

Manager's Update – October 19, 2023

Flood Advisory and Rockslides: On October 7, NOAA issued a flood advisory for the Skagway Borough, and the community experienced heavy rains through October 9. Due to this weather event, there were two rockslides on the Dyea Road that threatened to restrict road access for Dyea area residents. Local DOT&PF crews quickly cleared the debris from the road, but to be prepared for potential additional slides, the Municipality established an evacuation plan for the Dyea area and advised residents to keep at least three days of food and supplies on hand in case access was completely cut off.

RV Park Management RFB: For next season, Administration intends to continue managing the two RV parks as it did this year: full service at Pullen Creek RV Park and dry service at Garden City RV Park from April through October. The current management contract for the parks expires in April 2024, and Administration plans to issue a Request for Bids (RFB) for 2024 RV park management in December. We will move forward with this plan unless we are directed differently by the Assembly.

Library Director's Update: The last few weeks have seen a number of fun fall events at the library, including our first book discussion of this year's book club. After a great first meeting, we are excited to get into November's book, *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver, and to discuss it on Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 pm. Copies are available at the library now, so please contact us to pick up or reserve a copy.

Now that the October Annular Eclipse has passed, we want to thank everyone who came in to get their eclipse glasses and tried to see this amazing astronomical event. Hopefully you were able to go somewhere where the clouds cleared and/or were able to watch the livestream online. Even though this fall eclipse is over, we still have many more glasses available, so if you think that you may be traveling somewhere in April that might be affected by the spring 2024 solar eclipse, please do come in and pick up glasses! Just ask a staff member for a pair. Big thanks to the Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries program that made these glasses available to libraries across the US!

This weekend, the Library is participating in Skagway's Fall Festival with a craft activity open to all ages; come by the Community Room between 1:00 and 5:00 this Saturday and Sunday to gather together different parts of stuffies and create a hybrid creature in time for spooky season. This event is put on in partnership with the Friends of the Klondike Corridor, and we are grateful for their support and assistance.

And in a few weeks, on Halloween night, be sure to stop by the library as part of your trick-or-treat route! Show off your costume and get a treat bag from your friendly neighborhood librarians.

Port Director's Update:

2023 Visitor Statistics: Based on data reported from Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska through October 15, 2023:

Month	Ships	Passengers	% of Capacity
April	4	12,753	104%
May	81	195,509	93%
June	107	245,104	102%
July	112	262,732	104%
August	112	266,841	103%
September	72	166,906	94%
October	6	23,383	104%
TOTAL	494	1,173,228	100.6%

6 ships cancelled in September, total projected passengers lost 11,908

1 ship cancelled in October, total projected passengers lost 2,650

Port Revenues: Reported March 19, 2023 through October 15, 2023:

Total Billed/ Projected Revenue	\$ 8,697,675.42
Total Received	\$ 7,458,734.10

Ore Peninsula Redevelopment Project Update: Timber dock demo has been paused due to inability to access the remaining north 4 bents. Hamilton Construction will resume once the ore loader has been removed. CEI continues concrete saw cutting on the concrete dock. Haskell has wrapped up the temporary fuel line installation and started the demobilization process. PPM continues the fabrication of the template pile in the Broadway yard. Anchor QEA has completed the pre-demo inspection of the Ore Loader. Ore loader demo is anticipated to start on Thursday 10/19.

Seawalk Restrooms: Due to expected freezing conditions over the weekend, the Seawalk restrooms will be winterized and will be unavailable for the October 24 and 25 ship days. Small Boat Harbor and Shoreline park restrooms will be available.