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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 24, 2022
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Tax Relief Approved by Borough Assembly: An \$11,948,300 tax relief rebate (1 mill of areawide taxes) was approved by the Assembly on August 17, 2022 for real property taxpayers.

- All real property taxpayers that were billed July 1, 2022 for tax year 2022 will receive tax relief.
- If a taxpayer did not owe taxes on July 1, 2022 due to Senior or Disabled Veteran exemptions, they will not receive tax relief.
- Tax relief will be processed and allocated to all accounts on or before November 30, 2022.
- Letters will be sent to each taxpayer notifying them of the relief amount and that it has been applied to their tax account.
- If 2022 taxes are owed, it will reduce the amount to be paid.
- If 2022 taxes have been paid in full and the amount credited is \$50 or more, a refund will be issued to the taxpayer that paid the taxes. If this is a mortgage company, payment will be made to the property owner.
- The relief will be reflected in the amount reported to mortgage companies for the 2nd half payments due in February 2023. This notification is normally sent in January.

Anchorage Tipping Floor/Facility: At a recent Assembly meeting Solid Waste staff were asked questions about the Municipality of Anchorage (Muni) transfer site facility. Borough staff contacted the Muni to learn more of their plans for a tipping facility. The Muni's current facility is very small but the Muni is in the process of building a new facility significantly larger than what we need for the Borough. Conceptually their design incorporates many of the same benefits. The benefits include safer, cleaner and better efficiencies for sorting and segregating material.

The Muni is expecting to spend \$120 million for the design and build of their new facility. They are using the facility for garbage trucks and residential services. Their flow will be similar to what we proposed for the Borough. The Borough Central Landfill anticipates the need for a much smaller facility that can be added onto as needed in the future. This can be done at a substantially lower cost now and updates will be provided to the Assembly once we initiate the design process.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Schools

- [From missed stops to missing children, Mat-Su families report busing chaos as school begins](#) - Anchorage Daily News
- [Anchorage parents scramble to arrange carpools amid school bus cancellations](#) - KTOO
- [Local law enforcement discuss active shooter plan, safety in Valley schools](#) - Frontiersman

Renewable Energy

- [Major U.S. solar company invests in Houston renewable energy project; more solar planned in Alaska](#) – Frontiersman

Parks and Recreation

- [Blocked Benka Lake Access Frustrates Locals](#) - KTNA

Future Events:

Monday, August 29, 2022 from 11:30am to 1:30pm – GPCC & GWCC Joint Chamber Luncheon at the Alaska State Fair. Pre-registration is required. To purchase tickets, go to <https://greaterpalmerchamberofcommercemarch262020.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/ep0GgxWr?sourceTypeId=Website&mode=Attendee>

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 4pm – Groundbreaking & Blessing of the Land for 7th Summit Shooting Park & Outdoor Experiences, the 200-acre youth clay target training facility.

Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 10:00am to 3:00pm – 14th Annual Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo, Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center.