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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2022
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Moose Range Management Plan and Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan: Public Comments are encouraged and can be accepted online until October 31, 2022 here: https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/comment/submit/?topic=mooserange_jonesville. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) concurrent planning process is to:

1. Update the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) Management Plan.
2. Create a management plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA), which is entirely within the Moose Range.

Public involvement is essential to ensure that future actions are not only consistent with the agency mission and the enabling legislation of JPUA and the Moose Range, but also present a shared vision for the future for both. To view the project website go here: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/jonesville-mooserange/>

Citizens' Financial Report: The Borough is releasing its Fiscal Year 2021 Citizens' Financial Report, https://ecommerce.matsugov.us/cdn/Documents/FY21_Citizens_Financial_Report_Final.pdf, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. This report presents a user-friendly summary of the Borough's revenue, expenditures, and financial condition, alongside budget data and other information helpful to residents. Our goal is to communicate the Borough's financial position in a format that is accessible to those interested in learning more about Borough finances. The financial information presented in this report is derived from the Borough Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and annual budget. The Borough's financial documents for current and previous years are also available online at <https://transparency.matsugov.us/pages/financial-information>.

Bogard Road at Engstrom Road/Green Forest Drive Open House: The Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) is hosting an open house to review the 75% design for the Bogard/Engstrom improvements project at Pioneer Peak Elementary School on Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. See the following site for more information: <https://dot.alaska.gov/creg/bogard/>.

Opioid Settlement Funding Opportunities: The opioid settlement funding that the Borough has received and will receive must be spent on opioid remediation in any of the following areas:

1. Primary Prevention
 - a. Training through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs, such as, expanded training for first responders, schools, community support groups, and families
 - b. Prevention of over prescribing and misuse of opioid programs
2. Treatment
 - a. Targeted distribution of medications for addiction treatment and integration across the continuum of care
 - b. Targeted screening for treatment
 - c. Connect people who need help to providing organizations
 - d. Address the needs of specific populations, such as criminal justice involved persons, pregnant or parenting women, and their families
3. Harm Reduction
 - a. Targeted distribution of Naloxone and other related drugs to prevent overdose deaths and other harms and increase availability of Naloxone
 - b. Training for properly administering Naloxone injections for emergency treatment of an opioid overdose or possible overdose
4. Recovery
 - a. Support recovery treatment and support services, such as residential and inpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, therapy and counseling, and recovery housing that allows or integrates medication with support services
 - b. Recovery services including housing for opioid use disorders

As part the of the application and award process of the Human Services Community Matching grant we identified qualifying non-profits that meet the above programs: Set Free Alaska, Boys & Girls Club, Sunshine Community Health Center, Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services. In addition, there are a number of non-profit organization listed on the Mat-Su Health Foundation's Connect Mat-Su site that offer services that meet the above criteria as well as other organizations that could qualify for these awards.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Emergency Services

- [Boy rescued from mud off the Glenn Highway](#)
Alaska's News Source
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Economic Development

- [Alaska economic development agency to pay for independent review after critical report](#)
Yahoo News
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Elections

- [Mat-Su looks to ban vote machines, mandate hand counts, empower poll watchers](#)
Alaska Watchman

Fisheries

- [Rewrite of federal fisheries law navigates rough partisan waters](#)
Alaska Public Media

Future Events:

- Thurs., Oct. 13, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Bogard Road at Engstrom Road/Green Forest Drive Open House, Pioneer Peak Elementary School, 1959 N Stringfield Road, Palmer.
- Thurs., Oct. 20, 2022 from 3pm to 7pm, Mat-Su Transportation Fair, Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, 1001 S. Clapp Street, Wasilla.
- Sat., Oct. 29, 2022 from 10am to 2pm, DEA National Drug Take-Back Day at three locations: Palmer Fred Meyer, Wasilla Fred Meyer and Willow Community Center.