

Manager's Update – April 4, 2024

Design/Mapping Projects Update: Public Works Director Ames and I met yesterday with Mark Pusich of RESPEC to discuss the following projects:

- West Creek Levee and Subdivision Improvements: Contract has been signed; field survey work will begin on April 4 on the levee and subdivision areas while the water levels are still low. Other subdivision work will follow after the field survey work is completed.
- Street Sign Replacement Design: Contract has been signed; the sign and post detail for State Street will be accomplished first so that DOT&PF can include the information as an addendum for its State Street project. Remaining sign work will follow once Tlingít-language street names are finalized and colors selected.
- Main Street Mapping, Concepts, and Public Involvement: Contract has been signed; field survey on Main Street will begin mid-April after the West Creek work is completed. After mapping is completed, work will begin on typical Main Street roadway sections and setting up a schedule for public involvement.
- Broadway Street Condition Assessment: Contract has been signed; the field work assessment of Broadway Street is scheduled to be complete by the end of April. The report will follow after the field visit is completed.
- Pullen Creek RV Park Restroom: 100% bid-ready documents are ready, and an RFB will be issued by the Municipality by May 1 at the latest.
- Skagway River Levee Reconstruction: The US Coast Guard has approval to complete this project on behalf of the Municipality. RESPEC has provided 65% design, which will be utilized by USCG as its project moves forward.
- AB Mountain Communications Tower Fence: 100% design, specifications, and cost estimates are ready to include in an RFB to be issued by the Municipality by May 1.

Library Director's Update: Now that April has begun, the Library has moved to Summer Hours. From now into the fall, we will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Friday, and 12:00-5:00 pm on weekends. Wifi will still be available outside the library from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

The Tournament of Books is wrapping up this Sunday, April 7th with our final meeting and vote. Anyone in the community is welcome to read the two finalists, *Blackouts* and *This Other Eden*, and join us at 1:30 pm on Sunday to cast their vote.

We will also be hosting our final book discussion this month, on Sunday, April 21st, when the Book Club will be discussing the non-fiction bestseller, *Killers of the Flower Moon*.

Clinic Executive Director's Update: On March 28th the Clinic Board held a regularly scheduled meeting.

- An announcement was made concerning the visit from our pediatrician, Dr. Dressel, who will be here April 11th for three days.
- The dental clinic will be open on April 25th for three days.

- The Clinic is holding an Open House/Spring Cleaning on April 4th from 10 – 2 and will be serving burgers and pulled pork for all those in attendance (until the food is gone!)
- The proposal for a response to the current HRSA Conditions on the Clinic has been drafted and the Clinic Board scheduled a Special Meeting/ Work Session on April 10th at 7PM to edit drafts with the intent of presenting them to the Assembly at the Assembly meeting on April 18th.

Tourism Director's Update: Please see the attached Tourism Director's report for March.



Explore Skagway Tourism Director Report – March 2024

A. Tourism Best Management Practices 2024

- a. Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) are intended to minimize the impacts of tourism in a manner which addresses both resident and industry concerns and enhances the visitor experience in Skagway. Learn more here.
 - i. <https://www.skagwaytbmp.com/>
- b. This year's program is up and running with an exciting new bonus for participating partners, Skagway's First Annual TBMP Hospitality Excellence Award. Learn more about it here:
 - i. <https://www.skagwaytbmp.com/general-1>
- c. Thanks to all of those that have partnered with us to date.
 - i. <https://www.skagwaytbmp.com/partners>
- d. You can join too!
 - i. <https://www.skagwaytbmp.com/becomeapartner>

B. Skagway Spring Festival

- a. April 18th through April 21st is an exciting week with Folk Festival, Art Show, Garden City Market and more. Find all the details here.
 - i. <https://www.skagway.com/event/2024-skagway-spring-festival/434/>

C. Clean Sweep

- a. Sign up from 8am to 10:30am at AB Hall on April 20th to help. Great incentives to participate including baked goods and coffee, gift certificates for a free ice cream graciously donated by the Kone Kompany and a coupon for one household trip to the incinerator valued at \$18.
 - i. <https://www.skagway.com/event/spring-clean-sweep/3118/>

D. Your or Update your Business Listing on Skagway.com

- a. <https://www.skagway.com/partnership/>

E. Skagway Events 2024

- a. Add your special event to our calendar and we will promote it for you!
- b. <https://www.skagway.com/events/>

F. State Government Initiatives to watch

- a. Eliminate Daylight Savings
 - i. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=SB184>
 - ii. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=hb284>
- b. Sale of Alcohol by Persons Under Age 21
 - i. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/33?Hsid=HB0189A>
- c. Sale of Alaska Railroad
 - i. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/33?Hsid=HB0332A>

G. Skagway-Yukon Tourism Reconnects 2024

- a. Explore Skagway is partnering with Yukon Tourism & Culture for a networking event in Carcross on May 2nd.
- b. Bus Transportation has been donated by HAP leaving from City Hall at 1:00pm Alaska Time
- c. Or you can drive your own vehicle.
- d. Find more information here:
 - i. <https://www.skagway.com/event/skagway-yukon-tourism-reconnects/3190/>
- e. You MUST RSVP to attend.
 - i. https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/skagway-yukon-tourism-reconnects-2024-tickets-839379305097?keep_tld=1

H. Duff's Skagway Marathon is slated for June 8th.

- a. Contact Jaime at j.bricker@skagway.org if you would like to volunteer on race day or sponsor an aid station.
- b. <https://www.skagwaymarathon.org/>

I. Skagway Independence Day Parade Theme is "Hear us Roar in 2024: Celebrating Skagway's Independent Spirit."

- a. If you would like to sponsor an event, please send the information via e-mail to j.bricker@skagway.org.
- b. <https://www.skagway.com/event/skagway-independence-day-celebration/1790/>

J. Spruce Root & REO Transformative Scenario Planning for Southeast Alaska

- a. A group will be testing the scenarios that we built at Sustainable Southeast Partnership's Annual Spring Retreat on April 29- May 1.
 - i. <https://sustainablesoutheast.net/announcement/ssp-2024-annual-spring-retreat/>

K. Skagway RV Parks

- a. A new Park Manager will take over on April 15th when the parks open for this season.
 - i. <https://skagwayrvparks.com/>
- b. Anyone looking for a place to park an RV before the Parks are open should contact the Skagway Police Department for further information.

L. Cultural Host Training

- a. Next Class is scheduled for April 24th from 1pm to 5pm.
 - i. <https://www.skagwaytraditional.org/stc-store/cultural-host-classes>

M. Skagway Development Corporation's Welcome to Shgagwéi

- a. SVD is delighted to be working with SDC to help bring this workforce development week to Skagway! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for a detailed agenda coming soon.
 - i. <https://www.skagway.com/event/welcome-to-shgagwei/3093/>

N. Yukon Morning on CBC Radio with Host Elyn Jones

- a. I interviewed with Elyn on March 19th to promote upcoming Events in Skagway, share our business hours of operation document on Facebook and engage Yukoners about all things Skagway.
- b. <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-393-yukon-morning>

O. KINY Community Connections

- a. I am interviewed weekly on the radio to promote Skagway.com/events! Another great reason to add your event to our calendar.

P. Medias, Ads & Internet finds for Skagway & Alaska Industries

- a. World's longest ferry ride that takes a minimum of 60 hours to complete
 - i. <https://www.express.co.uk/travel/articles/1879642/world-longest-ferry-60-hours>
- b. Into the Wild: Luxury Cruises to Alaska
 - i. <https://www.luxurytraveladvisor.com/cruises/wild>
- c. Elks Lodge packs a punch for Skagway's women and children
 - i. <https://khns.org/65331-2>
- d. Yukon's \$45M commitment to Skagway ore dock 'shrouded in mystery,' says opposition
 - i. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/skagway-ore-dock-money-shuffled-1.7152707>
- e. North Words prepares for 14th season
 - i. <https://skagwaynews.com/2024/03/22/north-words-prepares-for-14th-season/>
- f. Alaska Is on Target to Break Cruise Visitation Records This Year
 - i. <https://www.travelpulse.ca/news/cruise/alaska-is-on-target-to-break-cruise-visitation-records-this-year>
- g. Unique Landscapes: Must See Deserts and Sand Dunes in Canada
 - i. <https://www.todocanada.ca/unique-landscapes-must-see-deserts-and-sand-dunes-in-canada/>
- h. Must-See Ports of Call: Skagway
 - i. <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/must-see-ports-call-skagway-traveling-with-a-chair-lxp0e/?trackingId=BmtAZOIMQae%2FGaN3%2F1qA1A%3D%3D>

Q. National Park Service

- a. Visitor Statistics for 2023
 - i. <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/visitor-use-statistics-dashboard.htm>
- b. The Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park announced that the Chilkoot Trail on the U.S. side of the border will be open to mile 4.0 for the 2024 season.
 - i. <https://www.nps.gov/klgo/learn/news/chilkoot-national-historic-trail-to-open-as-far-as-mile-4-for-the-2024-season.htm>

R. 2024 Visitor Stats from US Customs & Border Patrol

16C Monthly Stats for Port 3103 - Skagway, AK													
Data Element by Port	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total
Trucks	185	205	194										584
Truck Passengers Arriving	185	205	200										590
Buses	-												-
Bus Passengers Arriving	-												-
POVs	181	516	992										1,689
POV Passengers Arriving	384	591	1,084										2,059
Pedestrians Arriving	-												-
Trains	-												0
Train Passengers Arriving	-												0
Source													
CBP- 16C													
73103-01X													
Cruise Ship	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total
Passenger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crew	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cruise Ship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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March 28, 2024

Municipality of Skagway
Attention: Brad Ryan
Via Email: manager@skagway.org

RE: Skagway Visit and
Get REAL Financial Reality Fair

Dear Brad,

We are excited to let you know that we have scheduled a Get REAL Financial Reality Fair with the Skagway City School on Friday, April 26, 2024. The reality fair is a great way for kids to learn the pitfalls of overspending on an adult budget through a fun gamification experience!

Can you help us with volunteers for this event? I am hoping you will share the enclosed flyer with community leaders like the mayor and assembly members! We need 8-10 volunteers from the community. We have three employees coming up for the event too, including Gracia O'Connell our Vice President of Operations.

I have a travel conflict and will be unable to be in Skagway for the fair, but I would like to visit the week before on April 17 and 18. I am hoping to host a community open house on the 17th if I can arrange something at the Visitor's Center. I'd like to share how the credit union could start small in Skagway while still providing our full suite of services with plans to grow. I will also share how providing services in Metlakatla has helped the community increase their median credit score by 74 points!

I understand there is also an assembly meeting planned for April 18th. I would be happy to share more about Tongass Federal Credit Union and our services at the meeting, either as a "person to be heard" or as part of the agenda, at the convenience of the assembly members.

The Tongass Federal Credit Union board of directors and I are pleased that the community of Skagway is interested in having the option of a local credit union. If you have questions or would like to reach me, my cell phone number is 907-617-3337.

Sincerely,

Helen Mickel
President/CEO
Tongass Federal Credit Union



Volunteers Needed!

For our 2024 Student GET REAL Financial Reality Fair!

What is a Financial Reality Fair?

A fun, hands-on way for students to learn about managing personal finances.

What do volunteers do?

Community volunteers staff tables at the fair, lending a touch of reality for students, buying cars, furniture, or other goods and services. Volunteers act as the salespeople of the "real" world pushing them toward purchases they might experience as an adult.

Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Volunteers needed at 8:30 am

Skagway City School



Contact Jennifer Carroll at jcarroll@tongassfcu.com or (907) 225-9063 for more info or to add your name to the volunteer list.