

Council Seat 1B Vacancy Filled



Elaine Smiloff

The Adak City Council appointed Elaine Smiloff to vacant council seat 1b. Smiloff is employed as a weather observer with Alaska Weather Operations and is a partner in 100 Knot Stop Store. Smiloff previously served on the City Council from 2012-2015. Smiloff's current appointment will last until the next regular local election on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

The Regular City council meeting for March has been rescheduled from March 16 to March 23 at 5:00pm in the council chambers.

The State of Alaska Budget Woes

At this point, there is not one area of the State Budget that is off limits to budget cuts. The many proposed cuts, however, will not even begin to balance the almost \$4 billion deficit, so creative funding sources – new taxes and increased taxes are being proposed, as well as a tap into the Alaska Permanent Fund reserves.

Tax Increases proposed:

- 2% increase on the top mining tax bracket
- 1% increase in commercial fishing surtaxes
- 10 cents per alcoholic drink, this will increase the cost of a 750ml bottle by \$2.40
- 1\$ per pack of cigarettes

Tax credits to be eliminated:

- Tourism tax exemptions
- Oil and gas tax credits

A new tax being proposed is a statewide income tax equal to 15% of a person's Federal Income Tax liability for earnings derived in Alaska. Why is this proposed State Income tax a good thing for Alaska? Alaska has one of the largest per capita transient work forces in the United States. Many commercial fishermen, miners, pipeline workers, oil drillers, and North Slope support personnel, live in the lower 48 but come to Alaska to earn premium wages.

The Permanent Fund is set to be tapped to pay for some of the State's budget deficit. Walker is proposing a \$1,000 cap on dividends for 2016 and future dividends should be paid from the Resource Royalty fund. With the price of North Slope oil at about \$40 a barrel, the Alaska Permanent Fund dividend checks may decline sharply in the future.

The City of Adak will more than likely follow the State's lead by reducing expenditures. Last year's Operating and Capital budget of \$1,172,803 will have to be lowered in FY2017. Proposed Legislative cuts in Community Revenue Sharing from \$103,063 received in FY16 to \$69,537 in FY17 and the decrease in Regional and Shared Fisheries Business and Fisheries Landing revenues*, will force the City of Adak to make cuts in several spending categories. The Recreation program in particular may not be funded by the City of Adak and will have to rely on community and organizational donations, according to the City Manager, Layton Lockett.

While none of the above proposed changes have been permanently enacted by the Legislature at this time, the public consensus is that it is just a matter of time.

* Our Fisheries Business Resource and Landing Taxes are based on the fishing industry activity here in Adak. Without processing operations in the fish plant, our share in the program is greatly reduced.

Adak Recreation News

The Adak Recreation Committee held its first Fun Saturday on February 27, 2016. The bouncy house, arts and crafts, face paints and hot dogs, chips and refreshments kept the kids going all afternoon. The adults played their own game of 10,000 (played with six dice) while the kids played and created.



Recreation activities coming up in March

“Walk with Carrie” is planned for Saturday March 5, 2016 at 3:30 pm. Meet in the Sandy Cove recreation center parking lot. The walk will last about one hour and she will have a pedometer with her to log the miles! Future events will be as available and she will text you when she is ready to walk. Get on Carrie's text list by calling the City of Adak – or just let Carrie know when you see her.

Movie Matinee is scheduled for March 12, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the community center. Popcorn and drinks will be served. “The Pagemaster”

Fun Saturday is scheduled for March 26, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the community center. Hot dogs and drinks will be served.

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt is planned for March 27, 2016 at 10:00 am in the community center. Whether the hunt is outside or inside depends on the weather as usual.

If you have an idea or activity that you would like to see in Adak, please come to the next Adak Recreation Committee meeting on Monday, March 7 at 5:00pm the Community Center.

Super Tuesday and the Alaska Republican Presidential Preference Poll (PPP)

The City of Adak received several inquiries asking if we were supposed to vote on "Super Tuesday" March 1, 2016. Since the City Clerk, is also the State appointed Election Chairman for Adak and responsible for conducting the elections in Adak, I thought I would take a moment to research the process and find out why Adak does not participate in the PPP.

Reason 1) The Republican PPP is not open to every voter and is not administered by the State of Alaska. The Republican Party conducts the Super Tuesday PPP. Only Republicans, or those citizens who register as a Republican, while in line to vote at the PPP polling sites can vote in the PPP election. The the sole purpose of the PPP to to select the number of delegate votes from Alaska that each Presidential candidate will receive at the Republican National Convention.

Reason 2) While Adak is a part of District 37, we were never contacted by the Republican party to hold an election here. The furthest Western Alaska PPP polling place was Unalaska. Even though only 71 people showed up to vote in Unalaska, that is still more than all registered permanent residents in Adak. Adak is a small community with a limited number of registered Republican voters. More than likely the Republican Party itself does not consider it cost effective to have an election here, even though the PPP is run entirely by the Republican Party volunteers from each legislative district.

Once the voting is cast and the voter's have made their choices, Alaska's 28 Republican delegates are dispersed to the candidates in proportion to the percentage of the popular vote each candidate received. Cruz, who received 36% of the vote will get the most delegates from Alaska. Trump came in second receiving 33% of the popular vote.

Election Dates for Adak:

Primary Election: Tuesday, August 16, 2016

REAA and Council: Tuesday, October 4, 2016

General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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Register to Vote at City Hall

Final Dates to Register to Vote

Primary Election: July 17, 2016

REAA and Council: September 2, 2016

General Election: October 10, 2016

LifeMed ALASKA MEMBERSHIP | \$49 PER YEAR MEDEVAC COVERAGE FOR ALASKA

LifeMed Alaska has stationed an King Air medical transport plane and crew in Dutch Harbor to provide emergency medical transport services in the Aleutian Islands. The \$49 fee also covers the ambulance fare in Anchorage. There are some strings attached to this program. To qualify for the \$49/year rate, you must also have a primary insurance provider.

MARCH

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- March 5 – Walk with Carrie, 3:30 pm ARE office parking lot.
- March 7 – Recreation Committee meeting, 5pm community center
- March 12 – Matinee Saturday, 2pm Community Center
- March 23 – City Council, 5pm Council Chambers
- March 26 – Fun Saturday, 1pm Community Center
- March 27 – Easter Sunday. Egg Hunt 10am, Community Center

NEWS FROM EASTERN ALEUTIAN TRIBES' ADAK COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Adak participates in Aleutian Elder Summit

Mike Eickoff, Esther Bennett, Mary Prince, and Layton Lockett were part of the 140 participants attending the Eldercare summit hosted by the Aleutian Pribiloff Islands Association Inc. and Eastern Aleutian Tribes.



During the last day's "Moving to Action" at the Adak table are Esther Bennett, Adak CHR; Mike Eickoff, Adak City Council; and Thomas Mack, Aleut Corp President.

A goal for Adak is a senior activity center for meals and activities. It would be run by Adak Seniors. As a step in this direction we will be having a "Senior" dinner around the middle of the month. The exact time and location will be announced when it is finalized. Adak's Eldest Elder has said that this dinner should be open to all ages – so all should be ready to attend and support our elder's at this event.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Esther at the Adak Clinic (592-8383).

First Responder – ETT Class

Call 592-8383 to sign-up today!

March 14th – 25th excluding Thursday & Sunday

Tentative Times:

08:00-10:00, 17:00-19:00 weekdays

08:00-16:30 Saturday

Susan Davis (formerly Shoemaker) is coming to Adak. College credits are available for this class. If you are interested in a CPR/First Aid Certification, please contact the clinic.

MG Moore, BH Clinician



Will be In Adak March 8th -17th

Please call and make an appointment.

Eldercare Services

