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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2022
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Property Tax Rebates: Areawide Tax Relief of \$11,948,300 will be applied to real property taxpayers accounts this week. The allocation touched 71,433 accounts and was only allocated to accounts that were billed in calendar year 2022 areawide taxes on July 1, 2022. The maximum rebate was \$97,065.78 and the minimum rebate was \$0.10. The average taxpayer saw a rebate of \$167.48. Mortgage companies will receive an updated tax file in January that reflects the relief and any taxpayer that has a credit balance of \$50.00 or more after all taxes were paid will receive a refund. Notification letters will be sent to all taxpayers receiving a rebate of \$50 or more. The relief amount will be shown on the "my property screen" on the website once the amount has been applied for all taxpayers.

Sustainable Tourism Master Plan: Last week, the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau (MSCVB) held a luncheon to discuss the recently completed Sustainable Tourism Master Plan. This plan was prepared by the McKinley Group with grant funding. The plan can be found at www.alaskavisit.com/masterplan. Additionally a summary report can be found at: <https://matsugov.us/docs/general/22725/Mat-Su-Sustainable-Tourism-Master-Plan-Summary-Report.pdf>.

Mat-Su Sub-Area Solutions Studies (SASS): Planning staff are kicking off the Borough's sub-area study with a charrette to collect public input. A fact sheet for this project is available at: [Matanuska-Susitna Borough Sub-Area Solutions Studies Fact Sheet \(matsugov.us\)](http://matsugov.us/docs/general/22725/Mat-Su-Sub-Area-Solutions-Studies-Fact-Sheet.pdf). The MSB SASS will develop solutions and plans for four growing sub-areas:

- University Medical District (UMED)
- Fishhook Triangle
- Bogard–Seldon Corridor
- Knik Goose Bay–Big Lake

During this meeting, staff will seek feedback, suggestions, and ideas about how to manage growth and support the needs of our growing community and economy in each of the four MSB sub-areas listed

above. Some topics staff hope to explore include traffic congestion, safety, housing diversity, commercial development, public transit, and public utilities like water and sewer. For more information contact Adam Bradway at Adam.Bradway@matsugov.us.

Mat-Su Transportation Fair: Last week, the Mat-Su Transportation Fair was held at the Menard Center in Wasilla. The event was cancelled in 2021 and held virtually in 2020. Well over 300 people attended the event where 85 transportation projects were represented. Projects can be found at <https://www.mat-su-transportation-fair.com/>. The Borough is also preparing to launch a Transportation 21 website in the near future with project updates for all transportation projects approved by Mat-Su voters on the 2021 ballot. This will also include public meetings for select projects as we proceed with design and public involvement.

Wetland Mitigation Bank Quarterly Report: No sales were executed in Quarter 3. There may be opportunities in the future with the AKLNG project and West Susitna Access Road. The bank had selected high value wetland properties in the area of the proposed road project and could bring those properties on as needed in the future.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Tourism

- [Federal grant allows Gateway Visitor Center to move forward](#)
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Schools

- [Colony wins first State Championship in school history](#)
Frontiersman
- [Mat-Su transgender bathroom ban becomes permanent in apparent first for Alaska](#)
ADN

Land Development

- [Borough discusses modification of Land Use Permit](#)
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Cities

- [Borough & Wasilla Mayors remember late Bert Cottle](#)
Alaska's News Source
- [New Houston City Council gets to work](#)
Frontiersman
- [Palmer discusses options for dealing with acute vagrancy](#)
Frontiersman

Future Events:

- Sat., Oct. 29, 2022 from 10am to 2pm, DEA National Drug Take-Back Day at Palmer Fred Meyer, Wasilla Fred Meyer and Willow Community Center.