



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 2022  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**September Preview:** In September, the Assembly will be considering legislation that will amend the project scope for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in accordance with what was recently discussed at the Landfill special meeting. Additionally, legislation to appropriate recent State funding (paying back school bond debt reimbursement) will be brought forward. The Borough Manager provided a memorandum to School District Administration on August 29 requesting School Board consideration of a 'no debt scenario' for constructing Mat-Su Central School. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the Joint Assembly/School Board meeting on September 13.

The Manager will provide a detailed update on Port MacKenzie at the September 6 Assembly meeting. At the September 27 Assembly meeting, the Manager invited the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) to provide an update on the Alaska LNG project. In October, staff will bring forward Federal and State legislative priorities for Assembly consideration. If the Assembly has specific priorities they would like staff to prepare, please let the Manager know.

**e-Commerce Improvements:** Below is a short update on our efforts to improve our e-Commerce platform.

Phase 1: Improve the user interface in the e-Commerce system

- Guest checkout for some items
- Consistent checkout steps
- Mobile friendly

Phase 2: Move items from old Point 'N' Pay system to new e-Commerce system

Phase 3: Add items that have never been online

Current status:

- Business analysis and user experience work is complete
- Development, testing and implementation schedule has been drafted
  - Guest checkout, mobile friendly interface, and swimming lessons: 1st week of October

- Trailhead Parking and Business Licenses: mid-November
- Field rentals, permits: 1<sup>st</sup> week of January
- Campsites, Ambulance Fees, and Pavilion Rental, 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January

**Brett Ice Rink Update:** Borough staff and contract support continue to work on reopening the Brett Memorial. Staff have had multiple engagements with engineers to develop a plan to address concerns with the relief valves and resolve issues on the filling and startup of the system. The engineers identified an additional concern that could potentially cause a pipe to burst that requires resolution. The pumps that required maintenance have been rebuilt. Staff have also coordinated for CO2 when the system is ready to be refilled. We are currently waiting on a proposal from the engineers for refilling and startup procedure that will determine whether we can perform the work or if a factory representative is required. At this point, our best case scenario is that the rink can be reopened in a couple of weeks.

**Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

**Schools**

- [On-time bus rates improve for the week amid continuing bus driver shortage](#)  
Frontiersman

**Mat-Su Borough in the news**

- [Wasilla resident concerned about neighbor's threatening signs](#)  
Alaska's News Source
- [1 person injured in airplane crash at Wolf Lake Airport](#)  
Alaska's News Source
- [Troopers say body of missing kayaker has been found](#)  
Alaska's News Source

**Roads**

- [Governor hosts KGB road reconstruction project groundbreaking ceremony](#)  
Frontiersman

**Renewable Energy**

- [Alaska Gov. Dunleavy says inlet tides next renewable energy source while pushing back on ...](#)  
Yahoo News

**Resource Development**

- [Alaska Outdoor Council votes to support West Susitna Access Road project](#)  
News Miner

**Facebook Post**

- [DES/EMS Demo Day](#)  
11,614 post reach, 25 Shares (As of 8/30/2022)

**Future Events:**

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