

# Newsletter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF UNALAKLEET



### ADMINISTRATION

#### NOTICES

- General Municipal Election, October 4, 2022, 8AM-8PM at the Community Hall. Make your vote count!
- Canvass Meeting, October 7, 2022, at 5PM
- Special City Council Meeting, October 10, 2022, at 4PM
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### PUBLIC WORKS

#### NOTICES

- Current water level – 11 ft.
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### PUBLIC SAFETY

#### NOTICES

- UPD is looking for a Night Shift Dispatcher, starting pay is \$16.31
- Please keep your dogs tied. Citations will be given for all loose dogs starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Attention Vehicle Owners: Please park your vehicles off the city's main road. Thank you for your understanding.
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### JOB OPENINGS

- Police Officer
- City Administrator
- Public Works Laborer
- Grant Coordinator

Be a part of the City of Unalakleet team today! Job applications can be picked up at the City Office or sent via email request at [counk@alaskan.com](mailto:counk@alaskan.com) or visit [www.unk.gov](http://www.unk.gov)

### Notice for Customer Accounts

The Administration Department will be resuming 1% penalties this month. Reminder: Payments are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to avoid a 1% penalty.

Dear Community,

Our City elections are coming up on October 4<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see as many of you as possible exercising your voice to vote on the new city council composition. As I am not running for the seat I currently hold I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to serve our community in the capacity of council member and Mayor.

It has been a wonderful experience containing both great moments and times of great challenge. During the past few months, the City secured \$500,000 in funding to refurbish the Covenant Lift station and an additional \$300,000 to update interior operations at the water plant.

We hired a great Public Works Director, entered new partnerships to secure increased revenue sources for the city, and used grant funding to address sections of the roads past the bridge in much need of repairs as well as improvement to the boat launch.

While it looked like my last few weeks would pass by rather quietly it turned out to be the opposite: The record storm of September 2022 hit us and caused record flood surge and never before seen effects on our region.

Unalakleet was fortunate to have had wise leadership in the past who built up roads and fought hard for the rock wall to be constructed. We also got lucky in that the water never rose with the second surge. These past actions and a bit of luck worked in all our favor. There has been some significant damage done to some of our roads and to our infrastructure which is being reported to FEMA and other entities. If you experienced any personal loss of property due to the storm, please contact the City who can guide you to the resources to claim help and support!

The City is grateful to our local entities and volunteers which came out alongside the City to address the aftermath of the storm and assess a good way forward in our constant work to mitigate effects of weather and winds. While much more happens at the City on a daily basis and with many more projects in the works I hope to have provided you with an idea of what the City has been up to. The City continues to work for the community and to utilize its resources wisely and smart to secure the best outcome for our community.

The City is holding its election canvassing meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the City Hall and a regular meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to certify and swear in the new council.

Again, thank you all for your support and for being an encouraging community. Please continue to challenge and encourage your city leadership, and as I always say: Stay informed!

Respectfully,

Thomas Simonsson

Mayor, City of Unalakleet