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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 10, 2021
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

COVID Home Test Kits: Working in partnership with the Mat-Su Health Foundation, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough recently took possession of over 25,000 COVID-19 Antigen take home test kits. These kits are being distributed throughout the Mat-Su Borough via several partnering organizations to include, but not limited to, the cities of Wasilla and Palmer, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, Mat-Su Public Health, the Mat-Su Borough School District, several food pantries and senior care facilities. An itemized list of distribution sites will be made available once all the kits have been delivered. These kits are not acceptable for travel authorization or return to school, but will allow an individual to quickly know if they should get a follow up laboratory test and possibly start the isolation process early. These kits will be distributed starting tomorrow, November 9, and should be available to the specific communities by the end of the week.

Alaska Scholastic Clay Target Program Potential Youth Shooting Range Update (November 2021): Work continues on the potential less than fair market value sale of Borough-owned land to Alaska Scholastic Clay Target Program (AKSCTP) for the development of a youth shooting range. Community Development intends to recommend to the Assembly a sale of 200 acres from MSB Parcel ID# 16N03W01A001 for the range.

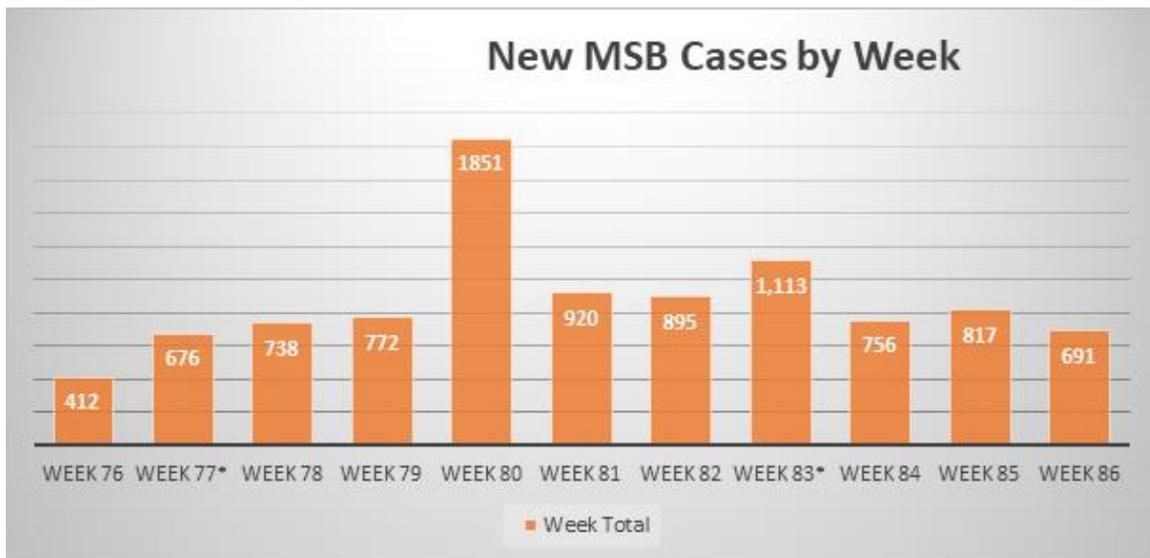
AKSCTP has been working with a private firm on a layout design of the proposed range to ensure the needs of the group could be met with the 200 acres and that the range could be constructed to satisfy Borough code. Indications from AKSCTP is that the property is adequate.

Prior to the land being offered for a less than fair market value sale it must be subdivided. Community Development has hired a surveying service to assist with subdividing the land by "40-acre exemption." The surveying work is expected to be completed by the end of November or early December, after which, the proposed subdivision will be brought before the Platting Officer for approval. The property is currently classified as "forest management," and will need to be reclassified before it is conveyed. The reclassification will first be brought before the Planning Commission (one meeting) for review and

consideration and then will be brought before the Assembly for approval. Borough staff intends to bring the less than fair market value sale and reclassification before the Assembly concurrently.

Without the subdivision being finalized and approved by the Platting Officer, Borough staff is unable to develop a definitive timeline for when the less than fair market value sale will be brought before the Assembly. Staff does envision bringing the proposed sale to the Assembly in the first quarter of 2022. AKSCTP representatives are fully up to speed on the process and Borough staff will continue to work closely with them as things progress.

COVID-19 Update:



Statewide				
	All Ages	5+	18+	65+
1+ Dose	55%	59%	67%	79%
Fully Vaccinated	51%	54%	62%	76%
Total Doses Administered: 808,416				

Mat-Su Borough				
	All Ages	5+	18+	65+
1+ Dose	39%	42%	50%	66%
Fully Vaccinated	36%	38%	46%	62%
Total Doses Administered: 81,530				

In the ranking of boroughs and census areas by 1+ doses in those eligible to receive the vaccine (5+), Mat-Su Borough (49%) is holding behind Kenai Peninsula Borough (55%) and ahead of North Slope Borough (43%) and Southeast Fairbanks Census Area (42%).

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Fisheries

- [Feds release final rule closing part of Cook Inlet to commercial salmon fishing - Alaska Public Media](#)
- [Alaska Salmon Strong: Catch, value and volume hit a high mark | National Fisherman](#)
- [Fisheries Pendulum swings back to Alaska after projective 2021 – Craig Medred](#)

Local

- [Veterans Day event roundup | Local News Stories | frontiersman.com](#)

2021 Regular Election

- [Preliminary results on regular election favor conservatives- ADN](#)

Resource Development

- [AIDEA receives West Susitna Road funding – North of 60 Mining News](#)

Energy

- [Proposed solar project on Kenai Supplants Mat-Su's as the state's largest - Anchorage Daily News](#)

Federal Government

- [Lawsuits over workplace vaccine rule focus on states' rights | Local News Stories - Frontiersman](#)

Economic Development

- [Alaska travel companies optimistic in preparation for 2022 – Travel Weekly](#)

Facebook Post

- [25,000 COVID-19 Antigen Home Test Kits arrived today in Mat-Su.](#)

Future Events:

Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11am – Veterans Day Ceremony, Veterans Wall of Honor,
801 Wasilla-Fishhook Road, Wasilla