



# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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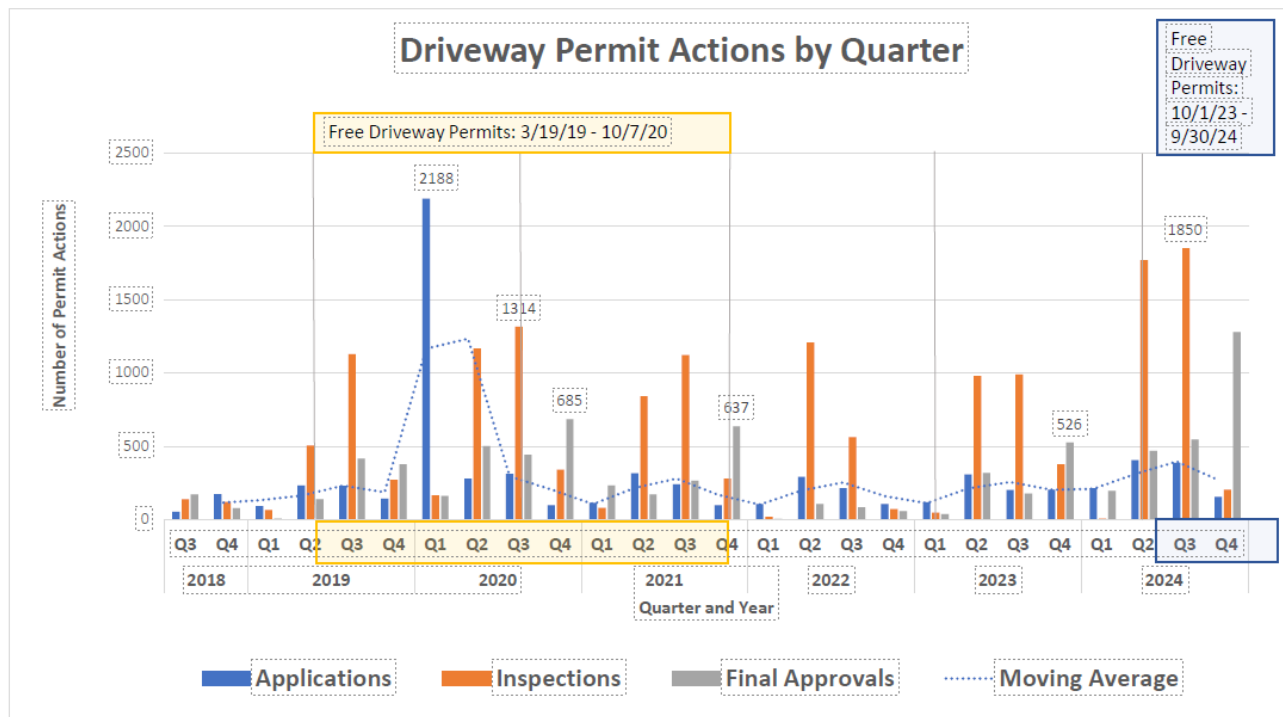
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2025  
 TO: Mayor and Assembly  
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Wasilla Pool Closure:** The Wasilla Pool is now closed to the public to begin the drain and backwash pit repair work. The Palmer Pool will be open every day during the closure. The schedule can be found online <https://matsugov.us/facilities/palmerpool>. We will keep the community updated on the progress of the Wasilla Pool repairs and look forward to reopening with an improved experience for our community.

### Quarterly Driveway Permit Report:



**Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A):** The U.S. Department of Transportation created the SS4A program to fund plans and projects that help prevent deaths and serious injuries on roadways across the country. The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) is a strategic component of the SS4A program. The [MSB CSAP](https://matsugov.us/docs/general/24496/20241219-MSB-CSAP-Public-Review-Draft.pdf), <https://matsugov.us/docs/general/24496/20241219-MSB-CSAP-Public-Review-Draft.pdf>, is available for public review until January 19, 2025. Feedback from the public and community organizations will help create a safe transportation system for everyone. Once developed, the CSAP can be used to apply for SS4A-related grants to fund implementation projects, supplemental planning activities, and demonstration projects. An update will be provided to the Assembly once the public review is complete so the Borough can apply for implementation funding this spring.

**New Ambulance Cost:** In response to an inquiry from an Assembly member we reached out to the manufacturer, Braun, for the cost of a new ambulance. They advise a new ambulance is likely in the range of \$340,000-\$350,000. We are paying approximately \$253,000 per re-mount, which is a saving of around \$90,000 per ambulance. This pricing is obtained using a GSA contract.

**Jonesville Special Use Area:** Attached is a flyer that outlines the timeline of the project.

### **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

#### **New Year**

- [Best stories of 2024](#)  
Mat-Su Sentinel

#### **Outdoors**

- [Less reliable fall snow makes Alaska population surveys more difficult](#)  
Mat-Su Sentinel
- [On the ice fishing](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Economy**

- [Mat-Su population and economy rises while much of the state in low-growth mode](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Education**

- [Founding fathers documents display review timelines and school configuration measures discussed at last MSBSD school board meeting](#)  
Frontiersman
- [A new Wasilla High career program looks to boost the local workforce by teaching adults](#)  
Mat-Su Sentinel

#### **State Legislature**

- [Even on back bench, Mat-Su Legislature will have clout](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Health**

- [Mat-Su Borough plan to borrow city health powers could unlock millions to opioid help](#)  
Mat-Su Sentinel

## **Law enforcement**

- [Proposed State Trooper post](#)  
Mat-Su Sentinel

## **Energy**

- [Regulators advocates warn of utility inaction as Alaska gas shortfall looms](#)  
Mat-Su Sentinel

## **Top Facebook Posts**

- [Icy Roads – Be aware of your surroundings](#)  
60k views
- [Mat-Su Central Update \(photos\)](#)  
9k views

## **Future Events:**

- Mon., Jan. 20, 2025 from 1-4pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Event, The Glenn Massay Theater, 8295 East College Drive, Palmer
- Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025 from 3-7pm, Mat-Su Transportation Fair, Raven Hall, 12878 E. Rebarchek Avenue, Palmer



# Jonesville Special Use Area

## PROJECT TIMELINE

### PHASE I: DESIGN AND MASTERPLAN



2025

WINTER

Funding request State Legislature

RFP published Phase I: Design and Masterplan

Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation funding request response due.

ADF&G Pittman-Robertson Hunter Access Grant Program funding request

SPRING

Contractor selected and Assembly approval

Additional \$500k Assembly budget appropriation

Contractor begins coordination and outreach with:

SUMMER

- DNR
- Chickaloon Village
- ADF&G
- Sutton Community Council
- Visitors
- Other stakeholders

DNR publishes Jonesville Special Use Area Regulations and Management Plan

FALL

Finalized Design and Masterplan presented to Borough Assembly

Begin preparations for construction of Phase 1 in Summer of 2026

#### PROJECT PAGE:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/26e85e7274ec46418af69ab522b94f2c/page/Recreation/?views=Jonesville>

