

# Craig Fire and EMS News

#### COVID-19

Craig Fire and EMS continues to work under CO-VID-19 restrictions. Meaning, if there is anyone with signs and symptoms, we will appear at your residence in our gloves, mask, goggles, and a gown or jump suit. That protects us, and our patients from further transmitting the virus.

### Fire and EMS Recruitment

The Craig Fire and EMS are recruiting for new up and coming Firefighters and EMTs. Recruits must have at least an ETT certification and pass a drug and background test to be a member of the squad(s). All equipment is provided. Training happens both individually and in group settings. We will be happy to support our new members. Please join us. For more information, contact Minnie Ellison, EMS Coordinator at 907-826-4857 or 907-401-3381.

### ETT Training

ETT classes are offered at the POW Voc-Tech center in Klawock. Watch for their advertisements.

### Helmet and Ice Cream Program

The Craig Police Department and EMS are working together to monitor bike helmet usage. To encourage helmet use, any child is eligible to receive a helmet, free of cost from the Craig EMS office. Police officers will hand out ice cream coupons to children wearing helmets bicycling or skateboarding.

THE CITY OF CRAIG HAS 3 PERMANENT POSTING LOCATIONS
FOR PUBLIC NOTICES,
AGENDAS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Post Office • First Bank • City Hall
The City also posts notices on the
City of Craig Facebook page and
Website at www.craigak.com



July 1 began the city's 2022 Fiscal Year. Some noteworthy budget items for the new budget year include funding for:

- Planning and design work at the Craig cannery property;
- Planning and design work at the Craig City Cemetery and park areas;
- Purchase of dump truck and excavator:
- Replacing the water distribution system at South Cove Harbor;

- Adding cathodic protection at the industrial park dock;
- Purchase of new inflatable pool toy at the Craig Aquatic Center;
- Continued funding of three fulltime staff at Craig EMS, plus stipends for EMT volunteers to fund 24-hour EMS coverage;
- Funding for the City of Craig centennial celebration—the City of Craig turns 100 years old on March 1, 2022!

On a related note, during the past fiscal year the Craig Endowment Fund reached a market value of more than \$15 million. Proceeds from the fund finance annual debt service payments, and a number of capital project and equipment purchases each year. Annual draws from the fund are limited to four percent of the fund's five-year average value.

# Proposed Change to Monthly Utility Rates

At its July 15 meeting, the Craig city council will consider adoption of Ordinance No. 738, amending rates for water, wastewater, and solid waste collection. While monthly rates for water and solid waste collection are proposed to increase, monthly wastewater fees will decrease. The net effect of the proposed changes for the typical residence in Craig with a 1" water service using 3,000 gallons of water monthly, and with a 48-gallon garbage can/cart, will be a reduction of about \$8.00 per month. A typical Craig household consuming 6,000 gallons per month will see essentially no change to the monthly fee. Water services with consumption amounts greater than around 6,000 gallons will see higher monthly utility bills.

A copy of Ordinance No. 738 is available for download at the city's website, or by contacting the Craig City Clerk at 826-3275.

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### Craig Aquatic Center Annual Summer Closure; Now Hiring

The Craig Aquatic Center will be closed beginning Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 25 for annual summer maintenance work, and staff training. We look forward to reopening

to the public on Monday, July 26.

The pool is also hiring for lifeguard positions. Contact Jessica at 826-2794 for details.

# At Large IFA Board Seat



The mayor of each Inter-Island Ferry Authority participating municipality is empowered to nominate a constituent to the at-large seat on the IFA board of directors. The IFA recently asked mayors to put forth nominations to fill the at-large seat. To that end, Mayor O'Connor asks that any qualified voter residing in the City of Craig interested in the

appointment submit a letter of interest to the City of Craig at PO Box 725 Craig, AK 99921, or drop off the letter at Craig city hall. Consistent with ordinance, the IFA Board of Directors makes the appointment from among those nominated. For more information, call the city at 826-3275, email info@craigak.com, or stop by city hall.

### Head Start Moving to Craig Schools Modular

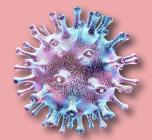
modular building near the program. The close prox- well suited for Head Start. Elementary School. The

Beginning this fall Craig Craig City School District imity of the modular to the

Head Start will operate and Head Start worked Craig Elementary School from a new location. The together to find a suitable kitchen and playground program is moving to a location and facility for the makes the classroom space

### Craig Child Care Center Hiring

The Craig Child Care Center is now hiring! Contact the center at 826-3228 for details.



## **COVID-19 Protocols**

The Craig City Council recently directed staff to implement guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as to management of city facilities. To that end, members of the public who are fully vaccinated may enter city buildings without face coverings and need not observe the six-foot social distancing guidance. Members of the public who are not fully vaccinated are

advised to wear a face covering and maintain six feet of social distancing from others. Some facilities will keep a record of public use to assist the Alaska Public Health Nurse office with contact tracing. When presented with a sign in sheet, the public is asked to print one's name clearly to permit public health officials to readily identify individuals in the event of documented transmission of the CO-VID-19 virus at a city building.



#### **CITY OF CRAIG** NOTICE OF OPEN SEATS AT THE **CRAIG MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER 5, 2021**

#### **MAYOR**

- 1 **SEAT** 
  - o TWO-YEAR TERM

#### CITY COUNCIL

- SEAT C: THREE-YEAR TERM
- SEAT D: THREE-YEAR TERM

#### SCHOOL BOARD

- 2 SEATS
  - o ONE-YEAR TERM
  - THREE-YEAR TERM

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE JULY 29, 2021, FILING OPENS AT 8:00 A.M. ON AUGUST 6, 2021 AT CRAIG CITY HALL DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS MON.-FRI. 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

CANDIDACY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CITY HALL NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

To run for office, you must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, have been a resident of Craig for at least 30 days and be a qualified voter registered to vote in Craig and the State of Alaska for at least 30 days prior to the election.

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