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Alley markers draw quiet ire in town

By Melinda Munson

After what Borough Manager Brad Ryan described as "multiple requests to upgrade and clean up our alleyways in Skagway," the Finance Committee approved PDC Engineers' bid for \$20,900 to survey and monument the town's 20-foot alleyways.

The results surprised some residents who posted questions and concerns on the Skagway Bulletin Board Facebook Page on Sept. 8.

In certain instances, trees and shrubbery extend into the marked alleys. In other cases, more permanent structures such as a fence or even an historic building infringe on the boundaries.

The alleys run east and west behind most streets and are meant to give easy access to emergency and utility vehicles. According to Ryan, alley clearance hasn't been enforced in recent history.

"Eventually, we can't run our plows through there," he

The municipality will start taking inventory of property owners that are out of compliance with SMC 8.04.070 which states that "no owner, lessee, agent, tenant or occupant shall allow or permit any junk or debris to remain upon any yard, lot or premises controlled by him/her or on a sidewalk or public way adjacent to or adjoining the owner's property."

A plan to update the code is being developed. Ryan intends to take "a lot of direction from the assembly and Public Works."

Ryan acknowledged that the alleyway cleanup will be

the long winter months..." in



Year-round SNOW grant program fails after debate

By Melinda Munson

In a meeting punctuated with passionate debate, the Borough Assembly voted four to two against Skagway Normal Operations for Wintertime (SNOW) on Sept. 17. The stymied grant program would have awarded \$300,000 to year-round businesses.

With individual CARES payments set to end in December, many staple businesses who operate during the winter weren't sure they could afford to stay open year-round after this summer's dismal tourist season.

The Finance Committee crafted SNOW, 20-39R, "in hopes of keeping them (Skagway residents) both mentally and physically healthy during fects of COVID-19.

Tier one businesses, which include food service and grocery establishments, would have each received a maximum of \$25,000.

Tier two businesses, which include retail, fuel, salons and bars, could have qualified for \$6,500 per business.

Assemblymember Dustin Stone proposed an amendment mandating that businesses who accept money from SNOW require all employees to wear cloth face coverings while indoors and outside when social distancing isn't possible. The amendment passed unanimously.

In a letter to the assembly dated Sept. 14, The Skagway News asked to be included in tier two funding, even though

response to the financial ef- they don't have a traditional storefront.

> "During March's shelter-inplace order, we were deemed essential. We believe we continue to be essential. The newspaper has served the Skagway community yearround for over 40 years. Continuing that tradition will contribute to the grant program's goals: mental and physical health," the letter stated.

> Assemblymember Orion Hanson moved to include "newspaper" in tier two. Hanson, Dan Henry and Stone voted in favor of the amendment. Jay Burnham, Steve Burnham and Dave Brena

> Mayor Cremtata broke the tie with an affirmative vote, describing newspapers as "an extremely unique category"

and a "necessary year-round business."

Brena disagreed with the amendment.

"I'm not sure where we're going here, putting in a single business that doesn't have a storefront and now it seems, excluding other businesses in the community that do have storefronts but that weren't specifically mentioned," Brena said.

Based on Brena's comments, Henry moved to reconsider the amendment.

"I guess I would argue that the entire thing is exclusionary to begin with because it has to be ... I think there are a lot of businesses at this table that are excluded but I will argue that a newspaper is a really essential part of society,"

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Editors' Column



By Melinda Munson

When he left, our maroon Highlander was whole. True, there were minor scratches and a place where our 8-yearold gnaws on the door handle when he's frustrated. (This is why we don't have a dog.) But all the windows and working pieces were intact. It was a respectable family car, a sensible SUV prepared for the upcoming Alaska winter.

When my husband, Paul, returned, there was no back windshield. I didn't take it well. I like to think that in a different week, I would have

I have some explaining to do . . . responded with more reason

and empathy. We all make mistakes, right?

This was not a good week. I was on deadline for the paper. I had just started teaching high school Zoom classes and I was on day three of a migraine accompanied by constant nausea. Plus, I have seven kids.

"What do you mean you backed into a trailer when you answered your cell phone? Why did you pick up?" I demanded.

"If you don't want me to pick up the phone, then don't call me," he countered. He might have been joking. I lost

"That's a mistake we would have made in our 20s, not our 40s," I hissed.

My neighbor walked by. He looked at me like he was glad we weren't married. He had a

Later, I calmed down and become

called from the office to apologize. What really upset me was the thought of another task to complete. The Yukon border remains closed so there'd be no 2.5 hour jaunt up the pass to have the vehicle repaired in Whitehorse. We could put the Toyota on the ferry but that would mean we'd be short one adult for several days and Juneau COVID cases are escalating. Nothing in Skagway is easy. We knew that when we moved here.

When I returned home that night, Paul greeted me at the bedroom door.

"Lucy, you've got some explaining to do," he said in a Ricky Ricardo voice. I was confused.

"I told you I'd be late."

"Why do you have three pendants," he asked, gesturing to the closet.

Oh shoot. Lately, I've enamored

necklaces from The Local Jeweler. I've never been a jewelry person but those elegant semi-precious stones look good on my neck and we promise to support local businesses each time we sign the monthly CARES applica-

I told Paul about the first purchases but hadn't had a chance to disclose the third, although I'd worn it several

"Um...You're right. That's a mistake I would have made in my 20s, not my 40s," I said.

After his promise to put away the phone while driving and my assurance that I'd stay away from the yellow jewelry shop, we're back on track. But I still haven't figured out how to fix the window.

Fuel stations, hair salons, newspapers create dissent

from front page

Stone said.

Hanson stated that fuel stations and salons have an "arguable storefront."

"Generally, we were trying to keep the downtown open," said Steve Burnham, finance chair. He explained the resolution included fuel stations out of necessity and salons to keep a "semblance of normalcy."

He pointed out the municipality has another grant program, open to all Skagway businesses. Burnham reiterated that the newspaper lacks a storefront and therefore did not qualify for SNOW.

"I think there's something inherently wrong with this program if we say that bars are more deserving of money than the newspaper," Stone said.

In an amendment to the amendment, Hanson moved

should not exceed 250 words.

to the eligibility paragraph that exempts fuel suppliers from maintaining a storefront. Hanson, Henry and Stone voted yes while Brena, Jay Burnham and Steve Burnham voted no. The mayor added a fourth yes vote, passing the amended amendment.

"This program is becoming more convoluted and exclusionary ... I do not like the direction this program is going," Brena said before the final vote.

Ultimately, Brena, Henry, Jay Burnham and Steve Burnham voted against the grant proposal while Hanson and Stone voted for 20-39R.

At the close of the meeting, Cremata recommended the Finance Committee break the proposal into three grants, suggesting the first two grants could pass quickly.

Grant one would include to add newspapers and salons food service and groceries,

grant two would cover retail and bars and grant three could include fuel stations, newspapers and salons.

The next Finance Meeting is Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. followed by the Borough Assembly on Oct.1, also at 7 p.m.



Flags mark an alley off of Main Street.

Photo by Melinda Muns

Utility vehicles need more room in alleys

from front page

hard for residents who might days to rectify the problem not have known they were in before a civil fine was issued.

"We're going to try to work with them," Ryan said. He suggested that for moveable items such as cars or debris, Skagwegians could have 30

Bigger, permanent structures would have a different process, yet to be determined.

"At some point we're going to have hard rules," Ryan said.

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Mayor suggests 7-day quarantine if Juneau cases spike

By Melinda Munson

Mayor Andrew Cremata expressed concern at Juneau's predicted increase of COVID-19 cases during his report to the Borough Assembly on Sept. 17.

"We should closely monitor Juneau cases. If the suspected surge in positive cases comes to fruition, we should consider a seven-day mandatory quarantine for anyone coming to Skagway from out of town at our next meeting," Cremata said.

Juneau is waiting for the results of around 700 COVID tests which were administered last week. After several COVID-19 cases were linked to drinking establishments, the city counseled anyone who visited a bar between Aug. 24 and Sept. 7 to undergo testing, even if they were asymptomatic.

The capital city is now at Level 3 High, a designation which bans indoor service at bars and limits restaurants to half capacity and requires reservations.

"Our hope is that by going to Level 3 and having bars close and having this large scale testing effort, we'll turn the corner here and be able to



go in the opposite direction," **Emergency Planning Section** Chief Robert Barr told the Juneau Empire.

On March 24, Skagway mandated a 14-day quarantine for anyone entering town. The quarantine was lifted June 4.

Currently, there are no screening requirements for interstate travellers although masks are required in all structures owned by the municipality when six feet of social distancing is not possible.

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Small businesses will wait longer for muni grant

By Melinda Munson

According to Kaitlyn Jared, executive director of Skagway Development Corp. (SDC), 211 businesses applied for the Small Business Emergency Grant Program, which closed for applications Sept. 11.

The program, approved by the Borough Assembly on Aug. 6, will divide \$950,000 between qualified businesses.

SDC, which administers the program, reviewed the applications and sent their recommendation report to the Municipality of Skagway (MOS) on Sept. 18.

"The MOS will review the recommendations and send out approval and denial emails or letters to applicants. Be sure to check your email regularly," Jared said.

Businesses which are approved for the grant "must provide a completed W-9 and a signed grant agreement to SDC," Jared said.

Applicants who are denied can submit a written request to appeal by 5 p.m. on the 10th calendar day after receiving notice of denial. All appeals should be directed to Borough Manager Brad Ryan.

The per business grant

amount cannot be determined until all of the appeal requests have been processed.

Businesses who plan on accepting money from the SNOW program, which did not pass the Assembly on Sept. 17, might not be eligible for both programs.

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"I'd love to think before mid-October," said Ryan when asked when businesses could expect funding from the first municipality business grant. As of Wednesday, Ryan had not received any appeals.

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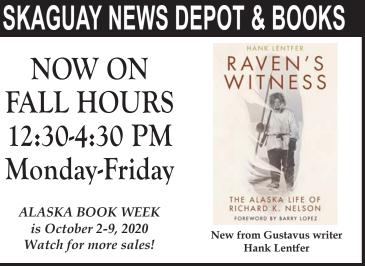
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Tell us about yourself. Why did you decide to run for office?

Hello, my name is Kilipaki Harris, Kili for short. I retired from the Air Force (Alaska National Guard) with 22 years of service in February of this year and have been in federal service for over 12 years now. I have been in beautiful Skagway since March of 2019 and my family was able to move up here in October of 2019.

The reason I decided to run for office is because I have a strong vested interest in the decisions that could affect my girls as they learn and grow into adulthood. Both of my girls attend the school and are loving it. It is my hope and desire to help make a difference and watch the success of our children as they grow up and get an education. Skagway School is listed as the number one school in Alaska and I want to help with maintaining that fact. I take great pride in knowing that I can be of service and help in tough situations that may come up and assist in making tough decisions that will directly affect our children, the teachers and our community.

What can you contribute as a school board member?

School Board

I feel that with my experience in the military and the federal government sector I can bring new ideas and new ways of dealing with the issues that the school may face. I am able to help set goals and a vision for how the school is anticipated to operate with the other board members. Being able to help with decisions and allow all involved to understand why the decision was made. I also bring with me different communication styles, this way everyone's voice can be heard and taken into consideration.

Being in the military, and growing up in a military household, I have a strong sense of duty, honor and integrity instilled upon me and I think that will be very beneficial on the school board as a member. This has allowed me to speak freely, when the time is right, and to be able to voice my opinion and opinions of others that have input.

Working for the Department of the Army, I was the training coordinator for our police and guard force. This has allowed me to get into the educational side of learning to understand and see how the best way to achieve education goals are set and applied. With this experience and knowledge, I will be able to apply it to the goals that the board would like to set, the vision of what the school would like to achieve and to assist in the communication and ideas of all the members involved.

Should the school board or the superintendent make final decisions regarding student travel during the pandemic. Explain your position.

I feel that the school board should be able to make this decision for our children with input and guidance from parents, children and our community.

The school board is able to communicate with parents, with the students, and gather information of how they feel about travel during pandemics and the risks that they see. It is on the board members to do what is right by the people and what is in

the best judgment for our students, teachers and our community. All board members should have a vested interest in the school and how it operates, how it handles these types of items. (I know I do by having my children in school.) It is the responsibile to be builty of the school board to bring this information, the concerns and any and all reasoning into account pring prior to making decisions that will affect our chil-

It is also the school board who has the responsibility to review the superintendent and also appoints them. The board is the authority in order for decisions that will have the largest impact on our children, the teachers and our community.

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What do you see as the biggest challenges for the school over the next five years?

The first big challenge for the school board this year is going to be dealing with COVID-19 and the repercussions that it has caused. To be able to find in the budget the new added equipment needs, locating other funding sources such as grants and to continue to operate in an unknown type of situation. Once this is handled and working efficiently, then it will be maintaining this with the years to come. Within the next five years, I think we are going to see a lot more distant learning capabilities needing to be implemented. So, in order to stay above the curve, it will take a lot of planning and communication of the needs versus the wants and what will be ultimately best for our children.

This is going to take a lot of communication and hard decision making for the next several years on how our school is going to operate, how we are able to maintain that operation and to provide for the future of our children. It will not be easy, but like I said before, Skagway is the number one rated school for a reason and I fully believe that is because we have a strong, active community to help.

Jason Verhaeghe School Board

Tell us about yourself. Why did you decide to run for office?

I came to Skagway for the first time as a seasonal excursion guide in the summer of 2007. At the time, I thought I was only here for a three month adventure, but I kept returning summer after summer because of this place's beauty and its amazing community. In 2013, my partner, Adriane, and I made Skagway our year-round home. We are raising two children here; Finnley (age 7) and Avelyn (age 5). We have been endlessly impressed by the school, the staff and educators that make it so fun, welcoming and educational. I hope to have the opportunity to help foster this inclusive atmosphere as a new member of the school board.

What can you contribute as a school board member?

I have worked as an educator for most of my adult life. I have been a preschool teacher, developed summer programs for a recreation center and provided educational programming to our local youth for many years as the education specialist for the National Park Service. I have a deep appreciation and respect for the needs of both our faculty and our students. Additionally, this experience in early education, as well as having two daughters in

the elementary school, ensures that a wider array of our community is represented on the board.

Should the school board or the superintendent make final decisions regarding student travel during the pandemic. Explain your position.

First and foremost, all decisions should be collaborative. The superintendent makes well-informed recommendations based on their expertise as an educator and their unique Skagway experience. It should be rare that the board does not adopt these recommendations. If the board has serious and grievous reservations, then an open, collaborative discussion should bring both the board and the superintendent to an amendable compromise. In the extremely rare case in which the positions are so opposed that a compromise cannot be reached, then as the representatives of the Skagway community, it is the board's responsibility to make the final decision.

What do you see as the biggest challenges for the school over the next five years?

I believe we are likely currently facing our greatest challenge. Mitigating the risks of COVID-19 should be (and currently is) the board's top priority. Unfortunately, there is no end to this pandemic in sight; we may be dealing with this throughout the



school year and we should absolutely be preparing for the possibility that it is still affecting us next year. With one positive case, Skagway could enter a shelter-in-place order over night, forcing the school to close for an unknown amount of time. Being prepared for this potential outcome by supporting teachers who will be implementing distance learning, providing students with the necessary equipment to learn from home and coordinating with the municipality to provide internet access in the home of every student should just be the start of these efforts.

Denise Sager

Tell us about yourself. Why did you decide to run for office?

I came to Skagway in the pursuit of change and adventure. After graduating from Penn State University in 1994 with a bachelor's of science degree in nutrition, I worked almost two years at a microbiology lab testing food for microorganisms in Philadelphia. My first summer in Skagway was 1996. My first job was at the Westmark Hotel as a breakfast cook and I worked a second job at Northern Lights Pizzeria. Since that time I have worked at The Bonanza Bar & Grill, the Skagway Street Car Company, the Corner Cafe, Hamilton Construction for ten years, was the director and bookkeeper for Little Dippers Learning Center for four years, and this summer marked my sixth year at M&M Tour Brokerage. I have lived here year round since 1998. My husband and I have owned our home since 2004. I am the mother of two children who attend the school.

I chose to run this year because I have served on the board for the past three years and have enjoyed working with my fellow board members, Dr. Coughran, teachers, students and the community, in making decisions and changes to better our school. I truly enjoy hearing other's opinions because there are so many perspectives when it comes to the school. Being a part of something so important is very fulfilling. It is gratifying to see the decisions that have been made be put into action. I am looking forward to learning more if I am elected into office.

What can you contribute as a school board member?

My most important contribution is my experience serving as a board member for the past three years. It takes time to understand the process not only at the table during board meetings but on a committee level and a community level. I have served on three of the four committees and been the chair of



policy and public relations committees. Another contribution is my knowledge of the history at the school as a mom. I have seen four different superintendents since my children have been attending. My children are 14 and 16 so I have had the pleasure of getting to know almost every teacher at the school throughout the years. I also know many of the children at the school by either teaching them at Little Dippers, chaperoning out of town trips or because I have been a part of watching them grow up with my own children. I am also the student advisor of the Class of 2022 and I ran the intramural basketball program for three years. All of these experiences have caused me to better understand the inner workings of the school.

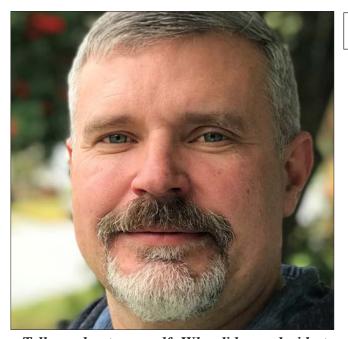
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The board voted on and passed the Smart Start To School Plan which gives Dr. Coughran the protocols for making decisions during the pandemic. He has the authority to make final decisions based on this plan, including student travel. However, the relationship between the school board and Coughran is healthy and he did consult the board recently in regards to safer travel. Coughran, along with the athletic directors (ADs) in Skagway and in other Southeast communities are talking often and consulting with the Alaska School Activities Association to do their best for our children in regards to extra curricular activities. It is an ongoing conversation. For now, Coughran, the ADs and the board support the new proposal to move the basketball season to March in hopes that it will be safer to travel at that time. We will need to hear back from the Alaska School Board before we can make the season change official. Debate Drama and Forensics is a bit more flexible in that competition can be achieved virtually. In addition, the school board also passed a new policy that requires a student to



be tested and remain home for seven days or quarantine for 14 days upon return when traveling.

What do you see as the biggest challenges for the school over the next five years? The biggest challenges for the next five years will be dealing with the effects of Covid-19. We get funding from the federal government, the state and the Municipality of Skagway. All of these entities will have less to give. The state gives our school funds based on student count, so if student count decreases, so does our funding. This will put the burden on the municipality. When my daughter was in kindergarten, student count was in the seventies. At that time, funding was at a minimum and the school had to let teachers go. As a result, more families left town. If we don't get the funding we need, we may be unable to maintain current staff levels. The number one reason for student success is teacher retention. We are currently the number one school in Alaska. It is important to maintain if not improve this level of quality education so we keep families in Skagway and perhaps draw more families to move to Skagway.



Tell us about yourself. Why did you decide to run for office?

I ran this year because I have a desire to serve my community and because Skagway has a very demanding three years ahead. In the immediate future we must manage the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and continue preparations for the soon to expire port lease. We must also continue to fund our school, upgrade our infrastructure, service our growing elderly population, mitigate our housing shortage and continue to develop the many other items that ensure the physical, financial and

Assembly

social well-being of our citizens.

In an effort to address these issues, I bring my 22 years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard where I managed hundreds of search and rescue cases, supervised port and vessel safety, oversaw port security operations, conducted foreign vessel screenings and supervised numerous marine pollution response operations. I will also bring the knowledge I have gained locally while serving on the Skagway School Board, Skagway Clinic Board and as vice chair of the Port Commission.

I have two school-aged children, elderly family members and two year-round businesses, all in Skagway. I have also earned my bachelor's degree in emergency and disaster management with a focus on homeland security. I believe that my knowledge and experience can be an asset to the assembly and the community.

How should the municipality continue to support year-round residents of Skagway through the winter?

Supporting citizens through the winter is especially important this year. Some ideas to consider are; heating grants, internet grants, continued financial stimulus, property tax extensions, sales tax reduction, reduction or elimination of municipality

Sam Bass

service fees; including water/sewage/garbage, etc.

We must also consider the physical, psychological and social health of our citizens. We can support those things by making personal protective equipment available, creating a "well-being" sign-up sheet and conducting scheduled checkups on people that request it, supporting our local food bank and other social resources, supporting safe group meetings and waiving fees for social events, offering direct support for medical needs and medicine, encouraging the use of electronic meetings, etc.

However, all efforts should be balanced against maintaining the financial well-being of the municipality while also considering the exceptional difficulty citizens will encounter this year due to the unprecedented effects of COVID.

How will you maintain a working relationship with White Pass while transitioning to municipality port management in 2023? A strong working relationship with our primary port partner is very important; we must work together to ensure that a smooth transition can occur so that the port can operate as efficiently as possible, especially during the transition and retrofitting of the piers and uplands. To ensure this we need to establish a working group consisting of all our port partners.

Sam Bass continued

The creation and use of this group will ensure that the municipality and our port partners have a forum for collaboration, cooperation and idea exchange.

A smooth and amicable transition period followed by a development period anchored on mutual support will result in a stronger, more stable and more successful Skagway Port, which will benefit everyone.

How should Skagway approach the 2021 sum-

mer season in regards to COVID-19 and protecting both the economy and residents?

Skagway absolutely needs the ships to return but we must also ensure that the safety of our citizens can be maintained. Hopefully, there will be a vaccine or other mitigation tool in place by next cruise season, but we must build our plan assuming it will not. The best way forward is for us to closely monitor the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) for the cruise industry and make sure that those guidelines are also applicable to Skagway and our unique situation. (Ten thousand visitors in Skagway have a much bigger impact than 10,0000 visitors in Seattle or even Juneau.) If we feel that the CDC guidelines are not adequate for Skagway then we can look at what added measures may be required to safely allow visitors safely into town.



Tell us about yourself. Why did you decide to run for office?

I have been a year-round resident in Skagway since 2005; my first year here was in 1996. I was a seasonal resident as I finished my degree in early childhood education and lived year-round in Haines before settling down in Skagway. I worked for Chilkat Guides from 1996-2006 and my job title when I departed the company was Skagway operations manager. I worked for White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad from 2007-2018. My title when I departed was shore excursions relations and sales. I was also part owner/operator of Sugar Mamas from 2008-2016. And in 2012, I bought my home here in Skagway. That year I also had my son, Emmett. He is 7 years old, the light of my life, and is enrolled as a 2nd grader in our Skagway School. Currently, I am furloughed as the marketing/tour director for Skagway Brewing Company.

I decided to run for a few reasons:

- 1) Our assembly needs some diversity. We need a female voice.
- 2) Our children/families with young children need to be represented as well. After listening to several assembly meetings this past year, it was very apparent that both of these important demographics are not being represented.
- 3) Our community will be faced with some very important decisions in the next few years. I'm a "big picture" thinker and problem solver coming

Assembly

Rebecca Hylton

from a place of wanting to keep Skagway my home and do right by all of our citizens, not just one sector.

How should the municipality continue to support year-round residents of Skagway through the winter?

The SNOW grant failed to move forward after it was presented to the assembly on Sept. 17. This grant was specifically brought to the table to support our year-round businesses and in turn, our residents. Helping our year-round business keep their doors open is vital to the health and well-being of our community on so many levels. If this program, or something similar, does not make its way into fruition, then I will take it upon myself to make sure something comparable is brought to the table.

The CARES funding has been handled wonderfully on the municipal level. If more federal dollars come to us in this form, or if we have other similar resources available, I would like to see it distributed on more of a need-basis. Have we all been negatively affected by COVID? Yes, we have. However, are we all concerned about how we will heat our homes, pay our mortgage, lose our business or even feed our families? No, we are not. Direct assistance with paying mortgages/rent, electric bills, internet services, fuel, and food, have already been implemented in other Southeast communities. I would like to see Skagway do something similar if there are funds available.

How will you maintain a working relationship with White Pass while transitioning to municipality port management in 2023?

The Port Commission was recently dissolved when changes to Title 12 were approved. The new Port and Harbor Board, along with a manager specifically hired to take on this endeavor, will be taking the reigns as we take back control over our port. I'm excited to see movement on this very important issue.

I worked for White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad for 12 years and overall had a wonderful experience. They are the best of the best when it comes to daily operations. The employees are really what makes the railroad one of the most successful op-

erations in North America. These employees are our neighbors, our friends, and Skagway would not be Skagway without them. But it's no secret that tension exists in our community. How we move forward though this will be challenging, we are all adults and professionals, and we should act accordingly, working together on the transition to make Skagway as successful as possible.

How should Skagway approach the 2021 summer season in regards to COVID-19 and protecting both the economy and residents?

It is imperative that we are proactive and not reactive. The municipality is already working with other Southeast Alaskan communities on how, as a whole, we can keep our community members safe. Best practice standards by local businesses will be implemented, but we also have to be hyper aware about how our community differs from Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka. We have no hospital and if a cruise ship guest tests positive for COVID, we need to make sure that they disembark in another port. We must also communicate to all community members the current health status of the passengers and crew. When ships have cases of the norovirus, tour operators with contracts onboard are notified and respond appropriately to the situation. They enact protocols such as properly sanitizing between use and forbid guests from different ships to be placed on the same tour to minimize mingling. These types of protocols should be standard practice as applicable to this coming 2021 season, but there also needs to be transparency regarding health issues.

In addition, Skagway Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is working toward rebuilding their website and rebranding. To put it bluntly, we've been on easy street in regard to our economy and tourism specifically. It's time we support and follow the lead of the CVB and make sure they get the resources they need to help us through these uncharted times. Having a better presence on the web, as well as going touchless with as many things as we can are great examples of how we will move forward and help both our economy and our safety.

Early and Absentee Voting

Qualified voters for the Oct. 6, 2020 Regular Municipal Election are able to vote early/absentee in-person in the assembly chambers beginning Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, and ending Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. In order to allow sufficient time for mailing, absentee ballots by mail should be requested by Friday, Sept. 25, 2020.

Absentee by-mail ballot request applications are available on the municipal election page at https://www.skagway.org/clerksoffice/page/election-information.

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Tell us about yourself. Why did you decide to run for office?

I came to Skagway as a seasonal worker in 1999 and have been a year-round resident since 2001. I own and operate three year-round businesses: Station Bar & Grill (2002), Morning Wood Hotel (2006) and Happy Endings Saloon (2016). I sit and have sat on many municipal boards: Skagway Convention & Visitors Bureau (2010 to present, chair: 2014 to present); Skagway Child Care Council (2008 – 2014); Planning and Zoning (2013); Skagway Recreation Board (2013- 2017); president of Skagway Booster Club (2015-present). I believe my greatest quality is knowing I do not always have the correct solution or answer to every problem or question; however, I will research, seek out experts, and ask many questions until I find the right answers. I am open minded and I am never afraid to change my opinions as new information is received or situations change.

I am running for assembly because I have passion, love and drive to do what is best for Skagway! The enormous decisions facing Skagway's assembly will have considerable impact on this community. I have a vested interest in the future of this community and our children's future.

It is important to me that the year-round, small businesses of Skagway have a larger voice at the ta-

Assembly

ble. Furthermore, I want our assembly to represent more families with children in the Skagway school system. Our school and our community go hand in hand. When our school is successful, it drives more families to Skagway and it keeps families in Skagway, thus enlarging our community.

How should the municipality continue to support year-round residents of Skagway through the winter?

First, I want to say that the municipality and assembly handled the CARES Act funding in a remarkable way. No other community that I am aware of looked after their residents the way Skagway did. By giving a portion of this money directly to its residents, Skagway ensured that families could pay their mortgages/rent, utilities and groceries. Money was spent locally which helped small businesses keep their doors open. The reality though, is that we will end up without a cruise ship or significant visitor traffic for 19 months and the CARES Act Funding will only stretch so far. I would like the municipality to continue to offer support to year-round Skagway residents after the CARES Act money stops being distributed by offering a tax holiday for the first quarter of 2021. In addition, I think the municipality should consider discounting the current rate for all city utilities and the incinerator for the first quarter of 2021.

How will you maintain a working relationship with White Pass while transitioning to municipality port management in 2023?

First, I believe it is important and relevant for all of us in this community to acknowledge how much White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad has done, and continues to do for our community, year after year. They have contributed to our community with jobs, sales tax and property tax. They have given to our charities and our graduating seniors and have delivered a visitor experience that contributes to Skagway's success as a world class travel destination. Having said that though, I believe as corporate citizens of Skagway and stewards of our community, the Municipality of Skagway must hold them to the

Beth Smith

highest standard and push for our port remediation and clean up immediately. The time is now to clean up our port and prepare for our future. If I am elected to assembly, I will push that the remediation between the Municipality of Skagway and White Pass start back up immediately. I would urge the assembly to come back to the table with an open mind and listen to the latest proposal White Pass may have regarding a possible partnership or any short or long-term investment possibilities. If it turns out that the assembly does not feel like White Pass is a good fit for either of these possibilities, at least it will provide closure for White Pass and allow them to plan accordingly for their future. I would strongly advocate and encourage continuous communication between the municipality and White Pass.

How should Skagway approach the 2021 summer season in regards to COVID-19 and protecting both the economy and residents?

As my mother would say...very carefully! And by that, I mean there needs to be a balance between the two. We need a mitigation plan that will keep our residents safe (physically and mentally), while still allowing our businesses to operate and contribute to our very delicate economy. I understand Skagway is currently working with other ports to develop such protocols that take into account concerns of all the ports, resident safety, worker safety and visitor safety. Ultimately though, this must be a collaborative effort between port communities like Skagway, the cruise lines, as well as state and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. That being said, I believe Skagway needs to continue to be proactive in assessing our community's expectations as a whole, as well as ensuring these expectations are relayed to the cruise lines, independent travelers and local businesses, as well as our community members. I would like to see Skagway offer testing to every tourist coming into this town, at all four entry points (highway, airport, ferry and cruise), until a sound vaccine is made available.

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT

Two assembly seats – for three-year terms each, to expire October 2023

Two school board seats – for three-year terms each, to expire October 2023.

ELECTION HOURS

The polls will open at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 and will close at 8 p.m. on the same day.

For more information on the Oct. 6, 2020 municipal election, contact the borough clerk at <u>e.deach@skagway.org</u> or 907-983-9706, or visit the municipal election page at https://www.skagway.org/clerksoffice/page/election-information.

Assembly

This candidate did not respond to the The Skagway News Questionnaire.

Dan Henry



Tropical Island Dressing

Submitted by Jean Worley

This tangy dressing is perfect for Skagway's lettuce harvest.

Ingredients

1 cup ketchup

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1½ cup oil

½ cup sugar

2 teaspoons vinegar

1 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon pepper

4 teaspoons lemon juice

½ teaspoon soy sauce

½ teaspoon A-1 sauce

2 ½ teaspoons salt

34 teaspoon mustard

1 clove garlic, crushed

Blend all ingredients. Store in the refrigerator.

Listen and watch

2020 Skagway Candidate Forum

will stream live on The Skagway News Facebook Page and KHNS FM



MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, there will be held in the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska, a REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The following offices are on the ballot:

- Two (2) Assembly seats for three (3) year terms each;
- Two (2) School Board seats for three (3) year terms each.

ELECTION HOURS

The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the same day.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

A person may vote in a municipal election only if the person:

- is qualified to vote in state elections under AS 15.05.010;
- has been a resident of the municipality for 30 days immediately preceding the election;
- has registered before the election as required under AS 15.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.

EARLY / ABSENTEE VOTING

Voters are able to vote early / absentee as follows:

- Early in-person in the Assembly chambers from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, between Monday, September 21, 2020 and Monday, October 5, 2020.
- Absentee by-mail. Please submit an absentee ballot application to the borough clerk EARLY to allow for mailing time. The deadline to request absentee ballots by mail is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2020. Absentee ballot application forms are online at www.skagway.org/clerksoffice/page/election-information or by request.

For more information visit www.skagway.org or contact the Borough Clerk at e.deach@skagway.org or 907-983-9706.

2020

Candidate Forum

September 28

7- 8:30 p.m. Skagway City Hall

School Board Candidates







Kilipaki Harris

Denise Sager

Jason Verhaeghe

Assembly Candidates









Dan Henry

Rebecca Hylton

Beth Smith

Per Municipality of Skagway policies, all those present in the chambers will need to wear a mask. Audience members will be seated in accordance with COVID-19 rules with a total maximum of 30 people present. Please maintain social distances and utilize the hand sanitizer provided.



Hosted by KHNS FM and The Skagway News

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Obituary

Joanne (Barry) Hamme

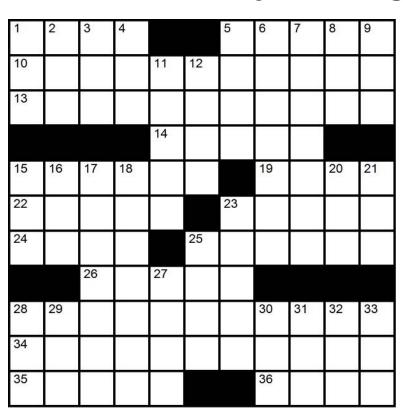
Joanne (Barry) Hamme passed away peacefully on Sept. 9, 2020 in Mount Vernon, Washington. She is preceded in death by her husband, Everett Hamme, her daughter, Kimberly, her mother and father, George and Dorothy Barry, and her brother, Don Barry. She is survived by her son, Scott Matthews (Catherine), granddaughter, Shannan, sisters, Karen Mieloszyk (Jim) and Judy Fairbanks (Leslie), and brother Kurt Barry. Joanne was born in White Horse, Yukon Territory, Canada in 1941 and grew up in Skagway, Alaska where she graduated from high school. She became an American citizen in 1965 and married Everett Hamme in 1968. She worked at the Skagway School District and the Boys and Girls Club of Juneau before retiring. She and Everett retired to Washington in 1989. She will be deeply missed.



Please visit <u>www.hawthornefh.com</u> to share your thoughts and memories and sign the online guest register.

Arrangements are under the care of Hawthorne Funeral Home, Mount Vernon, Washington.

Family Fun Page - print and share



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News Classified Ads cost 40 cents per word, \$4 minimum. Ads must be pre-paid unless advertiser has a business account with the newspaper. Skagway residents may drop off ad and payment at the News Depot. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Out-of-town ads must be pre-paid with a credit card and should be phoned in to 907-983-2354. All ads appear in our on-line edition for a minimum of two weeks. Next deadline: Sunday, July 26, 2020

FREE PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS up to 25 words! CALL (907)983-2354 (restrictions apply)

JOBS-OPPORTUNITIES

CAREGIVER NEEDED - 5 Days / Week - 5 Hours/ Day - Salary \$20 per Hour. For more details about the position, email Mr. Patrick (patdolan18@gmail.com)

HOUSING-PROPERTY

HOME FOR SALE: 470 1st Ave 3BD/2BA home 1701 sq ft, with nice fenced yard, well maintained with many updates! Call Mandy Reigle, Latitude 58 Real Estate Group, 907-465-7555

FOR SALE: Three parcels of land. First time on the market. One 40 ac. parcel on AB Mountain (the Skyline Trail goes through the NW corner), One 83.4 ac. parcel in Dyea along the Chilkoot Trail in the vicinity of the old Hosford sawmill, and one 2.18 ac. parcel below the incinerator near the Skagway River. Call for further details, ARA, David Brena, 907-983-2700. (11cb)

Year Round Apartment For Rent: 2 bed/2 bath, newer construction, fully furnished, deck, heated garage, energy efficient. No no smoking. \$1,900/ month + electric. Contact info@ skagwaybrewing.com

SALE: Duplex, three bedrooms and two baths on each side. Constructed 2019. Fridge, range, washer/dryer included, partially furnished. Call 907-723-2931.

SALE: Gold BUSINESS FOR Digger Mine and Dine For more information see https://www. skagway.forsale/

DOWNTOWN SKAGWAY SPACE available for lease: 1200SF retail space next to Eagles Hall. Great location in the heart of Skagway's Historic District between 5th and 6th Ave. on Broadway. This is for the south retail in the Kelly Block Building. Contact jimpjewell@ gmail.com or text Jim at 907-612-0114.(1cb)

RETAIL SPACE ON BROADWAY for lease. See info at: www. skagwayrealestate.net. (1cb)

MARKETPLACE

VALLEY NEWS CHILKAT WHITEHORSE STAR available at Skaguay News Depot & Books. (1cp)

PERSONALS-MISC. SERVICES

FOOD BANK DONATIONS WELCOME. Donations may be sent to the Food Bank, PO Box 200, Skagway, AK 99840. The local Food Bank helps those in need with groceries. If you need assistance, or know anyone who needs assistance, at any time of year, call any pastor or 907-612-0313. (1cp)

LEGAL AD

Intent to use USDA Forest Service. Secure Rural Schools Title III Funding:

As required by the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act) reauthorization, P.L. 115-141, signed into law on March 23, 2018, and following the initiation of Title III funds for this use by the Borough Assembly on September 17th, 2020, the following is the public announcement of the Municipality of Skagway's intent to use Title III funds: The municipality is proposing to use Title III funds to Purchase a Polaris Utility Emergency Response Vehicle with tracks and a transportation The Emergency Rapid Response Vehicle is a Polaris with tracks allowing Emergency Response personnel to navigate both common and less commonly used terrain in a safer manner for patient rescues. In addition, this vehicle would allow access to areas that we currently cannot get to, aiding in wildland fire suppression and in some cases, residential structure protection. With the tracks specified, this Emergency Response Vehicle can be utilized year round. This advertisement will be published for the required 45-day period. Please contact the Borough Treasurer with comments at 907-983-2297 or h.rodig@skagway.org.



~ All units fully furnished ~ NO PETS, No Smoking ~ Lease now through March 31, 2021

Studio Apt: \$500/Month + Electric

2 Bedroom/2 Bath: \$1000/Month + Electric

4 Bedroom/4 Bath: \$1200/Month + Electric these units not available until Sept. 1

Contact info@skagwaybrewing.com

BROADWAY BULLETIN BOARD

Police & Fire Blotter

Submitted by Skagway Police Department

Sept. 10

Dispatch helped reunite a lost phone with its owner.

Police assisted a citizen who was locked out of their vehicle.

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Sept. 19

Police responded to a physical altercation on 6th Avenue.

Sept. 20

Police responded to a domestic dispute on Broadway Street.

SKAGWAY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Please contact each worship location for their updated **COVID-19 schedule**

Assembly of God Church

8th & State • 907-983-2350 Sun. Worship.....11 a.m. Thu. Intercessory Prayer.6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church 5th & Main • 983-2260

Sun. Morning Worship10 a.m. Sun. Sunday School.....4 p.m. Wed. Women's Prayer7 a.m. Thur. Celebrate Recovery.....6 p.m. The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saints

11th & State • 983-2518 Sun. Sacrament Meeting...10 a.m. Sun. School/Primary ...11:10 a.m. Relief Society/Priesthood...12 p.m. St. Therese Catholic Church

9th & State • 983-2271 Sun. Mass......5 p.m. Mass Mon. & Tues......12:10 p.m.

(when a priest is available) Life Link Fellowship Bible Church

11th and Main • 907-612-0121 Sat. Night Worship7 p.m. Sunday Service.....11 a.m.

RECREATION CTR SCHED

Skagway Recreation Center • 12th & Main • 983-2679 Cardio • Weight Room • Locker Rooms • Showers • Rock Wall

The Recreation Center is open by appointment beginning Sept. 20.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Municipal Elections

October 6

Library Hours:

by Appointment W, Th, F 12 - 6 p.m. Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. Call 983-2665 or email library@skagway.org

Dahl Clinic Winter Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sat. and Sun. For after-hours emergencies, please dial 911.

> **Incinerator** Hours T, Th, Sa. 1 - 3 p.m.

Skagway Museum

Closed for the season

Border stations:

7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Call each station for specifics.

Ferry Terminal Hours

M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

See www.skagway.org for borough meeting updates.

Email Updates & New Events:editor@skagwaynews.com

SKAGWAY WEATHER WATCH

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OBSERVATIONS

FOR PREVIOUS 24-HOUR PERIOD BEFORE 7 A.M. DATE MAX MIN PREC

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