

# Thorne Bay City Newsletter

City of Thorne Bay, Alaska

THORNE BAY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 WILL BE HELD ON

- Tuesday, **September 3rd**
- Tuesday, **September 17th** at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the City Hall Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a workshop of the City Council beginning at 6:00 p.m.

*The Public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the city council*



Thorne Bay Grapple, largest in the World!

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## MUNICIPAL & STATE ELECTIONS OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

### ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED FOR THE OCTOBER 1ST REGULAR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

This year the City of Thorne Bay will hold Absentee Voting on Election Day at Davidson Landing Fire Hall. Absentee Voting will begin on October 1st at 8am and close at 8pm.

We need two (2) registered voters

willing to serve as Absentee Officials for the Davidson Landing Absentee Voting Location on Election Day (10/1). If we are unable to obtain absentee officials for the Davidson Landing Location, we will not be able to provide the option

of voting absentee on election day.

Please contact the City Clerk, Teri Feibel, at (907) 828-3380; or email [cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov](mailto:cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov) if you are interested in serving.

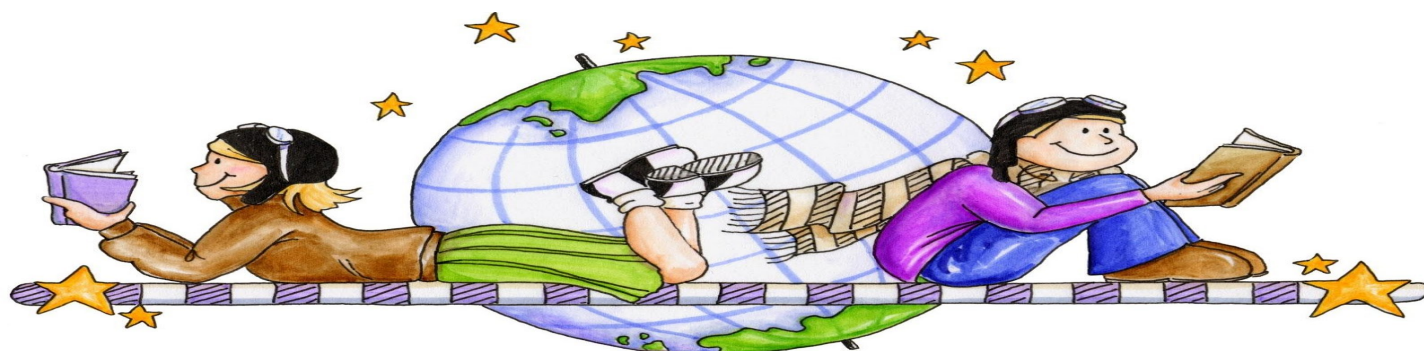


## **ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON AND BY MAIL HAS BEGUN!**

Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot may do so by requesting an absentee ballot in person or by mail from the municipality. Absentee ballots may be requested no sooner than **SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2019**, nor later than **SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2019, BY 4:00 P.M.**

The application must be signed by the applicant and show his/her physical place of residence in the City of Thorne Bay.

Visit [www.thornebay-ak.gov/elections](http://www.thornebay-ak.gov/elections)



# WHAT'S NEW AT THE THORNE BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY?

## ON THE HORIZON:

Raffle coming soon,

Next Friends meeting October 18 at NOON at the Library. Next Friends

Book Sale will be held during the Thorne Bay Christmas Bazaar November 23rd.



## RECENT NEWS EVENTS:

Just a little round up on recent news events:

1. Good News! The Governor REINSTATED OWL funding (On Line With Libraries) which was paying for the Thorne Bay Library's internet. Evidently MANY small villages in Alaska use the Library internet to do City business..... big surprise!
2. Volunteers – The Library NEEDS VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested in volunteering contact City Hall. As of right now the library is unable to stay open for their regularly scheduled hours and this has affected many people who rely on the library services.
3. We are accepting applications for the Librarian position. The City along with a portion of the annual PLAG Grant, pays the Librarian a small stipend each month. To find out more, contact the City Administrator at (907) 828-3380, or email [administrator@thornebay-ak.gov](mailto:administrator@thornebay-ak.gov).
4. We have had a good summer doing Walking Tours (1 left if you want to join us September 13).
5. Allen Marine recently provided the Friends of the Library with a mini grant to put benches around Thorne Bay for places to setback, relax and enjoy the wonderful view of Thorne Bay. The Friends of the Library have selected the locations for these benches and have marked them on the map shown here.
6. Speaking of Grants – we are all done with the Rasmussen Grant!



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## THORNE BAY LIBRARY JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Thorne Bay Library is looking for a Volunteer Librarian.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to deal with the public in a friendly and professional manner
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to cooperate & work within a team framework
- Understand library concepts/methodology
- Ability to administer library budget and grants

Applications are due not later than September 13<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 p.m.

Interested persons should contact the City Clerk at (907) 828-3380, or email [cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov](mailto:cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov) for application and further information.

## TRAFFIC NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE ON KASAAN ROAD

NOTICE OF ROCK BLASTING ON SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>

Kasaan to Goose Creek Road will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 12pm & **Tuesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 12pm

(BETWEEN MILE 2.0 & 3.0 KASAAN TO GOOSE CREEK)

## VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER UPDATE:

The City Council appointed a new VPSO at their September 3rd Regular City Council Meeting. Please help us in welcoming VPSO Jonathan Bates to our community.

To contact the VPSO, call his office at (907) 828-3905. In the case of an emergency please call 911.

If you are calling from a cell phone, dial 907-828-3399 for emergencies.

## FIREWORKS PERMIT ISSUED

The City has issued a Fireworks Permit for a display a special event September 7th.

Date of Event: September 7, 2019

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: South Thorne Bay Subdivision, fireworks will be discharged over the bay.

Permit Issued as per regulations in the Thorne Bay Municipal Code Title 8.04.070 Public Exhibitions Permit Required.

## REMINDER OF ATV REGULATIONS IN THORNE BAY:

If you are operating an ATV in the City Limits you must have a valid instruction permit, a valid provisional license, or a valid driver's license, issued by the state of Alaska.. If you do not know what the laws for Operating an ATV within Thorne Bay, contact City Hall for a copy of the regulations, or visit our website at [www.thornebay-ak.gov](http://www.thornebay-ak.gov)



# CITY OF THORNE BAY

## PROPOSITION NO. 1 SALES TAX

“Shall the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska increase its sales tax rate by 1%, with the revenue from the tax increase to be used solely for Emergency Services Coordinator? The sales tax increase of 1% would sunset after 4 years (December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023)?”

YES [ ] NO [ ]

## WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED SALES TAX REVENUES FOR THE ADDITIONAL 1% TAX?

The temporary 1% tax would generate approximately \$55 thousand per year for four years.

## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME GENERAL TAXES WERE INCREASED FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY?

There has not been a new City tax on the general population in 10 years. The last tax increase was in 2009, when the City increased their sales tax from 5% to 6%, using those additional funds for Community Development (40%) and Streets & Roads Maintenance (60%).

## WHAT WILL THE CITY DO IF THE MEASURE FAILS?

- ◇ Continue contracting EMS services with Klawock
- ◇ Continue to seek volunteers to operate the Emergency Services Departments.

## Thorne Bay Voters to Consider Sales Tax Rate Increase on October 1<sup>st</sup>

### WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED?

A 1 percent (1%) sales tax, sunseting after 4 years. This tax requires a majority vote to pass (50% plus one) and would sunset after 4 years (the tax ends after year 4, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023).

Funds would be dedicated to funding a full time Emergency Services Coordinator. The Coordinator would be tasked with recruiting Emergency Responders for both Fire and EMS.

### THE CITY COUNCIL SET UP A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE!

A Citizens Advisory Committee to establish the priorities in the Emergency Services Department, develop a job description for an Emergency Services Coordinator, and to assist with recommendations for continued funding to the Emergency Services Department after the sunset of the additional tax.

### THE EMS COORDINATOR WOULD BE TASKED WITH PRIORITIES AS PROVIDED HEREIN:

- ◇ Recruitment of 20 responder's with at least 2 responders on call within the Main Town side and South Thorne Bay Subdivisions at all times to help improve response times citywide.
- ◇ Apply for Grants to assist the department with obtaining new ambulances, fire trucks, equipment and training opportunities.
- ◇ Establish new revenue sources such as:
  - \* Billing to insurance companies
  - \* Subscription based services income
  - \* Fundraisers, etc.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA**  
REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
**TO BE HELD: October 1, 2019**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING THREE (3) VACANT SEATS ON THE THORNE BAY CITY COUNCIL.  
THERE ARE TWO BALLOT PROPOSITIONS.**

**SEAT: A 3-YEAR TERM:**

- ⇒ Candidate: Roger Longbotham
- ⇒ Raymond G. Slayton (Incumbent)
- ⇒ Everett R. Cook

**SEAT: B 3-YEAR TERM:**

- ⇒ Candidate: Eric L. Rhodes
- ⇒ Risa J. Carlson (Incumbent)

**SEAT: C 1-YEAR TERM:**

- ⇒ Candidate: Abby Cook
- ⇒ Thom A. Cunningham
- ⇒ Rosalyn Hert

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 SALES TAX**

Shall the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska increase its sales tax rate from six percent (6%) to seven percent (7%), if the sales tax revenue generated by the rate increase is dedicated to funding an Emergency Services Coordinator for the Emergency Services Department and sunset after 4-years (December 31, 2023)?

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Shall the Thorne Bay Mayor be elected by the popular vote of the people at large, from the council per AS 29.20.230 (d)?

**POLLING LOCATION:**

**LOCATION OF POLLS:** City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Freeman Drive, Thorne Bay, AK 99919  
**POLLS WILL OPEN:** 8:00 A.M. OCTOBER 1, 2019  
**POLLS WILL CLOSE:** 8:00 P.M. OCTOBER 1, 2019

**ABSENTEE VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:**

**LOCATION OF ABSENTEE ON ELECTION DAY ONLY:** Davidson Landing Fire Hall, Davidson Landing Harbor, Thorne Bay Road, South Thorne Bay Subdivision, Thorne Bay, AK 99919  
**POLLS WILL OPEN:** 8:00 A.M. OCTOBER 1, 2019  
**POLLS WILL CLOSE:** 8:00 P.M. OCTOBER 1, 2019

**VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN STATE ELECTIONS.
2. RESIDENT OF THE CITY 30 DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.
3. REGISTERED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT 35, PRECINCT 780, THORNE BAY 6AAC 35.780 full description of boundaries located on the City Website [www.thornebay-ak.gov](http://www.thornebay-ak.gov) elections tab
4. NOT DISQUALIFIED UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA WHICH PROVIDES THAT:

NO PERSON MAY VOTE WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE UNLESS HIS CIVIL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN RESTORED OR JUDICIALLY DETERMINED TO BE OF UNSOUND MIND UNLESS REVERSED.

Week Day Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Dump Schedule
September	Labor Day September 2nd	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS SEP- TEMBER 3RD & 17TH	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open Sept 6th & 20th
October	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OCTO- BER 7TH & 14TH	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm NO-COUNCIL MEETING – HELD ON MONDAY IN- STEAD	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	Alaska Day October 18th	Dump Open Oct 5th & 19th
November	Veteran's Day November 11th	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS NOVEMBER 5TH & 19TH	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	Thanksgiving November 28th	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open Nov 1st & 15th
December	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH DECEMBER 24TH CHRIST- MAS EVE	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm DECEMBER 245TH CHRIST- MAS DAY	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open December 7th & 21st
January	Martin Luthor King Day January 20th	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS JANUARY 7TH & 21ST	New Years Day January 1st	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open January 3rd & 17th
February	Presidents' Day February 17th	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS FEBRUARY 4TH & 18TH	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open February 1st & 15th
March	Seward's Day March 30th	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS MARCH 3RD & 17TH	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open March 7th & 21st
April	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS APRIL 7TH & 21ST	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open 4th & 18th
May	Memorial Day May 25th	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY 5TH & 19TH	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open May 2nd & 16th
June	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS JUNE 2ND & 16TH	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 12pm	Dump Open May 6th & 20th
July	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm COUNCIL MEETINGS JULY 7TH & 21ST	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	City Hall Open 9am to 4pm	Independence Day Observed 3rd & 4th	DUMP CLOSED JULY 4th Dump Open July 18th

## SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	Sep 3rd	Aabsentee Voting Begins	<p><b>ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON &amp; BY MAIL BEGINS:</b> Those who may not be in town for Election Day on October 1st, or are unable to vote that may do so by casting an Absentee Ballot at City Hall. Absentee will end on Monday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m. Absentee Voting at Davidson Landing will not begin until the day of Election –October 1st.</p>
Tuesday	Sep 3rd	Regular City Council Meeting	<p>There was a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting will be preceded by a Workshop of the City Council at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIONABLE ITEMS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review and Discussion EMS Agreement between the City of Thorne Bay and City of Klawock, discussion and action item:</li> <li>◆ Appointing Adora Oatman as Interim-EMS Coordinator, discussion and action item:</li> <li>◆ Renewal of Pacific Airways Harbor Use Rental Agreement, discussion and action item:</li> </ul> <p><b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ordinance 19-09-03-01, amending Title 1-General Provisions, Chapter 1.16-General Penalty Sections, Section 1.16.035-Minor Offense fine Table, adding fines for violation of TBMC Title 15-Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.04-Setbacks, Section 15.04.020-Development Plans, and amending fines for violation of Title 17-Zoning, discussion and action item:</li> <li>2. Ordinance 19-09-03-02, amending Title 15-Buildings and Construction; Chapter 15.04-Setbacks, Section 15.04.020-Development Plans</li> </ol> <p><b>INTRODUCTION:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ordinance amending Title 17-Zoning, Chapter 17.05-Authority to Enforce, discussion and action item:</li> </ol> <p><b>EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorizing the expenditure of \$2,500.00, to NexGeneration for Multicolor Scrolling LED Sign, discussion and action item:</li> <li>2. Authorizing the expense of \$2,238.90 to CMI Machinery for labor expense on Excavator repairs discussion and action item:</li> </ol>
Tuesday	Sep 17	Regular City Council Meeting	<p>There will be a Meeting of the City Council on September 17th beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers. All meetings are preceded by a Workshop of the City Council at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIONABLE ITEMS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appointment of Election Judges for the Regular Municipal Election October 1st</li> </ol> <p><b>WORKERS AT THE POLLS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Linda Rollins</li> <li>b. Sue Sawyer</li> <li>c. JUDGE STILL NEEDED</li> </ol> <p><b>WORKERS ABSENTEE AT DAVIDSON LANDING:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Connie Olsen</li> <li>b. Jon Stram</li> </ol>
Monday	Sep 30th	Last day to vote absentee	<p><b>LAST DAY TO VOTE ABSENTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL AND STATE ELECTION.</b></p>



## Thorne Bay Profit and Loss Report for FY20 July 1, 2019-August 31, 2019

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 461,683.07</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$ 371,035.61</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 90,647.46</b>

### PLEASE SLOW DOWN-KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

One of the complaints the City receives is related to speeding. In particular Rainy Lane, Shoreline Drive and Sandy Beach Road which are all located on North Thorne Bay, and Ron's Road and Thorne Bay Road located in the South Thorne Bay Subdivision.

There is a serious problem because of the children, visitors and walkers/runners who all share our roads.

Please help us to ensure the safety of everyone in Thorne Bay and SLOW DOWN. We cannot take back our actions, we can only choose how we move forward. Do your part and keep pedestrians safe.



#### **NEED YOUR PASSPORT?**

Thorne Bay City Hall serves as a Passport Agency. If you are needing to apply for your passport, October through January are the best months to do it. These months are generally slower for the passport offices, and you have more of a chance to get your application processed sooner than the general process time of 6-weeks. Contact City Hall to make your appointment today.

**PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE HOURS:**  
are Monday's & Friday's from  
9AM-12N, & Tuesday's through -  
Thursday's from 9AM-3PM.

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