

GENERAL

ELECTIONS

All qualified persons* interested in running for a Seat on the Adak City Council or a seat on the Adak Community Development Corporation Board, may file their application for candidacy in person at City Hall.

Candidacy Filing Opens: September 8, 2014 at 8:00am
Candidacy Filing Closes: September 27, 2014 at 8:30am

The Following Seats are open for City Council:

1A – 3 year term 1B – 3 year term 3C – 2 year term

The following seats are open for the ACDC Board:

3A – 3 year term 3B – 3 year term 4B – 1 year term

*Potential candidates must be a resident of Adak and a registered voter in Adak at least 30 days prior to the election.

Adak City Council

The Adak City Council met on August 16, 2014. Three Ordinances were accepted and set for Public Hearing September 17, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Ordinance 14-2015-090 - An Ordinance Amending The Adak Cods of Ordinances Chapter 2.01.40 Addressing Council Conflicts of Interest.

Ordinance 14-2015-091 – An Ordinance Amending The Adak Code of Ordinances to Change Certain Local Election Procedures.

Ordinance 14-2015-092 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.10 Accounts Receivable to Address Collection Agency Use, Collection and Legal Costs.

Copies available at City Hall

NOAA will be coming to Adak to work on a Harbor Seal tagging project later this month. You are all invited to a presentation on the program on August 29th, 2014 at 7pm in the community center.



ADAK EAGLE ENTERPRISES BBQ

The rumor mill put McDonalds as closed for good. Yet on Saturday August 9, 2014, the McDonalds building was SRO as Adak Eagle Enterprises held a BBQ feast for all the residents of Adak. Larry Mayes and crew fed a crowd of one hundred people. The menu BBQ ribs, hot dogs, polish dogs, burgers, fried chicken, beans, potato salad, green salad, pies and cake. There were prizes, lots of prizes and lots of winners. Thank you to Adak Eagle Enterprises; a good time was had by all.



TDX Rate Increase Update

The Attorney General's Office has written a pre-file testimony after reviewing information submitted by TDX. At this time, the AG's office is recommending a 23% reduced rate from the rate at the time of filing. This means if the RCA rules with the AG's office, we will see a 47% rate reduction from rates currently being charged by TDX.

The RCA will hear testimony from TDX before a final decision is made by March of 2015. If the RCA reduces the rate as recommended, TDX will have to pay or credit customers for the overpayments and interest since January 2014.

*****Register to Vote by September 5, 2014 to vote in the REAA and local City Election*****

USCGC Alex Haley visits Adak



C130 brings much needed supplies



Getting ready to leave port



L) CO, XO and others help build rails on an access ramp for Mary Prince.

R) The Alex Haley crew put on the Bulldog Bash, a music concert for the residents of Adak.



Labor Day Potluck Meet and Greet new Teachers Monday September 1, 2014 in the Community Center



SEPTEMBER 2014

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September 1 – Labor Day, City Office Closed
Pot Luck 5 pm, Community Center
September 2 – School Starts
September 17 – City Council, Council Chambers 5pm
September 27 – Movie Night with Chief Tannehill
Community Center 6pm

Teaching Artist Eddie Wood is coming to Adak!

Please join the Adak Public School in welcoming Eddie Wood for a two-week residency, 5-19 October, in our first Artists in Schools program!

Eddie is a performance artist and educational consultant living in Homer, Alaska. He is bilingual Spanish/English and has been active in work and play with children for over 35 years all over the world. A frequent presenter at conferences, in-service provider for school districts, and artist in residence from preschools to universities, Eddie is a percussionist, storyteller, dancer and actor. He has recently participated in The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' Seminars: Artists as Educators:

Planning and Presenting Effective Workshops for Teachers. Eddie has performed and/or recorded with Alex de Grassi, Paul Horn, Tom Bodett, Tito Puente, Jazzline Dancers, Perseverance Theater, Jewel, Dave von Ronk, John Pingayak, Ballet Folclorico Balboa, and Blima, among others. Eddie looks forward to returning to Adak from his previous stay in the 1980's!



Some reviews from Eddie's previous residencies:

"Paul Banks Elementary School was blessed to have a fabulous performing artist spend two weeks working in our school. Eddie Wood weaved percussion, movement and storytelling into engaging and creative sessions with our kindergarten, first and second graders. More than 200 students benefited from his thoughtful and well-planned lessons. The sessions with students were developmentally appropriate, creative and engaging. Children learned about tempo, rhythm, storytelling, performing – and most of all – how to feel and enjoy music. Our two weeks of practice culminated in a magnificent performance for parents and the public which showcased the children's work with Eddie." Jennifer Reinhart & Laurie Martin, Paul Banks Elementary School

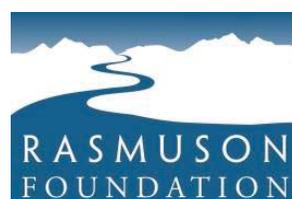


"Mr. Wood had the parents and children interacting verbally through music and storytelling that is a rare activity for the families of this region." Cecilia Harmon, Northwest Arctic Borough School District

The community is warmly invited to participate in Eddie's residency, as part of the school activities, as an audience for the kids' culminating performance, or during the professional development session, which by popular demand will probably include instruction in partner dancing! Please give Lisa or Julie a call if you are interested in being part of the school-day activities, and stay tuned for announcements about other activities.

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for fun!

This residency is made possible with funds provided by the Alaska Legislature through the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts with additional funding from the Rasmuson Foundation. We are also grateful for the generous support of Adak Community Development Corporation, Alaska Airlines and Adak Telephone Utility. Thank you for valuing arts in education and recognizing that children are our richest natural resource!





Harbor Seal project in Clam Lagoon

Biologists from NOAA's National Marine Mammal Laboratory, with assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, will be conducting a research project on harbor seals in Adak during September 1-7 this year. They will attempt to live-capture seals in the tidal channel of Clam Lagoon during the morning low tides using small boats and tangle nets. All captured seals will be examined, measured, and weighed to assess their physical condition, and blood and tissue samples will be collected to analyze their diet, health, and genetic composition. Before releasing the seals, researchers will glue satellite tags to the hair on the seals' heads or backs to remotely monitor their movements and foraging behaviors for up to one year, after which time the tags will fall off during the seals' annual molt. Smaller satellite tags attached to the seals' hind-flippers will transmit data on their haul-out patterns for up to three years; these data will be used to improve NOAA's population estimates from aerial surveys.

Photos below are from an ADFG project on Kodiak, but methods pictured will be similar to those used at Clam Lagoon.



Researchers attempt to tangle seals in nets set around their haulout.



Researchers untangle a captured seal and transfer it to a holding net.



Researchers prepare to glue a satellite tag to the back of a captured seal. (Shawn Dahle, who is coordinating the Adak project, is in the middle.)



This study will be the first of its kind on harbor seals in the Aleutian Islands, where the population is estimated to have declined by about 67% during the 1980s and 1990s, following similar declines of Steller sea lions and Northern sea otters. While the seal numbers seemed to stabilize in recent years, the reasons for the earlier decline remain a mystery. If successful, this study will provide valuable baseline data on the seals' health and behaviors that will begin to improve researchers' understanding of past and potential future changes in this population's numbers. Preliminary results of this study will be presented at the Aleut Marine Mammal Commission's annual meeting this fall, the Alaska Marine Science Symposium this winter, and in reports to the general public.

To improve this project's chances for success, the researchers kindly request that residents avoid the area around Clam Lagoon as much as possible while the project is underway. As you are probably well aware, these seals are easily disturbed by people's presence, and if they are spooked before or during the capture attempts, the researchers' efforts may fail. Residents can also assist the researchers by retrieving satellite tags they may find along the coastline during the next few years and turning them in to the local U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office so that data that are stored on the tags can be downloaded and the tags reused. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated!

For more information about this project, please contact Shawn Dahle (shawn.dahle@noaa.gov) or Peter Boveng (peter.boveng@noaa.gov).



A released harbor seal with back-mounted satellite tag.



Harbor seals in Clam Lagoon.