

## Mayor's Report August 5, 2025

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was one of the nicest ones in my memory. The weather was perfect, hundreds of people were enjoying the beach, and the bonfires were a spectacular sight. I thank everyone for their adherence to the Village fire code and their commitment to make the evening safe for everyone.

I commend the Asharoken Police Department, under the leadership of Officer in Charge Ray Mahdesian, for an amazing job on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This is an extremely challenging day for the PD. The department responded to a serious automobile accident, assisted a person with a severe laceration, responded to several complaints regarding beach fires, and, in response to a complaint, confiscated a large variety of illegal fireworks. The men on duty did a great job keeping everyone safe.

The fireworks by Grucci, unfortunately, were curtailed by a significant malfunction on the barge. One of their large shells failed on the deck and caused a number of racks holding the fireworks to tip over. This resulted in the shells going off horizontally and, in turn, damaging the ones that were to be used in the finale. Fortunately, no one was injured. I have had several conversations with Grucci, and will consider compensating the Village for the shortened performance.

The Board continued to hold negotiations with the Asharoken PBA for a new four-year contract. The two parties have made significant strides toward finalizing a new contract and plan to meet again next Monday.

The Village had multiple conversations with its seawall engineering firm GEI regarding the plans for the seawall. Substantial progress has been made and I am hopeful to have final plans in the next several months.

During the month I completed a review of the bank reconciliations for fiscal year 2024-2025 and the village completed its cyber incident response plan.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who serve on the boards and other positions for their dedication and commitment to the Village during the last year. Asharoken is a special community thanks to their efforts.

Lastly, I am pleased to report that all four Osprey nests had chicks with a total of eleven young birds. The chicks have all fledged and are honing their flying skills.