



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2024  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Point MacKenzie Farm Tenant Update:** An Assembly member requested an update on the tenants occupying two farms in the Point MacKenzie area, both approximately 600 acres, that were purchased for the Point MacKenzie Rail Extension project.

Parcel 31, known as the Hecker Farm, has a tenant in the residential home on the property. The rental agreement with the tenant is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2024. There is also a land use permit for hay on 282 acres of parcel 31. The hay permit is scheduled to expire in 2025.

Parcel 32, known as the Byler farm, has a tenant in the residential structure. The rental agreement is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2024. This property also has a land use permit for haying on 397 acres. The hay permit is scheduled to expire in 2025.

**Wasilla Pool Notice of Closure:** The Wasilla Pool drain and backwash basin repair project will be going out to bid in the next month or so, and will require pool closure. Borough staff are targeting January 6, 2025, as the first day of closure. This allows the facility to be used this fall and winter during high usage times. Once the bid is awarded to a contractor, staff will update the Assembly and the public on the estimated reopening of the facility. We anticipate the pool will remain closed for approximately three (3) months. The repairs will include replacement of the entire drain system for the deck and locker rooms. Public notice of the impending closure will be communicated in advance, to prepare groups who make pool reservations weeks and months in advance.

**Library Citizens' Advisory Committee (LCAC) Update:** At the September 9th meeting for the LCAC, the Community Development Director delivered a final decision on the book Identical. The memo and the archived recording read into the record can be found on the LCAC page at <https://matsugov.us/boards/library-citizens-advisory-committee>.

**Big Lake Lion's Recreation Center Revenues:** An Assembly member requested details about the revenues at the Big Lake Lion's Recreation Center. See the attached breakdown for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, provided by Mr. Haller.

## **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

### **Roads**

- [Road experiment in Talkeetna a bust](#)  
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### **Borough Business**

- [A Mat-Su safety survey could help secure federal funds for future road improvements](#)  
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### **Library Books**

- [Library Committee recommends another book removal](#)  
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### **Port MacK Rail Extension**

- [Legislative legal opinion raises questions about AK Railroad plan to borrow money for Seward dock](#)  
Alaska Landmine

### **Assembly**

- [Mat-Su Assemblyman resigns](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Borough approaches a decision on purchasing, taking over Big Lake Lions Rec. Center](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Revetment Maintenance Funding Approved](#)  
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### **Election**

- [2 Mat-Su candidates removed from ballot over missed disclosure deadline](#)  
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### **Facebook**

- [Free Gun Safety and live-fire training program](#) (Photos)  
Reach: 15k
- [\\$20k donation to Animal Shelter](#) (Photos)  
Reach: 10k
- [Summer progress on the construction of Mat-Su Central School](#)  
Reach: 7k

### **Future Events:**

- Sat., September 28 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo, Menard Sports Complex, 1001 S. Clapp Street, Wasilla

Big Lake Rec Center  
Bank Summary  
FYE 6-30-23

Month	Begin. Balance	Deposits	Checks	Ending Balance
2022				
July	3,158.56	9,495.05	-7,735.75	4,917.86
August	4,917.86	5,333.98	-7,141.36	3,110.48
September	3,110.48	11,282.62	-10,757.79	3,635.31
October	3,635.31	10,450.24	-13,821.56	263.99
November	263.99	24,349.59	-14,910.42	9,703.16
December	9,703.16	10,245.26	-15,952.72	3,995.70
2023				
January	3,995.70	17,113.68	-15,231.32	5,878.06
February	5,878.06	27,925.60	-24,124.70	9,678.96
March	9,678.96	12,903.54	-15,338.66	7,243.84
April	7,243.84	14,184.47	-13,709.71	7,718.60
May	7,718.60	10,076.53	-15,798.08	1,997.05
June	1,997.05	15,714.34	-14,469.98	3,241.41
Yearly Totals	3,158.56	169,074.90	-168,992.05	3,241.41