

Congratulations! 11 Graduate ETT Course

Susan Shoemaker of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, traveled to Adak to teach a course for Emergency Trauma Technician. The class which is equivalent to 3 semester college credits was taught over a period of ten days, with students in class until 11:00 pm at night. The Adak class had a 100 percent pass rate.

The ETT graduates will be first responders to emergencies and ship to shore emergency transfers as they occur. Along with the good news that Adak now has qualified ETT's Shoemaker was able to get an AED unit donated to the Adak Public Safety Department, headed by Chief Darrell Tannehill.



Back L-R) Rhonda Kelly, Darrell Tannehill, Laura Lashier, Tina Romberg, Mike Shoemaker, Elliott Schwarz, Dustin Tannhill, Center) Susan Shoemaker, Elaine Smiloff, Front) Hanna Tannehill, Esther Bennett, Alicia Bennett and Our PA Suzie Schwarz.

Chief Tannehill Request: If any residents have corroded or out of date ammunition they would like disposed of, please contact him.



First Adak Prom, Then Graduation

Our 2014 Graduating Class isn't very big, with only one graduating student, Dacia Mitchell. That doesn't mean that our student needs to miss out on all the fun of a Senior Prom. Thanks to Kiara Alexander who put so much effort into raising funds and planning, Dacia was able to enjoy a prom. Young and old alike attended the prom as it was open to the entire student body and Adak residents.

There was dancing, gaming tables, X-box, movies and a pot-luck dinner. The students reveled late into the night, long after most of us went home.



Right: Dacia and Freedom



Council News

Adak City Council appoints Mary Prince to Seat 3C: Long time Adak resident Mary Prince to fill vacated seat 3C. The appointment will be until October 2014. The seat will be open to candidates for the local election in October.

Ordinance 14-2014-086 – Land use permits (building permits) was adopted by the council. New building will require a permit obtained from the City Clerk at a cost of \$100 per application.

Ordinance 14-2014-087 – Adak Utilities Deposit Interest was accepted and set for public hearing June 18, 2014 at 5:00pm preceding the city council meeting.

Ordinance 14-2014-088 – City of Adak Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2015 was accepted and set for public hearing June 18, 2014 immediately following the public hearing for Adak Utilities Deposit Interest. A copy of the budget may be obtained at City Hall.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2014-087

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADAK CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REMOVE THE CUSTOMER DEPOSITS RATE OF INTEREST.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ADAK:

Section 1. Chapter 4.11.25 (Adak Utility – Customer Deposits) of the Adak Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows [strikeout text is deleted, double underlined text is added]:

4.11.25 – Deposits

- A. Adak Utilities may require deposits prior to initiating a service or as a condition of continuing service. In the discretion of the Utility Manager, deposits may be applied against delinquent outstanding charges for any services provided by Adak Utilities. Deposits will be refunded by the city to the customer after the termination of service if all outstanding Adak Utilities charges are paid. Deposits held by the city will not bear interest at the rate of 1% per annum.

Section 2. This ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be codified in the Code of Ordinances.

Section 3. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE ADAK CITY COUNCIL THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2014.

Mayor Thomas Spittler

ATTEST: Debra Sharrah, City Clerk

Date of Introduction: May 21, 2014
Date of First Reading: May 21, 2014
Date of Second Reading: June 18, 2014
Date of Public Hearing: June 18, 2014
Introduced By: City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2014-088

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ADAK, ALASKA FISCAL YEAR 2015.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ADAK:

- Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.
Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.
Section 3. Authorization and Appropriation. The expenditures set forth herein are authorized, and appropriations as provided for are hereby made. Upon adoption, the City Manager may (1) establish line item expenditures within an authorized departmental, fund or project appropriation, and/or (2) transfer from one authorized departmental, fund or project appropriation to another any amount with would not annually exceed ten percent of that department, fund or project appropriation.
Section 3. General Provisions. The attached document is the authorized budget for the City of Adak, Alaska for Fiscal Year 2015 and is summarized as follows:

Table with 2 columns: GENERAL FUND REVENUES and FY15 BUDGET. Rows include Local (Taxes, Licensing, Leases, Usage Fees) and State (Shared Fishery Business Tax, Shared Fishery Landing Tax, Extraterritorial Fishery Business Tax, Extraterritorial Fishery Landing Tax, State Aid to Local Governments).

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Contract Services	\$32,280
Federal	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$50,000
Public Support	\$6,300
Investments	\$12,000
Total General Revenues	\$1,359,005

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Administration/Finance	\$196,671
Clerk	\$70,383
Council	\$169,634
Public Safety	\$116,535
Public Works	\$206,850
Public Facilities	\$378,848
Morale, Welfare & Recreation	\$7,200
Total General Fund	\$1,146,120
Intra-Government Transfer: Capital Projects	\$17,000
Intra-Government Transfer: Debt Service	\$112,750
Intra-Government Transfer: Enterprise Fund	\$0
Intra-Government Transfer: Reserve Fund Contribution/(Draw)	\$35,000
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$1,303,670

Fund 200, Capital Projects, Revenues	\$47,000
Fund 200, Capital Projects, Expenditures	\$47,000
Fund 300, Debt Service, Revenues	\$112,750
Fund 300, Debt Service, Expenditures	\$112,750
Fund 400, Grants, Revenues	\$286,423
Fund 400, Grants, Expenditures	\$286,423
Fund 500, Enterprises, Revenues	\$153,644
Fund 500, Enterprises, Expenditures	\$148,167
Fund 901, Budgetary Reserve, Revenues	\$637,000
Fund 901, Budgetary Reserve, Expenditures	\$50,000
Fund 902, Permanent Fund, Revenues	\$50,000
Fund 902, Permanent Fund, Expenditures	-
Fund 903, Maintenance Reserve, Revenues	\$75,628
Fund 903, Maintenance Reserve, Expenditures	-

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JUNE 2014

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- June 14: Flag Day, Peter Porco presentation on Dashiell Hammett, 7pm Community Center
- June 16: UAF presentation on energy resources on Adak 7pm Community Cntr - Refreshments
- June 18: Public Hearing(s) Ordinance 14-2014-087 Ordinance 14-2014-088 – Council 5pm
- June 16-26: Dr. Costa (Dentist) Appointments EAT
- June 28: Movie Night with Chief Tannehill 6pm

The Adak Eagle's Call

In Honor of our Veterans

To Adak Veterans

You occupied this land before I came along. You built our airstrips, our roads, and our homes, all while you lived in a very un-hospitable climate. You survived torrential rains, hurricane force winds, and a land riddled with tundra brush and holes. You survived earthquakes and blizzards while proudly serving your country. We all know what it meant to be stationed on Adak during World War II.

R)Francis Borts and Rhonda Kelly at Veterans Point, Memorial Day 2014



Wind Blown and Dripping

That's the name of a play written by Peter Porco based on the time Dashiell Hammett the famous American author, (Maltese Falcon and The Glass Key) spent in Adak as the editor of the World War II Newsletter, "The Adakian". While the play is a work of fiction- the characters and plot are made up - the context is based genuine Hammett experiences on Adak. Lucky for us, Peter Porco is going to be in Adak and will give a presentation on his work. You are invited to the Adak Community Center Saturday June 14, at 7:00pm to learn more about the conditions on Adak in World War II and the news dispensed by Dashiell Hammett.



"The Adakian" front page 1944



Olivia de Havilland visited troops in Adak



Samuel Dashiell Hammett, AP 1930

Hot Springs and Heating in the Aleutians

George Roe and UAF Researchers will be visiting Adak in June. The UAF crew is on contract with the Alaska Energy Authority to explore energy possibilities from hot springs in the Aleutian Islands, including the hot springs at the Loran Station. Roe's crew will also be investigating energy concerns and challenges facing the local citizenry. You are invited to the UAF presentation at the Adak Community Center Monday, June 16 at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served.

Truck Sale

Have you all seen those nice Hertz rental trucks being driven around town by the USA Environmental crews? Those Chevy 350 Crew and Extended cab trucks will be put up for sale this year. Please contact the USA Environmental office for details from 9am – 5pm at 907-592-0696

Recreation Committee: We are still in need of volunteers for the recreation committee. Please call City Hall and have a say in your community.



FROM THE WILDSIDE

June 2014

Seeing the World through an Auklet's Eyes

Professor Heather Major of the University of New Brunswick has been coming to the Aleutians for the last ten years to study seabirds. Her current research program focuses on understanding the biology and behavior of young pre-breeding seabirds (known as prospectors)--specifically, the role sensory structures play in settlement decisions. Heather is intrigued by the question of how these young colonial seabirds choose where they settle to lay eggs. In her own words:

“They make the decision when they are between one and three years old, with very little information about what might make good breeding habitat. But once that decision is made they tend to stick with it for the rest of their life. If those young birds make a poor decision, they might end up living in an area where they are in danger from predators or where their chicks won’t survive. I’m interested in how that decision is made and how things like vision, smell, and sound play in that decision-making process.”

Young birds tend to visit colonies when eggs are hatching; it is thought this allows them to see how many eggs have hatched and use that as an indication of whether or not the colony provides good quality habitat. But how do they “see” this? The world as it appears to a seabird is very different from ours. Seabirds can perceive not only the visible range of light, but also ultraviolet light, invisible to the human eye. Birds hear sounds outside our range of hearing, and process sound in shorter bytes, such that a bird might hear ten distinct notes where we hear only one. They use songs and calls to communicate complex information about fitness, threats, flocking and territory; in a colony with thousands of individuals, a bird can locate its own chick using its calls. Researchers have only recently recognized the importance of smell in bird biology. We still have a lot to learn about how birds experience and interpret their surroundings.

In a feasibility study last summer, Heather and her colleague Ian Jones (Memorial University, Newfoundland) tested a system that logs radio-tagged crested auklets at an auklet colony on Gareloi Island (about 90 miles west of Adak). Twenty-nine adults were fitted with a 1 g leg-mounted radio tag (420 day life span), and a station (solar panel, 12 volt battery, rvhf-receiver-logger and four yagi antennas) was set up to detect and log their comings and goings. A download of the data at the end of the season contained thousands of hits from the tagged birds. The station remained active overwinter and into the spring to capture the birds’ return to the colony in 2014.

A couple of weeks ago, Heather, her grad student Cristy Wails, and assistant Jenna Donaldson were dropped off at Gareloi with enough food and equipment to last until the *Tiglax* picks them up at the end of July. The crew will monitor auklet reproductive success at the colony, record behavioral observations, and resight banded auklets to estimate survival. They also plan to fit juvenile crested auklets with radio tags before birds depart the colony; the station will

monitor their return in 2015 as sub-adults. The radio-tagging project is the first step in identifying how young birds search a colony. Once Heather and her crew understand where these birds go during that prospecting phase, how much they move around on the colony, and whether their behavior differs from adults, the next stage will be to investigate how the prospectors sense their surroundings and use that information to make a settlement decision.

From a conservation standpoint, how birds choose a colony is ultimately one of the most important aspects of a bird’s biology. Crested auklets, for example, are one of the most abundant breeding birds in the North Pacific--millions of them nest here, but they congregate in just a few large colonies. Because so many birds are concentrated in one place, the species is highly vulnerable to oil spills, volcanic eruptions, and introduced predators; entire colonies were wiped out by foxes introduced by fur farmers in the Aleutians. Understanding how young auklets decide where to nest will allow us to better manage seabird colonies and enhance colonies of conservation concern.



Crested auklets
c *Cornelius Nelo*



Heather, Jenna and Cristy
on their way to Gareloi