



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 21, 2025  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

#### Trail/Recreation Area Clean-up Summaries:

**Crevasse Moraine Clean-Up** - The Borough crew worked with Revel, Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers, and the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation to put together a Crevasse Moraine clean-up event on May 3. We collected about 85 bags of trash and had about 50 volunteers. Huge shout-outs to Alan McClain for connecting all these different groups, and to Melisa Orozco from the Mat-Su Division of Solid Waste for spearheading the event.

**Jim Creek Clean-Up** - The Borough assisted Alaska Extreme Fourwheelers to facilitate the Jim Creek Clean-Up on May 10. The clean-up collected over 8,600 lbs. of trash, one burned-out car, and several hundred pounds of scrap metal. Approximately 100 people volunteered for the event, along with six Borough staff. Many more people took their own bags and collected trash without registration.

**Jonesville/Slipper Lake Clean-Up** - The annual clean-up hosted by the Alaska Offroad Toyota Group and Sutton Community Council was held on May 17. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough provided dumpsters, and the State of Alaska provided port-a-potties. Well over 100 volunteers attended the all-day event with help from 2 Borough staff. The volunteers filled two 40-yard dumpsters, with two others getting approximately two-thirds filled. Five junk and trash vehicles, one dilapidated trailer, one RV, and hundreds of pounds of scrap metal were removed.

**EPL Go Live:** Beginning Tuesday, May 27, 2025, the Borough will officially launch a new online platform for permitting, fire plan review, tobacco licensing, and self-reported tax reporting. This modern system simplifies how residents, contractors, and businesses interact with the Borough. Citizens will be able to apply for permits, upload documents, pay fees, and track application progress—all from the convenience of their own device. The system provides real-time updates, secure account access, and integrated communication with Borough staff.

The new platform will support online filing and payment of self-reported taxes, including Area 36 tax, bed tax, and marijuana and tobacco excise taxes, marking the first time these processes can be completed fully online. With integrated GIS mapping, users can view permit activity by address or parcel, increasing transparency in local development. Additional improvements include mobile tools for field staff, public visibility into permitting activity, and a fully paperless plan review process. These enhancements not only streamline Borough operations but also provide the public with more accessible, efficient, and user-friendly services.

## **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

### **State Budget**

- [Legislature cuts school debt assistance to Mat-Su, new state trooper post in Talkeetna](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Sen. Wielechowski kills resolution supporting completion of Port MacKenzie Rail Extension](#)  
Must Read Alaska

### **Trails and Parks**

- [Su Valley Voice: State and Borough Parklands](#)  
KTVA
- [Mat-Su trail users must restrain four-legged friends or risk a citation](#)  
Mat-Su Sentinel

### **Fisheries**

- [Fishing Report: Get licensed ahead of Alaska's peak fishing season](#)  
Alaska's News Source
- [Alaska would benefit from keeping out finfish farms](#)  
Alaska Beacon

### **Business**

- [Breaking through brick and mortar: Entrepreneurs leveraging e-commerce](#)  
Alaska Business

### **Wildland Fire Mitigation**

- [Alaska's Wildland Fire Academies shape the next generation of fireline leaders](#)  
AK FIRE INFO

### **Roads**

- [Bogard Road getting major pavement fixes for first time since 2007](#)  
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### **Schools**

- [Mat-Su Central celebrates the largest graduating class in the district](#)  
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