

Thorne Bay City Newsletter

City of Thorne Bay, Alaska

THORNE BAY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- Tuesday, **September 6th**
- Tuesday, **September 20th**
- Friday, **October 7th**
- Monday, **October 10th**
- Monday, **October 17th**

Meetings are held at City Hall & Online via Cisco Webex beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

The Public is encouraged to attend



Thorne Bay Grapple, largest in the World!

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LAST CHANCE TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2ND IS THE LAST DAY TO DECLARE CANDIDACY FOR CITY COUNCIL



A person who wishes to become a candidate for an elective office shall complete and file with the Municipal Clerk a declaration of candidacy. Any candidate wishing to withdraw his/her candidacy may do so no later than the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Municipal Clerk.

Candidates for office must file a declaration of candidacy with the Municipal Clerk **NOT** later than **12:00 p.m. (NOON), FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2022.**

Declaration of candidacy forms may be obtained from the Clerk at the municipal offices from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every Friday.

LOW COST DUMP COUPONS

Dump Coupons will be Expiring Soon

If you haven't purchased your solid waste disposal coupons yet, hurry up and don't miss out. **Coupons are only valid through December 31, 2022.**

Details on the low-cost waste disposal coupons can be found at www.thornebay-ak.gov/its-spring-clean-up-time/

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED FOR THE OCTOBER 4TH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

We need election workers to run the Polls at Davidson Landing for October's Election. Without Election workers, we will not be able to have Davidson open as a Polling place.

If you are interested in working as an election official, Please contact the City Clerk, Teri Feibel, at (907) 828 -3380; or email cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov.

Complete an Election Worker Application at www.thornebay-ak.gov/elections

CITY COUNCIL MEETING'S

MEETING PARTICIPATION

You may now participate in council meetings in person at City Hall. We do hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend in person, you may join by telephone or online using Cisco WebEx.

Workshops are held preceding the regular meeting beginning at 6:00pm



Agenda packets can be downloaded online at www.thornebay-ak.gov and on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064908843463>

Agendas are posted at the Thorne Bay Market, The Port, US Forest Service Main Office, Thorne Bay School, SISD District Office, City Hall, Riptide Liquor & Davidson Landing Harbor.

To request items on the agenda for the City Council to act upon, complete the Agenda Item Request for Action form available on the City's Website or by request to the City Clerk. Submit the form to the City Clerk by 4pm on the Wednesday preceding the regular meeting date. The form can also be downloaded using the following link:

<https://thornebay-ak.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/AGENDA-ITEM-REQUEST-FOR-ACTION-MASTER-FORM.pdf>

City Council Meeting Sep 6th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Meeting link:

<https://cityofthornebay.my.webex.com/cityofthornebay.my/j.php?MTID=m99f71eee7f975b71d7ee0f9f7c5e44a1>

Meeting number:

182 323 7632

Password:

MghMxgJy424 (64469459 from phones and video systems)

Join by Phone:

1-650-479-3208

Telephonic Password: 64469459

Agenda:

Minutes:

- a) Approving Minutes of the August 2, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) supporting Alaska Power & Telephone Subsidiary APT Wireless, Inc.'s request for USDA ReConnect Funds to build out fiber optic-based broadband in Thorne Bay, discussion and action item

City Council Meeting Sep 20th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Meeting link:

<https://cityofthornebay.my.webex.com/cityofthornebay.my/j.php?MTID=m42b083fd76962762fbfe73f3a84b405b>

Meeting number:

182 229 9375

Password:

D4gxVSXpz84 (34498797 from phones and video systems)

Join by Phone:

1-650-479-3208

Telephonic Password: 34498797

Agenda:

Draft agenda items only, check the city website by July 16th for any additions

MINUTES:

- a) Approving Minutes of the September 6, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.

This is not a complete agenda, packets will be posted September 16th

2022 ELECTIONS

Election Event Calendar for 2022 Municipal Election

THORNE BAY MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT MEASURE

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS:

Seat A—3 year term

Seat B—3 year term

MEASURE NO. 1 TERM LIMITS

Shall an ordinance be adopted by the City to establish term limits for the office of City Council, limiting one person to serve no more than six consecutive years in office.

YES [] NO []

DECLARE YOUR CANDIDACY FOR CITY COUNCIL BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY!

If you are interested in serving on the Thorne Bay City Council, now is the time begin campaigning. We will be accepting Declarations for the Office of City Council beginning August 15th until 12pm on Friday, September 2nd.

ELECTION JUDGES STILL NEEDED FOR THE OCTOBER 4th REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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Voting Precinct 35-780 Thorne Bay



ELECTION INFORMATION RE-SOURCES:

- ⇒ For registration, voting location, early voting, election judges, and key resources information, visit the City's Election page on our website at <https://thornebay-ak.gov/elections/>
- ⇒ All state voting resources can be found on the State's Election Page at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

EVENT	Time	Location
Declarations of Candidacy Open Aug 15—Sept 2	9-4 Mon-Thu 9-12 Friday	City Hall, 120 Freeman Drive, Thorne Bay, AK
Absentee Voting Municipal Election Sept 6th — Oct 3rd	9-4 Mon-Thu 9-12 Friday	City Hall, 120 Freeman Drive, Thorne Bay, AK
Election Day Polling Locations October 4th	8am – 8pm	1) City Hall Council Chambers & 2) Davidson Landing Fire Hall

NOTICE OF ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY METHOD

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

TO BE HELD: October 4, 2022, CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING TWO (2) VACANT SEATS ON THE THORNE BAY CITY COUNCIL.

- ☐ SEAT: A 3 - YEAR TERM – Expiring October 2025
- ☐ SEAT: B 3 - YEAR TERM – Expiring October 2025

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDACY

1. A United States citizen who is qualified to vote in state elections;
2. A resident of the City of Thorne Bay for thirty days immediately preceding the election for which declaring candidacy;
3. Registered to vote in state elections;
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.

FILING FOR OFFICE:

A person who wishes to become a candidate for an elective office shall complete and file with the Municipal Clerk a declaration of candidacy. This shall be filed no sooner than 50 days and no later than 30 days before the election. Any candidate wishing to withdraw his/her candidacy may do so no later than the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy (30 days before the election) by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Municipal Clerk.

Candidates for office must file a declaration of candidacy with the Municipal Clerk not earlier than **MONDAY AUGUST 15, 2022**, and not later than **12:00 p.m. (NOON), FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2022**.

Declaration of candidacy forms may be obtained from the Clerk at the municipal offices from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every Friday.

DECLARATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON WEEKENDS OR STATE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS.

The last day to file declaration of candidacy is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**.

The last day to withdrawal declarations of candidacy is also **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**.

ABSENTEE VOTING

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 in person may be requested no sooner than **SEPTEMBER 6th, 2022**, nor later than **OCTOBER 3, 2022, BY 4:00 P.M.**

ELECTION DAY – POLLING LOCATIONS.

POLLS WILL OPEN: 8:00 A.M. OCTOBER 4, 2022

POLLS WILL CLOSE: 8:00 P.M. OCTOBER 4, 2022

LOCATION OF POLLS: **Two polling locations will be open...Locations are below:**

1. **City Hall Council Chambers**, 120 Freeman Drive, Thorne Bay, AK 99919 &
2. **Davidson Landing Fire Hall**, South Thorne Bay Subdivision, Thorne Bay, AK 99919

Residents who **DO NOT** live on the main town side of Thorne Bay, will vote at Davidson Landing. This includes all residents within the South Thorne Bay, South Arm, South Thorne Bay Addition 1 & Goose Creek Subdivisions, and float home residents.

For questions about your voting location, contact the City Clerk at (907) 828-3380, or email cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FUNDING FOR THORNE BAY

USDA RECONNECT PROGRAM

The USDA Rural Development Administration is offering a 4th round of funding through their ReConnect Program. AP&T has recently been successful in getting awarded to supply other POW Communities with broadband services through this program and is now applying on behalf of Thorne Bay. If successful, these funds would pay to build out the infrastructure to supply fiber optic cable and hardware to connect properties interested in acquiring these services within the City limits of Thorne Bay, at no cost to the owners for the initial connection! The City Council will have a Resolution to support this application on the agenda for the September 6, 2022, City Council Meeting.

SALMON DERBY WRAP UP

The Thorne Bay Salmon Derby will be concluding it's 59th season with a hamburger dinner along with its participant awards and the long awaited raffle of the Yamaha 8hp Outboard Motor.

Dinner will include:

Hamburgers, chips, bottled water, homemade cookies.

Dinner Cost:

This incredible dinner is free to derby ticket holders (includes families) and for those wishing to purchase a ticket at the door for an additional chance to win the Yamaha 8 hp outboard motor! Derby tickets will

Be available at the door for \$25

If you do not want to purchase a derby ticket, but want to join in the fun and eat a hamburger dinner, the cost at the door is \$10

Do you have any events that you would like to share with the community? We are happy to place them in our Monthly Newsletter Upcoming Events section. Just email Teri Feibel, City Clerk, with your details at cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov, and we will get it in the upcoming Newsletter.



Tongass
Federal Credit Union

HOURS OF OPERATION - THORNE BAY

Address: 110 Freeman Drive, Unit A, Thorne Bay, AK 99919

Hours:

Monday 10am to 5pm
Wednesday 10am to 2pm
Friday 10am to 5pm
Saturday 10am to 2pm

Mailing Address: 110 Freeman Drive, Unit A, Thorne Bay, AK 99919

Phone: (907) 204-0145

TFCU Contact Center: (907) 225-9063



City of Thorne Bay
Resolution No. 22-09-06-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING ALASKA POWER & TELEPHONE SUBSIDIARY APT WIRELESS, INC.'S REQUEST
FOR USDA RECONNECT FUNDS TO BUILD OUT FIBER OPTIC-BASED BROADBAND IN
THORNE BAY.**

WHEREAS; the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay; and

WHEREAS; Thorne Bay municipal code 2.12.090 Resolutions – Formal Acts states, “Formal acts by the council not required by law to be enacted by ordinance and not being acts of a general and permanent nature may be adopted by resolution;” and

WHEREAS; through its subsidiaries, Alaska Power & Telephone Company provides utility services in the City of Thorne Bay, including power and limited telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS; locations within the City of Thorne Bay are underserved/unserved with respect to broadband; and

WHEREAS; USDA has provided grant funds to Alaska Power & Telephone subsidiary APT Wireless (APTW) to develop the SEALink advanced fiber optic network for Prince of Wales Island, but Thorne Bay is not yet included within the SEALink Scope; and

WHEREAS; APT Wireless is seeking funds through the USDA ReConnect program to develop fiber optic-based broadband for the community of Thorne Bay, so the community can participate in the benefits of the USDA-funded SEALink network; and

WHEREAS; Thorne Bay, a community within the Tongass National Forest region that originated as a logging camp, is seeking new economic opportunities that help diversify the local economy from its historic dependence upon the timber industry, and provide sustainable, family wage jobs; and

WHEREAS; high-speed, affordable broadband connectivity would be tremendously valuable to the community of Thorne Bay, and can help facilitate new economic development, distance learning, telemedicine opportunities, sharing cultural resources, and other benefits desired by residents, businesses, and families.

City of Thorne Bay

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The City of Thorne Bay supports APTW's efforts to apply for ReConnect Funds to develop advanced broadband infrastructure for the community of Thorne Bay, and other communities on Prince of Wales Island.

Section 2. Thorne Bay hereby requests that the Secretary of Agriculture recognize that the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) is the tribal government corresponding to the greater SE Alaska region, which includes Thorne Bay, and accordingly, assign the APTW proposal the maximum tribal points allowable, despite omission of CCTHITA from USDA's maps.

Section 3. Thorne Bay hereby requests that the Secretary of Agriculture prioritize APTW's proposal to the fullest extent possible due to its proposed funded service areas including tribally- and ANCSA-owned lands qualifying as Substantially Underserved Trust Areas (SUTA).

Section 4. Thorne Bay hereby requests that the Secretary of Agriculture highly prioritize the APTW application due to the fact that it supports the OneUSDA Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, which seeks to provide economic diversification and sustainability within the Tongass National Forest region.

Section 5. Thorne Bay agrees it will gladly provide additional approvals for other right-of-way that may be required for a USDA-funded project, on commercially reasonable and typical terms.

Passed and Approved this 6th day of September 2022

Lee Burger, Mayor

Attest:

Teri Feibel, CMC



THORNE BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thorne Bay Public Library

Email: library@thornebay-ak.gov

CHECK OUT WHAT THE LIBRARY OFFERS:

Thorne Bay Library



Library Hours

Mon: 10:00AM – 2:00PM
6:00PM – 8:00PM
Tues: 2:00PM – 4:00PM
Wed: 12:00PM – 4:00PM
6:00PM – 8:00PM
Thurs: 10:00AM – 12:00PM
5:00PM – 8:00PM
Fri: 5:00PM – 7:00PM
Sat: 10:00AM – 2:00PM
Sun: CLOSED!!
HOURS MAY VARY— CALL (907) 519-7397 FOR UPDATED HOURS

VOLUNTEER! We can always use help at the Library and your time is valuable to us!

OWL SYSTEM! Classes are available over the "Online With Libraries" Video Conferencing System.

ALASKA DIGITAL LIBRARY! Have you heard of the Alaska Digital Library? There is no better deal! Go to the App Store and download the Alaska Digital Library Overdrive, also called Libby. Guess what you get? Your very own Library! All the books available from the Alaska State Library on your device. It's all free to Patrons of the Thorne Bay Library. Not a Patron? That's free too!

HELP US TO WELCOME NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR CAITLYN SAWYER!!

Caitlyn is a longtime Thorne Bay resident who has a passion for libraries and for Thorne Bay. She is always looking for ideas on new and exciting things that Thorne Bay can offer. If you have an idea, please share.

INTERNET ACCESS AT THE LIBRARY & DAVIDSON LANDING

The Library has public use computers with internet access and FREE WiFi.

We now have free WIFI available to users at Davidson Landing, South Thorne Bay. The password to access the Wi-Fi is published on the Fire Hall and in the Pavilion area.

WAY'S YOU CAN HELP THE LIBRARY

AMAZON SMILE! Did you know that the Thorne Bay Library participates in the [Amazon Smile Program](#)? Every purchase you make on Amazon qualifies for a donation to the Friends of the Thorne Bay Library. Just go to smile.amazon.com and select Friends of the Thorne Bay Library from the drop-down menu!

RECEIPTS! Your **purchases at the Thorne Bay Market** can also go toward a donation to Friends. Just put your receipt in the bin near the magazine rack and we do the rest!

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

To find out more about what we offer and all the latest news about the Library at <https://www.facebook.com/The-New-Thorne-Bay-Library-115941027784393/>

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 that 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.

Be safe and obey the speed limits!



The City Of **Thorne Bay**

120 Freeman Drive
PO Box 19110
Thorne Bay, AK 99919

Phone: 907-828-3380 Email:
cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov



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.



Thorne Bay Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report for July 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022

Income	\$ 533,685.06
Expense	\$ 480,514.22
Net Income	\$ 53,170.78