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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 2, 2025
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Old Glenn Highway MP 13-15 Flooding: Work along the Matanuska River is complete. Water in the Old Glenn ditch is dissipating. Over the weekend, the contractor cleaned up the staging area and began demobilizing equipment. DOT plans to spray the disturbed areas with hydro-seed. Once that is done, barriers will be placed across the entrance as they were before the flooding.

Planning Milestones: Below is an update on various upcoming Planning items.

Assembly-Directed Code Changes			
Code	Description	Sponsor	Anticipated Assembly Public Hearing
Title 17	Waterbody Setback	Hale	September 2025
17.02	Change Mandatory Land Use permit to a review/determination process	Sumner	TBD
17.02	Require a Mandatory Land Use Permit for constructing buildings that are 480sf and larger	Sumner	TBD
17.23	Port Development Permit Repeal	Gamble	July 15, 2025
17.60	Mobile Home Park CUP with development standards	McKee	TBD
17.67	Adjusting the tower setback requirements to match the projected fall zone radius	Fonov	TBD
17.73	Adjusting the multifamily permit standards to better fit the size and complexity of the development project	Sumner	TBD
17.73	Remove the multifamily density ceiling standard	Sumner	TBD
17.77	Large Lot District, establishes a minimum lot size of five acres	Hale	TBD
43.20	Reducing the minimum subdivision lot size to 30,000sf with additional standards	Sumner	TBD
8.55	Removes the bond requirement for the Special Events Permit	Hale	TBD

Planning Projects	
Description	Anticipated Assembly Public Hearing
Sub Area Solution Studies	Fall 2025
Fuller Lake Management Plan	August 2025
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	November/December 2025
Historical Preservation Plan	December 2025
Borough-Wide Comprehensive Plan	Fall 2025

Borough Spay/Neuter Program: The Borough launched our community spay/neuter program. Our first 12 surgery slots for July filled in within minutes, underscoring just how much this service is needed. We'll be adding more dates soon. This was made possible through the recent Assembly appropriation of \$20,000 to help expand community access. This support will allow us to partner with outside veterinary organizations to provide additional access to spay/neuter care. We anticipate roughly 12 slots each for the next couple of months, with a goal of increasing slots in October.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Schools

- **MSBSD to discuss proposed cuts**
KTNA
- **MSBSD Summer Food Service Program delivering meals to families through borough**
Frontiersman

Fishing

- **Good fishing on the Kasilof**
Peninsula Clarion
- **This season's Average Sockeye should be bigger**
KDLG

Independence Day

- **Floats food and flying cars July 4th in the Mat-Su**
Frontiersman

Borough Business

- **Mat-Su Borough rolls out new low cost spay and neuter programs**
Mat-Su Sentinel

Health

- **A fatal case of Disseminated Gonococcal Infection in Alaska**
Alaska Native News

Roads

- **Knik River bridge closures end, but final work remains**
Mat-Su Sentinel

Energy

- **Bill pending in Senate would make high energy costs worse**
Alaska Beacon

Wildlife

- **Department of Fish and Game recommend electric fences as bear encounters continue**
Alaska News Source

Emergency Response/Law Enforcement

- **Two Severely injured in small plane crash in Big Lake**
Local Accident Reports
- **Wasilla Police intercept 450 user doses of fentanyl during traffic stop**
Alaska News Source

Flooding

- **Work continues in the Butte after Matanuska River floods**
Frontiersman
- **Crews finish emergency river repairs as property owners turn to clean-up**
Mat-Su Sentinel

MSB Facebook

- **July 4th Fireworks Message #1**
Views 121k

Future Events:

- Assembly Special Meeting on Port MacKenzie, Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 4 p.m., Assembly Chambers
- Assembly Special Meeting on Public Safety, Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 10 a.m., Station 6-2, 4568 S. Knik-Goose Bay Rd., Wasilla
- Mat-Su Borough presentation to Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., Evangelo's Restaurant, Wasilla