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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 28, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Matanuska Townsite Cleanup: The Matanuska Townsite cleanup was completed the week of July 13. All trash was hauled. There were a total of 10 trash loads of approx. 63.4 tons of trash. At the site, there are still several piles of covered hazardous waste. The EPA contractor indicated that those will be covered for now. They will return in September to haul those away. There are also a number of vehicles at the site that still need to be removed. Overall, the cleanup was very successful. Here are a few pictures showing the improved area:



Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Farm Values: The Borough hired Black-Smith, Bethard & Carlson, LLC, to appraise the value of two farms acquired for the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension project in 2013. The first appraisal report was received on June 7, 2023, for an appraisal value of \$1,297,000, known as the Byler Farm (Parcel 32). The second appraisal report was received on June 26, 2023, for an appraised value of \$1,350,000, known as the Hecker Farm (Parcel 31).

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Assembly

- Actions taken during June 20 Assembly Meeting
Frontiersman

Planning Commission

- Commission votes against waterbody buffer setback changes
Frontiersman

Fisheries

- ADF&G Board of Fisheries hosts workgroup session
Alaska News Source

Alaska Employment

- May unemployment drops below national rate
Alaska Business Magazine

Mat-Su Growth

- Mat-Su Leads the state in new single-family home construction
Alaska News Source

Non-Profit

- Mat-Su Health Foundation awards over \$240,000 in grants to local organizations
Frontiersman
- Only one store that recycles building materials in fast-growing Mat-Su
ADN

Law-Enforcement

- AST, APD issue joint statement dispelling rumor of a serial Killer in Mat-Su and Anchorage
Frontiersman

Mat-Su History

- MSB Historical Preservation Commission is holding a series of public outreach meetings
Frontiersman

Top Facebook Posts for June

- Trail Etiquette Reminder
-Reach: 209,278 / Reactions: 1.2k positive, 0 negative / Shares: 213
- Remember to wear life preservers while recreating
-Reach: 8,492 / Reactions: 162 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 17
- June 7 Assembly Meeting pics
-Reach: 8,234 / Reactions: 128 positive, 1 negative / Shares: 22