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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 31, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues: The Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues will be meeting again starting June 5. Three Assembly members (Nowers, Yundt, and McKee) are expected to attend. The Assembly will consider a resolution on June 6 to formally expand the committee to three Assembly members. Issues discussed during recent budget deliberations will be addressed. The Borough and District will also exchange information on library book challenges and review process, MSBSD negotiations, School District budget, local education funding, and schools' major maintenance responsibilities. In August, the committee will begin meeting monthly. In the recent past, this committee was meeting quarterly.

Port MacKenzie Cell 1 Repair: Cell 1 of the Barge Dock bulkhead has some damage where one of the interlocks is pulling apart. The length of the split interlock is difficult to measure; however, 4 feet was approximated from what could be observed. The width of the split was observed to be roughly 4 inches. Cell 1 has been roped-off to prevent access to that portion of the bulkhead as a precaution. Limiting access is not restricting operations for the barge dock, barge ramp, or deep draft dock.

The area of concern was damaged during the initial construction of the bulkhead years ago and had been previously identified as an area potentially needing repair. Borough staff have been periodically setting aside funding in a capital account for a cell replacement at some point in the future. The intent is to render repairs to extend the life of Cell 1 until no longer practicable. Until Cell 1 is replaced, temporary repairs similar to the steel strapping previously installed on Cell 1 is being coordinated for early June. A permanent repair would include the replacement of damaged sheets in Cell 1. Exactly how many sheet pile would need to be replaced within the cell has yet to be determined.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Infrastructure improvement

- [New funding for Talkeetna water system](#)
KTNA

MSBSD

- [Mat-Su school board will choose some members of challenged-book committee instead of using a lottery](#)
ADN
- [Public debates teacher health insurance, gender identity, parental rights at MSBSD Board meeting](#)
ADN

Palmer Library

- [A winter roof collapse shut Palmer's library for months. The library just got an interim home and \\$5 million to rebuild](#)
ADN

Memorial Day

- [VFW hosts annual Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Wall of Honor](#)
Frontiersman

Assembly

- [A new proposal would shrink the Borough's construction setback on lakes](#)
Frontiersman

Top Four Facebook Posts for May

- [Port Mac Summer Barge](#)
-Reach: 67,954 / Reactions: 909 positive, 2 negative / Shares: 97
- [Memorial Day Post with photos](#)
-Reach: 11,148 / Reactions: 233 positive, 1 negative / Shares: 24
- [EMS Week Barbecue with photos](#)
-Reach: 10,344 / Reactions: 179 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 9
- [Opioid Needs Assessment Meeting in Willow -LIVE STREAMED](#)
-Reach: 8,253 / Reactions: 84 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 14