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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2021
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Disaster Assistance for Businesses:

The Mat-Su Borough has had a number of requests from local businesses as to their ability to seek disaster assistance and we are requesting the assistance of businesses who experienced damages during the recent wind storm. We are in the process of gathering, compiling and submitting damage surveys of businesses and commercial facilities/buildings to the State Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, which will be used to determine the level of assistance that may be available to the business community. Businesses can report their damages at <https://damage.matsugov.us> by completing the simple and easy to use questionnaire.

Businesses are encouraged to submit pictures of the damages along with contact information for the registered owner/contact at the business. Damaged businesses should also contact their insurance provider to determine what damages if any are covered by the carrier, and to begin with repairs as appropriate. Documenting the damages with photos, as well as associated costs, receipts and any work performed are good practices for any potential insurance or related eligible disaster assistance. If you have any questions, please contact the Mat Su EOC call center at 861-7900 during regular business hours.

Wind Storm Recovery Update:

- The State is working to gather enough staff in order to be able to field Disaster Assistance Centers (DACs). We are hopeful they will be here by January 18. We are planning a DAC in Palmer and one in Wasilla. The locations will be advertised once confirmed.
- Number of damage assessments completed as of January 10: 120 for Individual Assistance, 36 for Public Assistance.
- As of Monday, January 10, the State's snapshot of 712 Mat-Su Individual Assistance Applicants, with 88 indicating need for temporary housing, were as follows:
 - Wasilla – 357 Applicants, of those 42 indicated need for temporary housing
 - Palmer – 330 Applicants, of those 41 indicated need for temporary housing

- Sutton – 10 Applicants, of those 2 indicated need for temporary housing
- Big Lake – 5 Applicants, of those 3 indicated need for temporary housing
- Trapper Creek – 3 Applicants, no temporary housing requested
- Willow – 3 Applicants, no temporary housing requested
- Talkeetna – 2 Applicants, no temporary housing requested
- Fishhook – 1 Applicant, no temporary housing requested
- Chickaloon – 1 Applicant, no temporary housing requested
- The Emergency Shelter closed on Monday, January 10, 2022.
- DHS&EM public assistance applications have been provided to the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla

Project Homeless Connect: On Wednesday, January 26, 2022, the Department of Emergency Services will be participating and supporting this event at Menard Sports Complex, in Wasilla. For more information see: [Project Homeless Connect gearing up to provide services to Wasilla's homeless population \(alaskanewssource.com\)](https://www.alaskanewssource.com/project-homeless-connect-gearing-up-to-provide-services-to-wasilla-s-homeless-population/)

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Fish and Wildlife

- [It's time for the Board of Game to address trapping on Trails in Mat-SU – Alaska Landmine](#)
- [Governor Dunleavy announces Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force Members - ADN](#)

Redistricting

- [FNSB postpones vote on getting involved with redistricting challenges | | newsminer.com](#)

Community

- [Ed Rasmuson remembered for dispersing wealth to support Alaska and its people \(ktoo.org\)](#)

Federal Government

- [Senator Murkowski Announces Federal Grants for Alaska- Lisa Murkowski Press Release](#)

After the Storm

- [At Palmer's airport, volunteers helped to secure aircraft as wind tossed some \(adn.com\)](#)
- [More than 500 claims for assistance already filed in Mat-Su-ADN](#)
- [Valley residents come together to pick up the pieces after severe storm ravages the community](#)
- [12 photos of the wreckage from Mat-Su's powerful windstorm - Alaska Public Media](#)
- [Inside the Borough: Emergency Manager 2022-1-11 | Big Cabbage Radio \(radiofreepalmer.org\)](#)

Future Events:

Sat., January 22, 2022 @11am, Assembly Planning Session, Menard Sports Complex, Wasilla