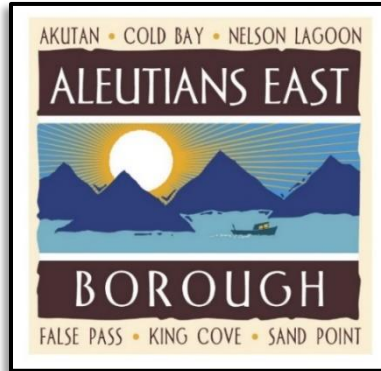


In the Loop



Tina Anderson Retires from the Borough After Serving as Clerk/Planner for Nearly Three Decades



Tina Anderson retired from the Borough after 29 years as Clerk/Planner.

Tina Anderson retired recently as Aleutians East Borough Clerk/Planner after receiving high praise from mayors, administrators, assembly members and staff. Anderson had worked for the Borough for 29 years.

“She has been here through three mayors,” said Aleutians East Borough Mayor Alvin Osterback. “The Borough has good longevity as far as employees and Assembly members, but even as changes took place, Tina had been the cornerstone.”

Anderson started out working for the Borough in the AEB’s former health department on December 1, 1991, and then was hired as the clerk/planner on September 14, 1992.

“When I took over as mayor, she had already been pretty well-seasoned in the clerk’s role,” said former Mayor Stanley Mack. “She had a tremendous amount of knowledge in the

political arena which was so helpful. I could always rely on her to keep me going in the right direction. She always handled the public very diplomatically and did a marvelous job. I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you for the service she has provided for the Borough as the clerk.”

“To me, the Clerk’s department is probably the most important department in the Borough,” Mayor Osterback said. “It’s important to have a strong clerk who has the knowledge of the day-to-day operations of the Borough so business gets conducted in a timely manner. Being able to network with everyone is also important. She has done an outstanding job.”

“Tina has left some very big shoes to fill,” said Assembly member Paul Gronholdt.

Many others echoed similar sentiments.

“I cannot reiterate enough what a pleasure it has been working with Tina,” said Borough Administrator Anne Bailey. “She played an instrumental role in the Borough’s growth, and I am sad to see her, and all her knowledge, leave. She also played a role in my personal growth, and I cannot thank her enough for that.”

“Tina has been the heart of the Borough, not just as the longest serving AEB staff member ever, but through her goodwill and kindness,” said Ernie Weiss, AEB Natural Resources Director. “I had the privilege of working with Tina Anderson for seven years as an Assembly member, and as a co-worker for eleven years. It’s been twenty-five years and counting as a friend. Thanks for your service and friendship.”

“Tina has been a wealth of information,” said Borough Communications Director Laura Tanis. “I appreciate her insight, the many newsletter story ideas as well as the contacts she provided throughout the region. I will definitely miss her.”

“I appreciate all the training and knowledge Tina provided me as I trained for Deputy Clerk,” said Glennora Dushkin, who is also the Borough’s Administrative Assistant. “I will miss her and wish her all the best.”

Former administrator Bob Juettner commended Anderson for her talents and expertise and said she always went above and beyond.



Tina Anderson combs the beach collecting seaweed. Photo courtesy: Charlotte Levy.

“The Borough never had a problem with an election, and she was always open to change,” he said. “The mail ballot idea came from her, which made it easier for people, especially in the small communities. The idea to vote by fax also came from her.”

Juettner said she also spearheaded the idea of digitizing the Borough’s records years ago.

“The trick of keeping good records was she knew how to organize and categorize all of that. I think that helped to create her living institutional memory,” he added.

Juettner said she was also enjoyable to work with because of her pleasant and upbeat attitude. He has kept in touch with her over the years.

“One of the things that always impressed me in talking to Tina was that her cheerful disposition over the phone was like a smile,” he said. “I think it was one of her great attributes. She was a pleasure to talk to and was just open and friendly.”

Tina’s adventurous spirit is also well-known.

“One of the things we had in common was we enjoyed talking about travel,” Juettner said. “She had a good story for wherever you wanted to go.”



Tina Anderson and Charlotte Levy take in the beautiful Sand Point scenery on a gorgeous spring day. Photo courtesy: Charlotte Levy.

Her love of hiking is also something many people appreciate about her.

“I will always remember the day when Tina lead a small group of us on a hike in Cold Bay,” said former administrator Sharon Boyette. “It was cold with a wet heavy snow and a bite in the wind, but off we went. We drove to the end of the road on the other side of the airport and started climbing. The day gifted us with a view of the most majestic elk posing on a rise not too far away. When we reached the top, while we all stood around in the wind and snow, I asked, where’s Tina? The true Aleutian girl was found resting comfortably on the lee side of a big sheltering rock. My wish for Tina’s retirement is lots of majestic views and sheltering rocks.”

“Tina has been more than a stellar co-worker who is exceptionally pleasant to work with,” said Charlotte Levy, AEB Natural Resources Assistant Director. “Over the years, she has become a dear friend. Every time I went to Sand Point, I looked forward to seeing her bright smile and getting hugs from her dog, Charlie. Tina has been by my side guiding me and teaching me, about everything from the history of the region to local subsistence. I have many fond memories combing the beach for seaweed and bidarkis, pickling kelp, and hiking along the bluffs. I feel truly grateful to have worked with her, and while I am sad to see her leave, I am excited for her next chapter – for those who know Tina’s curious spirit, they know she has many exciting adventures ahead!”



Tina enjoys some cake during her retirement party last month. Photo courtesy: Denise Mobeck.

In mid-October, Mayor Osterback, Assembly members Carol Foster and Denise Mobeck, Borough staff in Sand Point, AEBSD staff, as well as Anderson’s son and girlfriend, attended her retirement party.

“Tina had been there so long, I don’t even know where to start,” said Assembly member Carol Foster. “I could write a book about it. She was always willing to help, no matter what it was. She made everybody’s life as simple as possible, especially being on the Assembly.”

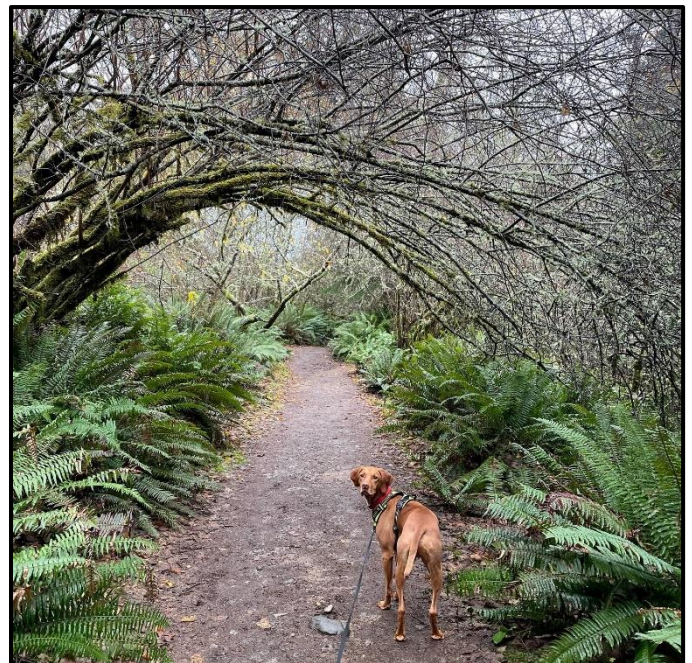
Whether it was helping with making an Assembly member’s iPad work correctly, writing a letter, notarizing a document or volunteering for an event, such as the annual Silver Salmon Derby, Anderson was always ready to lend a hand.

“Our bond, our friendship throughout the years has been unbelievable,” Assembly member Foster added. “I appreciate it and cherish it.”

Anderson’s last day on the job was October 29th. She moved to Tacoma two weeks ago to live near her mother. Before moving, Tina had mapped out several places she intended to explore.

“I’ve already figured out some kayak areas near Narrows Bridge or I might go across the bridge into the bay by Gig Harbor,” she said during a staff meeting last month. “I’m already marking trails that I want to hike. I’ve got my daily walk from my new place down to Titlow Beach, so I’ll have my daily ocean fix,” she said. It’s going to be fun.”

Photos posted on her Facebook page show she isn’t wasting any time exploring her new surroundings. She and her faithful canine companion, Charlie, are taking full advantage of the beauty surrounding them near her new home.



Charlie waits for his hiking companion, Tina Anderson, as the two explore the area in Tacoma.

“I feel healthy and good to be able to do what I love at 60,” she said.

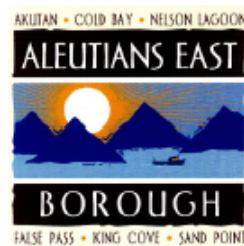
“I wish Tina all the best in her much-deserved retirement,” said Assembly Member Josephine Shangin. “I can’t wait to see pictures of her continued travels.”

“I hope your new adventures are good. You are definitely going to be missed,” said Assemblyman Chris Babcock during a recent meeting.

“Ditto, ditto, ditto on missing you,” said Assembly member Dailey Schaack. “You’ve been such a big help and a beautiful friend.”

“I’m going to miss you horribly,” said Assembly member Brenda Wilson. “Just don’t change your phone number so I can still get a hold of you once in a while. Thank you so much for all you’ve done for everybody in our region.”

“I hope her adventures in the future are everything that she wants them to be,” Assembly member Foster said. “Everybody’s going to miss her for everything.”



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Issued: Friday, November 19, 2021

Proposals Due: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

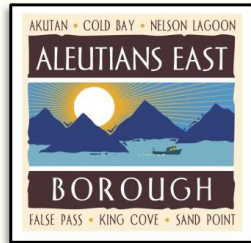
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gdushkin@aeboro.org

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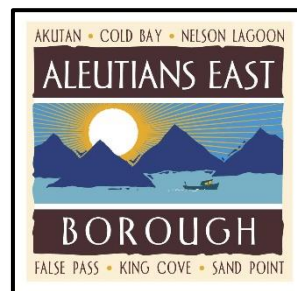
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POSITION AVAILABLE

November 1, 2021

POSITION TITLE: Borough Clerk

CLASSIFICATION: Regular, full-time, exempt position. This position is located in the Borough's Sand Point office.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Acts as the Clerk for the Aleutians East Borough which includes six (6) rural, geographically isolated communities with a combined population of approximately 3,092 people, a permanent fund and capital improvement projects.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High School diploma or equivalent. Prefer a bachelor's degree in public administration, political science or a related field. In lieu of the above, a combination of education and experience sufficient to demonstrate a mastery of the diverse duties of the position. Prefer, three years of more of municipal clerk experience, preferably with an Alaska municipality. Demonstrates proficiency with all component tasks in job description.

SALARY: Depends on qualifications and experience plus benefits.

APPLICATIONS: The job description and application are available at <https://bit.ly/3Cy3ot2>. Interested candidates should complete an Aleutians East Borough Application for Employment and submit a cover letter and resume to:

Borough Clerk Search
Aleutians East Borough
3380 C Street, Suite 205
Anchorage, AK 99503

Application packets may be hand-carried or mailed to above address, faxed to (907) 276-7569, or emailed to abailey@aeboro.org.

For questions, call (907) 274-7555.

CLOSING DATE: Monday, December 13, 2021, or until the position is filled.

Note: Incomplete application packets will be summarily rejected.

The Aleutians East Borough is an equal opportunity employer. All application materials submitted will become public information. In order to complete the application process, applicants will be required to provide written authorization (including identifying information such as social security number and date of birth) to enable the Borough to do a full background check, including but not limited to criminal history and credit history.

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