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## City Activities During Times of Covid-19

### Palmer Golf Course

Palmer Golf Course hosted the Alaska Golf Association Spring Jackpot tournament on Saturday, June 6th. There were 164 golfers



playing as 2-Person teams using a format of Best Ball for six holes, Alternate Shot for six holes and Scramble for the last six holes. The weather was amazing and the course in fantastic shape. It was a wonderful event with a hospitality tent for the competitors on hole number five. Their results are posted on [www.agagolf.org](http://www.agagolf.org). On Friday, June 12th

the City of Palmer hosted the Chugiak High School Football Scramble to help to raise money for their program. There were 25 teams of four competing for the coveted trophy. The team of Joe Butler,



Dave Matthews, George Collum and JD Mitchell took the title (pictured left to right).



*(Article & Pics Courtesy of G. Collum/ Golf Course Manager)*

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## Palmer Library

Palmer Library staff have been buzzing nonstop behind the scenes while the building was closed on March 15<sup>th</sup> due to Covid-19. Our priority was figuring out how we could continue to offer **services to the** community despite the mandatory closure.



The library staff organized the shelves to make sure every book is in its correct place. We dusted and shifted books on the shelves to make it easier to pull a selection, and reshelved. Joy Bailey inventoried the entire library collection! Something that we hadn't had time to do for over ten years.

Staff moved the Alaska Reserves to the Alaska Room. DVD TV series were relabeled and re-shelved together to make it easier to browse. Many of our book collections, including Children, and Adult Fiction, were relabeled with series title and book number. The library began curbside

service in May for our patrons, which has been well utilized! This involved a change in hold pick-up procedures behind the scenes, but patrons got the hang of it quickly. A survey of patrons indicated they were happy with the service, and most would continue utilizing it after we open for their own safety and peace of mind.

Staff went through CDC approved training for sanitizing books and surfaces, as well as using PPE. Julie LaFrance, from our circulation desk, has background in hygiene. She created several [Health Beat with Julie](#) videos on YouTube to help our patrons stay healthy during pandemic.

Katie Schweisthal, our Children's Librarian, also kept up on kid's programming. Virtual Baby Lap Sit, Storytime, crafts, and Storytime in Motion videos were created weekly, and posted to our



[YouTube channel!](#) She also created and set up a Story Walk on the library grounds. There was a changing book display, geared toward kids, in the front door window, and a Find the Dinosaurs challenge outside, as well. Our Library Director, Beth Skow, worked hard on setting up the new plexiglass sneeze guard around

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the circulation desk, adding more hand sanitizing stations, creating social distancing markings, as well as conducting regular staff meetings, communicating with state and city officials, and other libraries, on ever changing policies and procedures, and making sure everything was running smoothly.

Summer Reading Program launched at the beginning of June and everyone can participate.

Palmer Library received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback regarding the Story Walk. Thanks to the feedback, another story has



been provided. Patrons also seem delighted by the selfie photo ops we have been providing. As the weather permits, Palmer Library We've been working hard to make changes to improve patron experience and keep us all as safe as possible! We're looking forward to opening up the building and seeing more of our patrons!

*(Pics & Article Courtesy of H. Deadmond/ Librarian)*

## Public Works

Public Works has been out brush cutting road right always to improve visibility



*(Photo Courtesy of Alycia Anderson/WWTP)*

## Matanuska Valley Historic Photo Project

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be launching a searchable, indexed website database of historic photographs from our collection. The site features photos sorted into mini exhibit Galleries, featured photo



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articles, and nearly 300 quality pictures of Palmer from the early days. We will be continuing to add images to the website, and hope to add letters, diary entries, newspaper articles, and other pieces relevant to the history of the Matanuska Valley. You can view the site starting July 6<sup>th</sup>, at [www.mvhphotoproject.org](http://www.mvhphotoproject.org). (see storkmobile image)

## Tours

We are offering tours of Palmer's historic district beginning Monday through Friday at 1pm. Join us at the museum for a walk around the quad as we relay the story of our town. Tours cost \$7 for AK residents (free to museum members!). The tour last approximately 50 minutes. (see "Tour 1" image).

## Palmer Wine Walk

Tickets go on sale to the public for the Palmer Wine Walk starting Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>! The event is on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We have eight stops with eight fantastic wines to share with you. This year, we have three start times. There is a limit of one

hundred tickets per start, so make sure

to call (907-746-7668) to get yours

before they're gone. The

event sold out in TWO

DAYS last year. Learn

more on our website at

[palmermuseum.org](http://palmermuseum.org). (see

"logo for bags" image)



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*(Pics & Info Courtesy of Sam Dinges/ Director)*

## New to the City of Palmer...



After Nathan's Wallace resignation and over two months with interim on his position the City of Palmer has a new manager.

John Moosey was born in NY and grew up in northeast Ohio. He

accepted his first job as a city manager for state of Pennsylvania then he worked in states Minnesota and Ohio before moving to Alaska in 2011. Moosey has worked as a local government manager since 1985 and the last nine years has been spent as the manager of Matsu Borough.

John Moosey and his wife Michelle have two kids and four grandchildren. Their daughter, Becky and her family lives in Alaska and works as a teacher. Their son, Jacob and his family are moving to Alaska soon to start a new chapter of his life as Alaskans. John Moosey is glowing from happiness of having his family close, and excited of working for the City of Palmer making Palmer his home. We hope he will bring a positive attitude, fresh ideas, and rewarding changes to the city. Welcome aboard and Good luck!

*(Article by Justyna Mazurkiewicz/ City Manager Office)*

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