



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2023  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**2023 Palmer Central Landfill Inspection Report:** On July 26, 2023, representatives of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Solid Waste Program inspected the Palmer Central Landfill (PCL). The facility received 398 points out of 405 possible points for an overall score of 98%, including ADEC comments:

- PCL is a well-operated landfill.
- The Staff has implemented some positive changes since the 2022 inspection.
- The bird management program implemented by MSB to manage the excessive bird population has made a significant impact.
- Landfill odors have been reduced by actively aerating the leachate lagoons.
- Traffic flow and line wait time are improving with the construction of the new entrance route along the western property boundary.

**Library Book Challenges:** A committee was convened per the Collection Development Policy to review a book called "Sold" that was under objection at the Big Lake Library. A patron objected to the book, and our Big Lake Librarian read the book and determined that although the subject matter was difficult, it was placed correctly in the Young Adult section of the library. She met with the patron and discussed her opinion of the book, and informed the patron that the book would continue to be kept in the Young Adult section of the library.

The patron requested a meeting with a review committee as she disagreed with the explanation from the librarian. A committee was convened on September 20, 2023. The committee is made up of two librarians and two members of the Borough's Library Advisory Board. The committee discussed and debated the merits of the presentations and determined that the book "Sold" was correctly placed in the Young Adult section of the library.

The patron disagreed with the findings of the committee and has requested a review by the Community Development Director as of today. There are currently six books being challenged in Willow by two patrons. There were originally nine books, four from one patron and five from another. The patron who objected to the four books has since requested to only object to one book at this time.

## **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

### **Assembly**

- [Mat-Su Assembly delays contentious proposals on lakefront building, electric transmission line restrictions](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Waterbody Advisory Board stacked for development](#)  
KTNA
- [MSB rolls out junk car removal program](#)  
Frontiersman

### **Talkeetna**

- [Erosion report due by end of year](#)  
KTNA
- [Borough provides update on Talkeetna River flooding recovery](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Emergency work starts on Talkeetna's eroded waterfront as Susitna River creeps closer to town](#)  
ADN

### **MSBSD**

- [After lengthy discussions, school board approves American Charter School design plan to date](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Mat-Su Classified employees reach tentative agreement with MSBSD](#)  
Frontiersman

### **Emergency Preparedness**

- [Tips and tricks for being prepared for emergencies](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Massive emergency alert test scheduled to hit phones on Wednesday](#)  
Frontiersman

### **Infrastructure and planning**

- [New Mat-Su plan envisions 130 miles of new walking and cycling paths in Alaska's fastest-growing region](#)  
ADN
- [Mat-Su's bicycle and trails plan is big and long-range, and carries an economic punch](#)  
Frontiersman

### **Solid Waste Infrastructure**

- [4 composting projects with EPA grant funding](#)  
WasteDive

### **Facebook Posts**

- [GPR Ribbon Cutting](#)  
Reach: 12,924 / Reactions: 184 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 9
- [Emergency Preparedness Expo](#)  
Reach: 7,708 / Reactions: 168 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 24

### **Future Events:**

- Station 6-1 Dedication in honor of Benny Cottle - Station 6-1, 101 W. Swanson Ave., Wasilla, Wed., October 4 at 6pm
- National DEA Drug Take-Bay Day, Sat., Oct. 28 from 10am to 2pm, Fred Meyer in Wasilla and Palmer