and biking.
- Yield to people in a crosswalk.
- Look both ways when crossing bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Know that bicycles are legally allowed on the road.
- Pass bikes with at least three feet clearance.
- Be attentive — minimize phone use.
- Slow down. Watch for children.
- Drive courteously. Make eye contact.



When Walking or Running

- Use sidewalks and crosswalks where available.
- Walk against traffic where space allows.
- Obey traffic lights and walk signals.
- Wear bright clothing and lights or reflectors at night.
- Clearly signal to use a crosswalk.
- Walk safely and defensively. Make eye contact.



When Biking

- Yield to people walking on sidewalks and trails.
- Use hand signals for lane changes and turns.
- Stop at stop signs and traffic lights.
- Use lights at night.
- Ride on the right with the flow of traffic.
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Special Events

Telluride Mountainfilm Festival

We are celebrating our 14th year of Mountainfilm in Homer! Mountainfilm of Telluride combines adventure, mountaineering, unique personalities, and important environmental and social messages. The films tell us something about the world we live in and one we'd like to live in. Mountainfilm is about ideas. It is about cultures and the landscapes they occupy. It is about environmental integrity and about a rich spirit of celebration. At a minimum, the films and ideas featured result in changes in thought and new insights. They result in changes in values and social policy.

There will be two shows each with different films and content with separate tickets for each night. Please purchase tickets in advance at the Homer Bookstore 235-7496 or at the Recreation office. Film descriptions and listings will be available on our website. Come early on Thursday, January 14th for a ski and winter gear swap starting at 5:30p.m.!

WHEN: Show #1 Thursday, January 14th
Show #2 Saturday, January 16th
7p.m. starting time

WHERE: Mariner Theatre

FEE: \$10 per person, per show
Tickets also available at the Homer Bookstore, 235-7496.

Annual Ski & Winter Gear Swap Two Events!

Barter, trade, sell, or give away your winter-fun equipment-skis, snowboards, boots, clothing etc. **Donations accepted for event to benefit local youth ski programs.** HHS ski team will be waxing skis as a fundraiser. Please clean up and take all items with you. PLEASE: No early birds or private business sales.

WHEN: Swap #1-Wednesday, November 11th, 5:30 p.m.

Swap #2-Thursday, January 14th, 5:30 p.m. (coinciding with Mt. Film Show #1)

WHERE: Homer High Commons

FEE: Free!

WHIFF NF! Wiffle Ball Tournament

Homer Community Rec is teaming up with the Children's Tumor Foundation to host the **3rd Annual "Whiff NF" Whiffle Ball Tournament fundraiser.** Minimum of 5 players and a max of 7 players for each team. For participants ages 9 and up. See if your team can earn the coveted wiffleball trophy and worthy bragging rights for being Homer's Wiffle Ball Champions!

WHEN: Saturday, January 9th, starting at 10a.m.

WHERE: Homer High

FEE: \$10/person or \$50/team



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Dodge Ball Tournament

Yessiree...Dodgeball! This old school, classic game comes to the Homer community in the form of a one day tournament. Minimum of 5 players and a max of 7 players for each team. For participants ages 10 and up. If you don't have a team you can join one. Rules will be posted, but the game is all about having fun! Great family event!

WHEN: Saturday, November 21st, 12p.m.

WHERE: Homer High School

FEE: \$5 per player

Preschool

Children s Playgroup

Parents and children 0-5 years old are welcome to run, romp, and play. Just sign up at the door. Note: some days may be canceled with minimal notice.

WHEN: Mondays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. - noon, Ongoing September 7 to May 13.

WHERE: HERC Gym (near skateboard park)

FEE: \$2/visit or Punch cards, 10 punches for \$20, 20 punches for \$40

Preschool Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour is sponsored by the Homer Public Library. Story Hour often includes a crafts project and sometimes music. No registration is necessary.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

WHERE: Homer Public Library

FEE: Free!

Youth & Teen

Homer Children s Choir (New!)

Harbor School of Music & Dance and Community Recreation team up to offer Homer's first Children's Choir. Musical Director Britny

Bradshaw leads the way in instructing and cultivating the love for singing for students in grades 1 to 6 (must be able to read). There is a minimum of 10 choristers need for the program to operate. Two separate sessions offered. Register online at www.harborschoolofmusic.org or call 235-6705.

WHEN: Session 1- Tuesdays, 6-7p.m.; September 8th to December 17th

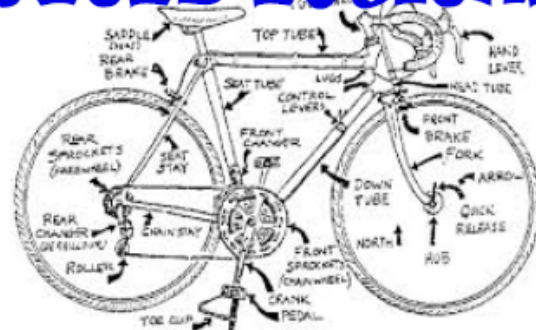
Session 2- Tuesdays, 6-7p.m.; January 5th to April 19th

WHERE: West Homer Elementary

FEE: \$30/month or \$210/both sessions.

Discounts for multiple choristers from one household and the final month's tuition waived for students who participate for the entire year. Some merit and need based scholarships may be available should costs be prohibitive for anyone.

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WHEN: TBA

WHERE: Paul Banks Elementary /HERC

FEE: TBD

Popeye Wrestling (Elementary)

Come join the fun! Elementary age wrestling at West Homer Elementary School. Bring shorts, athletic or wrestling shoes. Call Coach Bradshaw for more information or questions at 299-7441

WHEN: Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30-5p.m.
January 4th - February 10th

WHERE: West Homer Elementary Gym

FEE: \$25

Gymnastics Classes with Jeanne Parker

Fall/ Winter: September 21st - December 10th

Winter/Spring: January 11th – May 26th

Gymnastics class fees range from \$10-\$15/ class with a discounted price when signing up for an entire session. Please call Jeanne (235-6547) for class placement and pricing.

Monday:

-Int./Adv. Tumbling & Vaulting: 6:00-8:00p.m.
at HHS

Tuesday:

-Beg. Tumbling: 4:00-5:00p.m. at HERC
-Adv. Beg. Tumbling: 4:00-5:30p.m. at HERC
-Int. Tumbling & Vaulting: 6:00-8:00p.m. at HHS

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Wednesday:

-Adv. Tumbling & Vaulting: 6:00-8:00p.m.
at HHS

Thursday:

-Adv. Beg./Int. Tumbling & Vaulting:
4-5:30p.m at HERC

Saturday:

-Tumbling & Equipment Classes at
HHS:10/10, 10/17, 11/14, 11/21, 1/30,
2/6,2/27, 3/5, 3/26, 4/2; 4/16, 4/23

Kindergym: 1:00-1:50p.m.

Beg./Adv. Beg:2:00-3:20p.m.

Int./Adv: 3:30-5:30p.m.

Adult Gymnastics: 6:00-7:00p.m.

Gymnastics classes; times, dates and fees:
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SCHOOL. ANY CANCELLED CLASSES WILL BE
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ENROLL BEFORE COMING TO ANY CLASSES.

Arts**Jewelry Making: Introductory Silversmithing**

In this 3-day class, Art Koeninger will instruct students in the design and fabrication of jewelry and small metal objects involving silver, bronze, copper, nickel sheet and wire, in combination with other materials. The same materials and techniques may also be used for small sculpture or utilitarian objects. For more information, call Art at 235-1014. A minimum of 6 students must register for course to be offered; maximum allowed is 10.

WHEN: Friday, 6-9p.m.; Saturday,
9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 -6p.m.

October 2nd-4th

WHERE: Homer High School Art Room

FEE: \$150 per new student/\$90 for repeat students who have taken 2 or more previous classes with Art. (payable to instructor) covers supplies (saw blades, sandpaper, buffing supplies, etc.) and use of tools and



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equipment. Materials (metal, stones, etc.) are extra. Silver can be purchased at cost, as well as some inexpensive stones. (Average project is under \$15 for materials.)

Jewelry Making: Lost Wax Casting

Art Koeninger will lead students in the design and creation of jewelry and small metal sculpture, utilizing the lost wax method of casting with sterling silver. Students may also provide their own gold for casting. Students may bring their own tools and materials in addition to those provided. For more information, call Art at 235-1014. A minimum of 6 students is required for this course to be offered; maximum allowed is 10.

WHEN: Friday, 6-9p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-6p.m.
October 23rd-25th

WHERE: Homer High School Art Room
FEE: \$150 per new student/\$90 for repeat students who have taken 2 or more previous classes with Art. (payable to instructor) covers supplies (waxes, plaster, etc.) and use of tools and equipment. Materials (metal, stones, etc.) are extra. Silver is available at cost, and some inexpensive stones may also be purchased. (Average project cost is under \$15 for materials.)

Jewelry Making Intermediate Silversmithing

This class taught by Art Koeninger is for students with some prior experience in small metal fabrication. Preference will be given to those who have taken Art's previous silversmithing class. The intermediate class will include a short review of techniques covered in previous classes. for more information, call Art at 235-1014. A minimum of 6 students must register for the course to be offered; maximum allowed is 10.

WHEN: Friday, 6-9p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-6p.m. November

13th-15th

WHERE: Homer High School Art Room
FEE: \$150 per new student/\$90 for repeat students who have taken 2 or more previous classes with Art. (payable to instructor) covers supplies (saw blades, sandpaper, buffing supplies, etc.) and use of tools and equipment. Materials (metal, stones, etc.) are extra. Silver can be purchased at cost, as well as some inexpensive stones. (Average project is under \$15 for materials.)

Minimum 4 Students Max 10 - Children under age 16 accompanied by a paying adult welcome and free of charge.

Language

Beginning Spanish for Travelers

Instructor Hilda Caraballo teaches Spanish vocabulary, structure and basic grammar useful to survive while traveling through a Spanish-speaking country. Everyday expressions needed to communicate in simple Spanish. Note: order text book – "Spanish for Beginners" (Usborne Language Guides –Internet Linked) by Angela Wilkes - at Amazon.com. For more information and questions call Hilda at 299-0110.

WHEN: Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30- 6:30pm, October 21 to November 23
No class 11/11

WHERE: Homer High School
FEE: \$ 120 plus \$20 Community Recreation fee (all payable to instructor)

Intermediate Spanish for Travelers

This course taught by instructor Hilda Caraballo is designed for those who have basic communication skills in Spanish and includes useful vocabulary and expressions for travelers. This is an ideal class for those who are getting ready to travel to Spanish speaking countries. Note: textbook provid-

ed by instructor “*Communicating in Spanish Intermediate Level*” By Conrad J. Schmitt and Protase E. Woodford. For more information and questions call Hilda at 299-0110.

WHEN: Mondays & Wednesdays
6:30-7:30p.m., October 21st to November 23rd
No class 11/11

WHERE: Homer High School

FEE: \$ 120 plus \$20 Community Recreation fee (all payable to instructor)

Introductory American Sign Language

This class is taught by Chelsea Carpenter. She is a Certified Sign Language Interpreter in Homer, AK. This class is designed for those who want to learn basic ASL. You will learn the alphabet & numbers and signs related to time, animals, family, introductions, Alaska life, and more! Knowing Sign Language will enable you to meet and interact with a whole new group of people. You will be able to communicate with your baby months earlier than non-signing parents. Your hands will be doing the talking!! There will be no speaking in this class. All ages are welcome! Contact instructor Chelsea Carpenter at 805-490-6677 or chelsamay@gmail.com for information, questions and registration.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30p.m. Ongoing (contact instructor)

WHERE: Homer High

FEE: \$5 each class or 10 visit punch card for \$40 payable to instructor. **Family rate** is \$10 for 3 or more family members.

Recreation

Table Tennis/Ping Pong

Learn about the fun and exciting game of table tennis. All levels of experience are welcome. Join us for pick up games and check out the table tennis robot.

WHEN: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, ongoing (drop in) some cancellations.

6-8 p.m.

WHERE: Homer High

FEE: \$2 each visit

Fencing

This challenging and exciting sport is offered for ages 13 to adult. Beginners are always welcome. New fencers start with foil and learn basic stance, footwork, and attack/defense strategies through drills and games. As skills and reflexes develop, fencers start competing and learn to referee. Intermediate fencers work on improving their foil skills and are introduced to epee. Fencing develops coordination, speed, reflexes, mental and emotional control, as well as complex thinking and problem solving under stress. Instructors are Ethan Ford and Scott Meyer. Participants must have a full uniform within one month after classes start to continue with the course. Some equipment is provided.

WHEN: Mondays and Thursdays, September-February, 5:45-8:00p.m.

NOTE: Some nights may be canceled or re-scheduled due to school activities.

WHERE: Homer High School

FEE: \$3 per visit

Pickle Ball

This is a fun indoor activity that is a crossover sport between tennis and ping pong. The game can be played with singles or doubles. Equipment is provided, but clean Indoor sneakers required. For more information call Mike: 235-6437

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 5-7:30pm; Sunday 11:30am-2pm

WHERE: HERC Gym

FEE: \$3 per visit

Wiffle Ball (New!)

Come and join us for some indoor fun by playing wiffleball (think light weight plastic baseball) in the huge Homer High gym. Teams and games are pick up with an emphasis in having a good time. For mixed ages. Kids ages 10 and younger must have supervision.

WHEN: Mondays, starting September 14th 7:30-9p.m. Some cancellations TBD.

WHERE: Homer High gym

FEE: \$2/person

Indoor Rock Climbing

Check out the cool sport of indoor rock climbing in a safe environment. Practice climbing techniques and the basics of safe tie-in, belay, and usable knots. Learn the importance of equipment care and use, communication, strength, and balance. Some equipment is available. Must be 6 or older to participate. **For children under 14, a parent**

or guardian must be present for the class. Call Fuzzy for more information at 299-2172.

WHEN: Ongoing Tuesdays and possibly Thursdays, 6 - 8 p.m. **Some cancellations TBA. Starts September 8th.**

WHERE: Homer High School Mat Room

FEE: Adult Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Youth Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$20; 20 punches for \$40 Payable to Homer Community Recreation

Evening Pick Up Basketball

Games are pick-up and called by the players. Good sportsmanship is a must. Please do not bring children. For high school students and older. Multiple courts available if needed.

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ongoing 7:30-10p.m.

Starting November 25th; 8-9:30p.m.

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May be canceled or rescheduled due to high school events. Cancellations TBA.

WHERE: Homer High School Gym

FEE: Adult Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Youth Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$20; 20 punches for \$40

Payable to Homer Community Recreation

Early Bird Basketball

Games are pick-up and called by the players. Good sportsmanship is a must. Contact Merlin for more information: 299-0303.

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 6:15 - 7:30 a.m. Ongoing during fall & winter as space and time is available.

WHERE: Homer Middle School Gym

FEE: Adult Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Youth Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$20; 20 punches for \$40

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Indoor Soccer

Join us for the fast paced, pick up game of soccer and good fun. For youth and adults from 6th grade and older. Some dates may be cancelled due to school activities.

WHEN: Sundays, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays, 8:00-10p.m.

WHERE: Homer High School Gym

FEE: Adult Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Youth Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$20; 20 punches for \$40

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Tuesday Night Volleyball

For the beginner volleyball player. Learn elements of the game such as positions on the court and basic skills including set, bump, and spike. Good sportsmanship is expected.

WHEN: Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Ongoing.

NOTE: Closed during Winter Break:

December 21-January 1.

WHERE: Homer Middle School Gym

FEE: Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Payable to Homer Community Recreation

Thursday Night Volleyball

For the more advanced volleyball players. Games are fast-paced and advanced skills are needed to play. (Beginner level volleyball is offered on Tuesday nights.) Good sportsmanship is expected.

WHEN: Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30p.m.

Ongoing.

NOTE: Closed during Winter Break: December 21-January 1, and parent/teacher conferences on 10/29 & 2/4.

WHERE: Homer Middle School Gym

FEE: Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

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Sunday Night Volleyball

For all volleyball players. Learn elements of the game such as positions on the court and basic skills including set, bump, and spike. Good sportsmanship is expected.

WHEN: Sundays, 3:30 - 6p.m. Ongoing.

WHERE: Homer High School Gym

FEE: Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

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Dance

Belly Dance II

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WHEN: Fall: Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30p.m.,
September 3rd - November 12th
Winter: Thursdays ,6:30 - 8:30p.m.,
January 7th - February 25th
WHERE: HHS Green Room
FEE: \$85 payable to instructor.

Contra & Square Dancing

Community Recreation offers square and contra dance with live music at West Homer Elementary School. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes to dance in. Beginners are welcome. \$7 admission; kids 16 and under get in free. Call Mary at 235-3725 for information and upcoming dance dates. If you are willing to be a door-sitter for a short shift and get in free, please e-mail PeggyEllen at peggy.ellen.k@gmail.com

WHEN: TBD call 235-3725
WHERE: West Homer Elementary
FEE: \$7/person, 16 under free

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Learn to Contra Dance

David Stutzer is teaching the basics of dancing and will show you the contra dance figures. The class will practice to recorded music. This is a class for beginners and dancer who want to polish their moves. Bring clean soled shoes and please me on time. Sign up and pay at the class. For more information and questions, contact David at 299-0103.

WHEN: Tuesdays, 7:30-9p.m; September 15th - December 17th

WHERE: HERC Gymnasium (skateboard park building)

FEE: \$3 per person/visit

Health and Fitness

Weight Room

Save money and sign up with Community Recreation to use a great collection of weight machines and free weights. Full-session passes are available. Check it out and get back into shape. Participants must dress appropriately and wear clean indoor sneakers.

WHEN: Monday through Thursday, 6 - 8 p.m. Ongoing. NOTE: Weight room closed on random evenings due to high school activities and maintenance.

WHERE: Homer High School

FEE: Adult Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Youth Punch Cards: 10 punches for \$20; 20 punches for \$40

Leagues

Recreational Basketball League

Competitive recreational basketball league starting in the fall and playing into the winter months. This is an adult basketball league for participants out of high school.

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WHEN: Mondays, 6p.m., 7:15p.m. & 8:30p.m. game times, dates TBD. Pre-season early October, regular season mid-October and regular season finishes with a weekend tournament in March.

WHERE: Homer Middle School

FEE: TBD

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Co-Ed Volleyball League

Join this fun, friendly and competitive activity for both gals and guys! The league will start with some pre-season games in early November, regular games starting Mid-November, regular season finishes in March with a one day tournament. For ages 16 and up. Games may be cancelled or rescheduled due to school district activities. Call Jessica to join a team, make a team or for more information at 299-2849

WHEN: Wednesdays evenings Times/Dates TBD

WHERE: Homer Middle School

FEE: \$45 per player

Safety

Hunter Safety Class

The State of Alaska requires that all hunters born after January 1, 1986, take this class to obtain a hunting license. A great class to take as a refresher or to take together as a family. This class is for ages 10 and up. You must sign up prior to October 2 to complete the take home material before the class. Must attend both classes; first day instruction, second day at the shooting range. This class is taught by the State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game. ***Please contact Fish & Game for more information and to purchase the course material at 235-8191.***

Do not call Community Rec to register.

WHEN: Friday, October 2nd, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 3rd, 10a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Homer High School on Friday; Saturday to be announced on Friday

FEE: \$10, payable to Alaska Fish & Game, \$5 payable to CR the day of the class

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course (New!)

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department offers a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course this fall. Classes will be held from 6 PM until 10 PM each evening (Monday – Friday) starting on September 28th through October 2nd, and from 9a.m. until about 3p.m. for the final exam and disaster drill. This is open to everyone that if physically able to participate in the hands-on sessions, and at least 18 years old. Possible younger participants allowed with parental permission. Classes will be held at the South Peninsula Hospital Training Center on Pioneer Ave. The disaster exercise may be held at the HERC building (to simulate a collapsed building).

CERT training is designed to acquaint the

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public with the basic skills and knowledge to be better prepared in an emergency or disaster and to be able to aid their families, neighbors, and co-workers following a disaster. Topics that will be covered include: Disaster Preparedness; Fire Safety and Utility Controls; Disaster Medical Operations; Light Search and Rescue Operations; CERT Organization; Disaster Psychology; Terrorism & CERT. The course concludes with a disaster simulation where the students will put all of their training to practice.

The deadline to register will be September 23rd. Contact HVFD to register at 235-3155.

Space is limited to 20 students. There is no

cost for the course but pre-registration is required and all sessions must be attended to complete the course. The course requires hands-on activities but is not physically demanding. Student workbooks will be provided and should be reviewed prior to the start of class. **Note: this is not a Community Recreation class.**

WHEN: Monday-Friday, 6-10p.m. September 28th-October 2nd & Saturday, October 3rd, 9a.m.-3p.m.

WHERE: South Peninsula Hospital Training Center

FEE: Free

Slow progress is better than no progress.

HOMER SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

CLASSES MEET ON

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

5279 Kachemak Drive (Across from Mansion)

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- Family Friendly
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HOMER COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Fall 2015 Programs

- Classes for children and teens after school
- Creative Communities for adults in the evening
- Gallery exhibits and performances

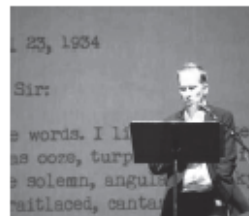
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*Great performances coming
to the Mariner Theatre!*



PINK MARTINI with singer Storm Large Monday, Sept 14

Featuring a dozen musicians, this fabulous orchestra performs its multi-lingual repertoire around the world.



LETTERS ALOUD Tuesday, Nov 10

Private letters, written by famous (and infamous) people, read aloud to the audience.



Homer Council on the Arts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supported in part by the City of Homer, The Homer Foundation, Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska State Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- AK ISLANDS & OCEAN VISITOR CENTER
- CENTER FOR AK COASTAL STUDIES
- HOMER LITTLE LEAGUE
- T.R.A.I.L.S.
- KATE KUHNS AQUATIC CENTER
- HOMER SOCCER ASSOCIATION
- YOUTH THEATRE
- KACHEMAK BAY RUNNING CLUB
- KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARKS
- KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI
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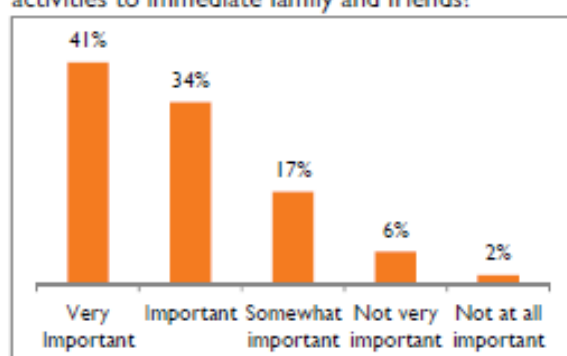
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From the PARC survey:

THE VALUE OF RECREATION AND CULTURE

Results from both an online (non-statistically valid) survey and a telephone (statistically-valid) survey indicate that recreation and culture activities are important to Homer community members. Seventy five percent of online community survey respondents (self-selected) said arts and recreation activities were important or very important to them and their immediate family.³ Just over 59 percent of statistically-valid telephone survey respondents indicated that recreation and culture activities are important or very important to them and their immediate family and friends.

Figure 6: Importance of arts and recreation activities to immediate family and friends?



Source: 2014 Recreation and Culture Needs Assessment Community Online Survey.

Figure 7: Importance of Recreation and Culture Activities

How important are the availability of recreation and culture activities to you and your immediate family and friends?

| Response | Percent | Number |
|----------------------|---------|--------|
| Very important | 43.6% | 113 |
| Important | 15.7% | 41 |
| Somewhat important | 24.3% | 63 |
| Not very important | 7.1% | 18 |
| Not at all important | 8.7% | 23 |
| Not sure. | 0.6% | 2 |

³ The online survey asked residents to rate the importance of arts and recreation separately. To compare results with the statistically valid survey, respondent answers to the importance of art and recreation were combined to create an index representing the combined importance of recreation and arts.

Did you know...

You can **work** as a part time contracted instructor for Community Rec? Cash in on your hobby, skill or expertise!

You can **advertise** your business, program or organization in our activity guides? Maximize your outreach with us.

There is a City of Homer Parks & Recreation **Facebook** page? Like us today at:
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We are **hosting** the 40th Annual **Alaska Recreation & Parks Association Conference** in Homer? October 7th-10th at Land s End.

We are always seeking **volunteers**? We currently have individual 60 volunteers that are essential to delivering our programs.

The Community Recreation office is **located** in the commons of Homer High School?

The term RECREATION comes from the Latin words **recreatio** "recovery from illness," and **recreare** "to refresh, restore, make anew, revive, invigorate".

Now you **know**.

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City of Homer Community Recreation
Registration Form

Name: _____ Fall ___ Winter ___ Spring ___ Summer ___

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

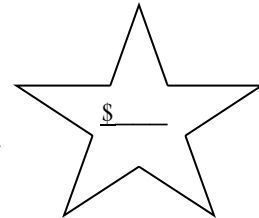
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| Participant's Name | Class Title | Fee |
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Why not "Round Up" your registration fee and donate \$2, \$5 or \$10 to the Community Recreation Program?

Donation Amount Here



Total Amount Paid _____

Payment is non-refundable. Classes will not be prorated. Payment for all classes MUST accompany registration form. Make checks/money orders payable to City of Homer Community Recreation or to instructor as noted in class descriptions under "Fees." For more information, call Community Recreation at 235-6090.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND CONSENT TO EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF MINOR

The undersigned, as a participant or as parent or legal guardian of a participant in the City of Homer Community Recreation Program, recognizes that some of the classes might involve physical activities that could result in personal injury or property damage. Knowing that there is a risk of personal injury or property damage, the undersigned, as participant and/or parent or legal guardian, agrees to assume full responsibility for any and all reasonable risk to the participant and will release, waive, and hold the City of Homer Community Recreation Program, KPBSD, and employees, agents, and volunteers harmless from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, losses, expenses, and compensation on account of or in any way growing out of any and all known and unknown personal injuries and property damage that might arise from the participant's involvement in the classes. If the participant is a minor child, the undersigned parent or legal guardian consents to the said minor child participating in classes and authorizes the City of Homer Community Recreation to obtain any and all necessary emergency medical care or treatment for the minor child, if reasonable attempts to notify the parent or legal guardian are unsuccessful.

Participant Signature

Date

As parent or guardian of: _____

Parent's Signature

Date

Check # _____



The City of Homer Community Recreation Program is a proud member of the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association.



Recreate, Learn, Play!

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