

CITY NEWSLETTER

City of Gustavus
December 4, 2025



City Council Members

Sally McLaughlin—Mayor
Lucas Beck—Vice Mayor
Renee Patrick
Justin Marchbanks
Karen Hutten
Mike Taylor
James Kearns

City Hall Staff

City Administrator—Kathy Leary
City Treasurer—Ben Sadler
City Clerk—Liesl Barker

Department Hours

City Hall—Monday -
Thursday 9am-3pm
907.697.2451

Library—
Monday 4p-7p
Tuesday- 9a-4p
Wednesday - Saturday 12p-4p
907.697.2350

DRC— *winter hours*
Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday 11a-3p
907.697.2118

Community Chest— *winter hours*
Wednesday 11a-1p
Saturday 11a-2p

GVFD—24/7 and only a phone
call away (911)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council General Meeting Monday December 8th, 2025 at 7 pm.
Meeting Packet: [MEET-Packet-2757530ea68544c78f05433c9eaa2daf.pdf](#)
Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/muxcer7y>
Zoom ID: 515 501 9406 Zoom Passcode: 1236 Zoom Tel. 253-215-8782

All are welcome to join in person at City Hall or via zoom. Agenda and packet information will be posted 5 days prior to the meeting.

Missed a meeting? View recordings of all meetings [here](#).

UPDATES

City Council will be at the GCC market on Saturday 12-06-2025

Members of the city council will be at the market if you have questions, would like to learn more about the city, or want to share your thoughts on city matters. In preparation a project summary document was created to give brief overview of all the projects that are in progress. Check it [out here](#).

Please note no official city business will be conducted at this event

Additional Information:

Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan update virtual open house on Tuesday December 16th, 2025.

10am-11:30am or 5pm to 6:30pm

For more information [click here](#)

Zoom Access Information: Get links on the project website at

www.southeastalaskatransportationplan.com

Alaska Association of Municipal Clerk's Scholarship Raffle

Please consider supporting Alaska Association of Municipal Clerk's scholarship program by purchasing raffle tickets. [Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks 2025 Conference Raffle](#) Raffle closes on Tuesday 12-09-2025 at approximately 7:30 PM

I want to send a huge **THANK YOU** to our local businesses, **Alaska Seaplanes, Glacier Bay Lodge and Tours (Aramark), and Glacier Bay Sea Kayaks** for their support and donation to the raffle. 100% of all tickets purchased go to the scholarship fund so Alaskan clerks can attend professional development trainings and conferences. It can cost over \$2,000 in travel fees for a clerk in rural Alaska to attend these events. I personally have been a recipient from this scholarship fund twice in my two years as city clerk. I know previous clerks in Gustavus have also benefitted from the support and generosity of folks, like yourselves through this fund. If you cannot purchase a ticket, please consider sharing with your family and friends. The winners do not need to be present to win. Thank you so much for your support.

~ Clerk, Liesl Barker

The large prize raffle as 5 prizes; **1st Prize:** Glacier Bay Package for 2 - Flight from Juneau, 2-Night Stay at Glacier Bay Lodge, Glacier Tour, & Kayak Rental (~\$2,150 value), **2nd Prize:** \$500 Cash, **3rd Prize:** 2-Night

Stay & guided Tour in Ketchikan, AK (~\$500 value), **4th Prize:** 2-Night Stay & Guided Tour in Kasaan, AK (\$500 value), **5th Prize:** Out Yonder Camping Co. 2-Night All-Inclusive Rental "Alpenglow Chateau Trailer" (~\$200 value)

Alaska Young Fisherman's Summit:

Registration is now open for the Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit.

AYFS delivers three days of intensive training, information and networking for commercial fishermen early in their careers, building leadership and networking capacity in the Alaska commercial fishing industry. The summit coincides with the start of the Alaska State Legislature's regular session in Juneau.

The early-bird registration fee is \$225. Active Alaska commercial fishermen receive a \$100 registration discount through support from Alaska Sea Grant and

AYFS sponsors. Registration for all attendees increases by \$50 after December 1.

Limited travel scholarships are available by application; [see the website for details](#).

Alaska Aquaculture Opportunity Atlas Rollout and Webtool Planning Workshop:

The NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional Office invites you to attend the Alaska Aquaculture Opportunity Atlas Rollout and Webtool Planning Workshop! Three identical, 1-day workshops will be hosted in Juneau, Kodiak, and Anchorage. The workshops will provide participants with the opportunity to learn more

about the Aquaculture Opportunity Area process, share the recently published NCCOS Gulf of Alaska Aquaculture

Opportunity Atlas, and offer input on developing an Alaska aquaculture mapping and permitting tool.

Workshops will take place in the following locations:

- Juneau: January 21, 2026
- Kodiak: January 23, 2026
- Anchorage: March 9, 2026

[Alaska AOA Atlas Rollout and Webtool Planning Workshop](#)

SEALT Press Release – Beach Meadows [click here](#)

Heat pump funding opportunity through Southeast Conference for more information [click here](#).

Alaska Municipal League shared a study about fishing jobs being down for the 5th year. [Click here](#) to learn more. Interested in other economic trends [look here](#). \

Volunteer Opportunities:

Emergency Response planning volunteers wanted. The City of Gustavus is hoping to find individuals with prior experience in EMS/fire/police/military, safety, logistics, communications, planning, mapping, ICS, NIMS or has a passion for emergency and disaster preparedness and response to help Gustavus become more resilient through preparedness. If you are interested in helping, please contact the City Clerk, clerk@gustavus-ak.gov. For more information [click here](#).

Looking for Public Comment

Alaska Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan 2055:

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is updating the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which will guide Alaska's transportation policies and investments through 2055. This 30-year plan will set the course for how people and goods move by road, air, water, rail, bike, and foot, and will shape future priorities across the state. The LRTP will meet all federal and state planning requirements while establishing a long-term vision for an accessible, resilient, and well-connected Alaska.

[Alaska Long Range Transportation Plan 2055 - PublicInput](#)