

## Manager's Update – April 18, 2024

**Credit Union Representative Visit:** Helen Mickel, President/CEO of Tongass Federal Credit Union, indicated in a recent letter that she would visit Skagway this week; however, she will need to reschedule to a date later this spring. I will keep you updated on future plans.

**Public Works Department Schedule Update:** The Public Works Department typically tries to get sections of boardwalk replaced in the spring, but due the amount of water/sewer requests that the department has received for RVs/campers on residential properties, they are uncertain if they can replace much boardwalk before the season begins. The department is also concerned that RV sewer hookups must be properly capped at the end of the season to prevent I&I from entering the sewer collection system and inundating the wastewater treatment plant throughout the winter.

**Library Director's Update:** The Library will be helping out during Skagway School's state testing next week, April 22-26, by hosting a morning "Breakfast with Books" program for 1st and 2nd graders. Parents are welcome to drop off their 1st and 2nd grade kids at 8:10 am at the library each day next week for a morning session while the rest of the school writes state tests. They will be transported back to the school at 10:00 am. The program will take place in the library and will have kids engaging with books in the collection, as well as working together to turn those books into skits that will be performed on the Friday.

On Thursday of that same week, I will be leading a library orientation session as part of the SDC's Welcome to Shgagwei Workforce Orientation program. From 1:00-2:00 pm that day, all are welcome to join us in the library's Community Room for an introduction to the library's resources and services, as well as a special presentation by the Planet Protectors.

**Recreation Director's Update:** The Rec Center is booming with new faces and new equipment! Here are several updates to highlight:

### **Operations:**

The SRC fee structure was in flux as we adjusted prices that were announced in the Manager's report during the March 7th Assembly meeting. Decreases in prices and the removal of family plans were implemented; online sales were activated, and recurring payment options were added. Manager Ryan and I have since learned that the previous fee structures had been approved by assembly resolution. The fee structure was brought before the Recreation Board for advisement. At their March 29th meeting, the Rec Board voted to recommend the fee structure to the assembly. The fee structure is listed as an agenda item for the Assembly's approval this evening.

If the resolution passes, the new fee structure will raise prices for memberships that are 6 months or less. It lowers the price for the year-round membership. Children under 14 years old are now free and senior rates have significantly decreased. Children 14-18 now have a discounted "youth" rate. The new plan also dissolves the family membership option. Family

memberships limits our ability to collect data on visits; we don't know which family member is checked in, which also creates a safety issue, with individual memberships, at the click of a button, staff can run a report showing which members are checked in the building. There is also the wear and tear on the building to consider, a family membership was less than the cost of 2 individual memberships, the larger the family size, the greater the impact on the building without an increase to revenue.

I'll also note that with these intended changes, we also did away with all other fees and charges. No more towel rental, skate rental, or rock-climbing gear fee, etc. Below are both the new and old fee structures side by side.

## New

Membership Plans			
	Adult (18+)	Youth (14-17)	Senior (65+)
1 Day	\$10.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
1 Week	\$30.00	\$7.50	\$7.50
1 Month	\$60.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
3 Month	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
5 Month	\$225.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
6 Month	\$250.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
1 Year	\$300.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Punch Pass (10 visits)	\$60.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

## Old

SRC FEE STRUCTURE			
	Individual	Family	Senior 65+
1 Day	\$8.00	\$15.00	\$8.00
1 Week	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$20.00
1 Month	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$25.00
3 Month	\$120.00	\$240.00	\$60.00
5 Month	\$185.00	\$370.00	
6 Month	\$210.00	\$390.00	\$110.00
1 Year	\$360.00	\$600.00	\$180.00
Punchpass - Youth \$30 Adult \$70			

### Facility:

Our cardio equipment is finely tuned and ready for a busy season thanks to Alaska Fitness Equipment. Their representative was in town last weekend tightening treadmill belts, oiling bike chains, and troubleshooting heart monitors as well as installing a brand-new Leg Press machine. To make room for the new equipment, the Smith Machine was selected to be removed. The men's room shower also received an upgrade. Public Works completed refinishing the shower floors earlier this month.

### Staffing:

We will see a change in staffing in the coming weeks as Ahlea Callies and Aaron Thompson vacate their seasonal positions. We are very thankful for their contribution this winter. Luckily, they have both accepted new positions on the team. Ahlea will soon be our Rec Attendant focused on youth programs, specifically Summer Camp. Aaron will transition into the seasonal Rec II position focused on senior activities.

Job announcements are open now for a Rec Attendant to close the building, and the exciting Outdoor Recreation Coordinator position.

**Upcoming dates:**

We are excited to share some upcoming dates. The SRC will host its annual Rummage Sale April 27-28. Summer Camp will be held Monday – Friday June 3-21 & July 8-19.

**Clinic Executive Director's Update:**

- Please welcome Idalia, Luis, Asia, Chad, and Carol as new, full-time employees at the clinic. They have been hired as Medical Assistants and a Health Information Technology Specialist on-site.
- The Spring Cleaning BBQ for the Clinic was a huge success with approximately 30 volunteers showing up to help rake leaves, pick up trash, organize supplies, and eat burgers. Many thanks to the community for their help!
- Dr. Dressel, our pediatrician, was in Skagway last week and her schedule was booked as usual. Her availability included Saturday, the 13th, which also was the first day that the Clinic opened on Saturday for the summer and will continue to be open on Saturdays from 10 – 4 throughout the summer. Many thanks to Dr. Dressel for her many years of service to the children and families of Skagway.
- The dental clinic will re-open beginning on the last week of April and the plans are to have it open a few days on the last day of every month through the end of this year. Dentists will rotate between a general dentist for adult care and a pediatrics dentist for children. A dental hygienist will also be on-site every-other-month to provide follow-up and dental hygiene.
- Plans to open a full pharmacy for Skagway are well underway. The clinic continues to explore options to expedite opening the pharmacy to better serve Skagway and our many visitors.