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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2021
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

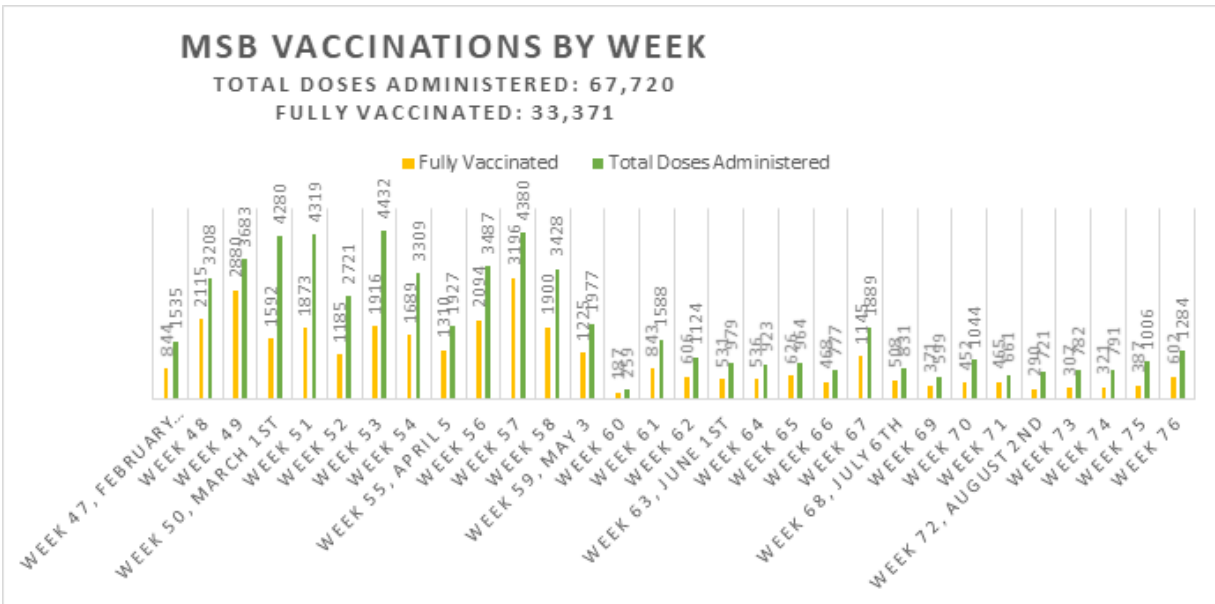
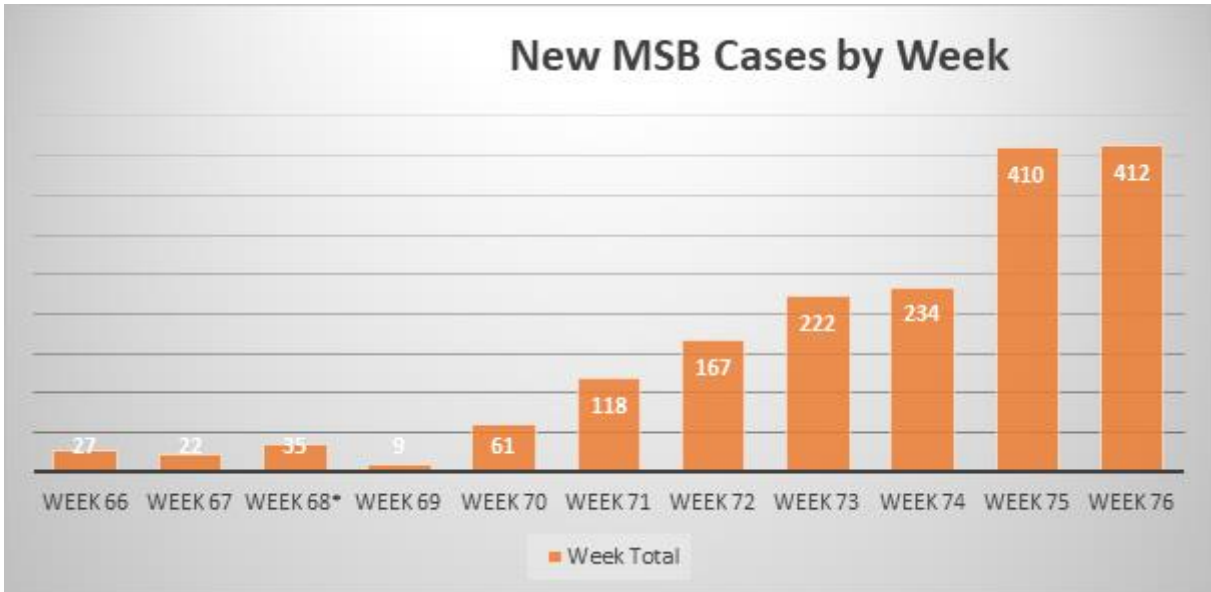
Projected Lost Revenue at Central Landfill: Borough staff have reviewed the financial impact of Resolution 21-091, (A Resolution Approving a Change to the Fiscal Year 2022 Schedule of Rates and Fees for Central Landfill and the Transfer Sites to add a special level pickup truck rate of \$10) and determined the proposed rate change would reduce Enterprise fund revenue by approx. \$1.3 million annually for municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition (C&D) waste.

The following explains how this revenue reduction was calculated: The number of vehicles charged at each rate was determined using historical data for these types of transactions. Although they vary, most pickup truck level loads of MSW and C&D weigh less than 200 lbs. and are approximately 2 cubic yards in volume. As a result, all transactions for trash and C&D material at or under 200 lbs. and at or less than 2 cubic yards were assumed to be charged under the proposed level pickup load rate. All loads above 200 lbs. or over 2 cubic yards were assumed to be more than a level pickup truck and the revenue is calculated at the Assembly approved rates of \$17 per cubic yard at transfer stations, or \$142 per ton for MSW and \$128 per ton for C&D at Central Landfill. The result of these assumptions shows a loss in revenue for small loads, now described as a level pickup load, and no reduction in revenue for larger loads.

Staff concerns with this rate are as follows: pickup trucks vary in size (smaller trucks pay same rate as larger trucks); cars are not included in the proposed rate structure; and ambiguity exists in evaluating loads slightly above level. This ambiguity may create conflict at the gates as the cost difference between a level pickup truck load (\$10) and a little over, 3 cubic yards (\$51), is \$41.

COVID-19 Update: The third dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines have been approved for moderately to severely immunocompromised people. For more details see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>.

Outside of this, there is a plan for a booster dose of mRNA vaccine being approved for eight months from the second shot. It is likely the start date will be on or about September 20.



Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Schools

- [Butte Elementary becomes first MSBSD school to close due to covid in new school year ...](#)

Assembly

- [Assembly debates school funding | Local News Stories | frontiersman.com](#)

COVID-19

- [Mat-Su Regional battles Delta variant surge | | frontiersman.com](#)
- [Mat-Su school is borough's first to shift to universal masking amid COVID-19 outbreak](#)

Economic Development

- [Arctic Winter Games names board of directors | Local News Stories | frontiersman.com](#)
- [Mentorships provide long term value for Valley students | Opinions | frontiersman.com](#)
- [State Fair Vendors say things feel almost normal despite pandemic risk](#)

State

- [Alaska's redistricting board sets Nov. 10 deadline for new legislative map - Anchorage Daily News](#)

Borough Facebook Posts

- [Trapper Creek Watering Point Ribbon Cutting](#) – 4,816 reached

Future Events:

13th Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo, Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10am to 3pm, Menard Center.