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Busy March!

What a busy few weeks at Palmer Library! The month kicked off with our traditional Storytime, Foreign and Classic Film programs.



Thanks to Spring Break, Palmer Library was buzzing with activity. The Palmer community was treated to a library discovery room, a visit from our local Recycling Center, and a shark

movie marathon! Turnout was fantastic as families on break were able to join us. Most recently, the Friends of the Palmer Library sponsored a visit from Jonathan's Reptiles. What an amazing time!!



Over 100 people came to see pythons, constrictors, a bearded dragon and a tarantula too!! The best part of all is that all attendees were welcome to pet, hold, and handle the animals! Jonathan's Reptiles did an amazing job working with children of all ages and educating our crowd on how these fascinating creatures live and how they came to be in the Mat-Su.

(Article & Photos courtesy of B. Skow)

It's That Time of Year...

After a long winter, spring is a time of organizing and cleanup. A lot of people like to burn unwanted items and for that we will need a burn permit. Officially, the burning season starts on April 1. What do you need to know about burning permits and the way to burn without violating the City and State Law? Check the terms, conditions and the types of Palmer Burn Permits.

WHO NEEDS A BURNING PERMIT?

You do, if you fit the following criteria:

1. The land where you plan to burn is within the city limits of Palmer.
2. You plan to perform open burning of woody debris or fields of grass.
3. The area in which you plan to burn is not covered by other burning restrictions.

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Small fires for the purpose of cooking or warming (campfires and recreational fires) require a Recreational Burning Permit.

WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT DO YOU NEED? HOW DO YOU GET IT?

Open burning is classed by burn size. Read the following descriptions carefully.

Class A - One pile of debris 4 feet high by 10 feet in diameter and/or less than 1 acre of mowed lawn/ field with grasses no longer than 4 inches.

Class B - Piles larger in any dimension than the class A and under 6 feet high and 20 feet in diameter and/or lawn/field with grasses 10 inches in length or less. Multiple class A piles would also constitute a class B or C burn.

Class C - All piles of debris and/or fields of grass/brush larger than those described for the class B permit.

CLASS A/B/C BURNING PERMITS and RECREATIONAL BURNING PERMITS are issued inside Palmer city limits.

All size permits require you to call the State Forestry burn permit information line (761-6312) for recorded information on closures, cautions or weather.

Burning Permits are only valid for burning of wood, wood products or vegetation. Standing buildings are not covered under the above statement.

RECREATIONAL BURNING IS AUTHORIZED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. A firebreak of 5 feet wide must be maintained around the fire area. Break must be constructed of a noncombustible material

(EXAMPLE: stone, concrete, paving bricks, etc.). Propane pits at least 18" clearance above ground are exempt from this requirement.

2. Fire cannot be more than 3 feet long X 3 feet wide X 3 feet tall.
3. Have a minimum of 1 adult **in attendance at all times** while burning.
4. Have sufficient means on site to control the fire.
5. No burning with winds over 5 mph.
6. Fires must be completely extinguished before leaving.
7. All wood must fit within fire pit. Only materials designated for propane pits shall be allowed in the propane burn pit.
8. No burning is allowed of any substance that creates black smoke, toxic gases, or odors that affect nearby persons.
9. No burning during burn suspensions.

To acquire a permit, an on-site inspection by a Palmer Emergency Services representative is required. Please make an appointment for

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an on-site inspection at least three days in advance of the date you wish to burn by telephoning 745-3709.

This permit does not relieve the permittee from responsibility for fire damage.

**WILLFUL OR NEGLIGENT
DISREGARD OF THE TERMS OF THIS
PERMIT CONSTITUTES AN ILLEGAL ACT
AND MAKES YOU CRIMINALLY LIABLE.**

**CALL 911 FOR ALL ESCAPED
FIRES.**

Welcome Back to the Golf Course!

On March 29, the Golf Course officially opened for the 2019 season. The Golf Course offers 12 holes (#1-7 and 14-18). Until the ground dries out it will be walking only. All 18 holes will be opened later next week. We anticipate carts and driving range will be available a couple of weeks from now. The Golf Course current hours are 10am-6pm. An early season green fee is \$10, and it will increase as more holes get open. The old deck was torn off and should be replaced by the end of April. We are excited to see you there!

(Info courtesy of G. Collum)

Let's Take a Peak at MTA Event Center...

The MTA Event Center seems to be pretty busy those last days of the season. Recently, several great events took place at MTA Event Center and there are few new invitations for CURLAK and Car Show on the way.

The 15th annual charity firefighter's hockey game came to Palmer Alaska for the first time. Many thanks to the firefighters who participated



in the game. The game started in grand fashion with the Mayor of Palmer, Edna DeVries dropping

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the ceremonial puck. The Aces team was coached by long time Aces fans, Konrad Kohler and Nick Crowell. The Community Fire Department all-star team was coached by Palmer Moose head coach, Dean Wilson. It was a back-and-forth tilt but in the end the Aces team earned a 7 to 6 victory. Ultimately, the game was more about the wonderful charity than the score. The players were a mix of Alaska awesome firefighters and Moose High School hockey players, local popular hockey coaches, and legend, 81-year old Wolverine, Jimmy Reese. A nice crowd came to see the game.

On another update the Fighting Irish, led by Palmer High School head football coach, Tim Popowski won the popular Mat Suey Cup. The team was a talented team that featured players with family ties to the City of Palmer. It's been a great season. Best to everyone!



(Article & Pic courtesy of S. MacSwain)



CURLAK

invites you to try curling at the Palmer MTA center!

Alaskan Olympian Jessica Schultz and the folks at the MTA center are teaming up to bring you curling!

Curling embraces community and building relationships, much like the City of Palmer. Curling embraces all ages and capabilities. We would love



for you and your family to try your hand at throwing some rocks and getting a feel for that Olympic sport that is taking the country by storm.

Where: MTA Event Center

When: April 7 9-11a or 11-1p

What to wear: comfortable clothes; pants you can stretch in and bring clean gym shoes

Cost: FREE – bring your family and friends

On May 3rd, MTA Event Center invites

you to the "49th State Street Rodders Car Show". The show starts at 4pm and ends on May 5th. Come to see great classic, antique, new, and customized cars and trucks. Vote for the best car. Spend that weekend with your family and friends surrounded by the beauty of the auto world.

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Coming Up...

- Apr 3 – 6 Basket Drop off – Library – Starts at 10am
- Apr 5 Middle School Movie Night – 6pm – Library
- Apr 6 – 18 Basket Silent Auction – Library – Starts at 10am
- Apr 7 Untold Story – “All Shook up” – 6pm-8pm. For more info call 746-7668
- Apr 7 CURLAK – MTA Event Center – 9am
- Apr 8 - 10 Free Style- MTA Event Center
- Apr 8 – 9 Public Skate – MTA Event Center – 12:30pm
- Apr 10 4th Rockin Hockey – MTA Event Center – 10am
- Apr 12 Foreign Film – 7pm - Library
- Apr 15 Friends of the Library Meeting – 5:30pm - Library
- Apr 26 Classic Film – 6pm – Library
- Apr 27 Drug take back – 10am – 2pm

- 2-Year-Old Storytime – 11am
- Every **Thu** in **April @ Library**
- 3 -5-Year-Old Storytime – 11am
- May 2 - 4 Book Sale – Library – 10am
- May 3 - 5 49th State Street Rodders Car Show MTA Event Center – starts at 4pm
- May 6 - 11 Clean up – for more info check the website at www.cityofpalmer.org
- May 17 Classic Film – Library – 6pm
- May 20 Friends of Library Meeting – Library – 5:30pm
- May 21 & 27 Library **CLOSED** all day
- Jul 12 Wine Walk – For more info call Palmer Museum at 746-7668
- Jul 13 Midsummer Garden and Art Fair – Palmer Downtown



Saturday, April 27, 2019

10am—2pm

Fred Meyer in Palmer
Fred Meyer in Wasilla
Talkeetna Sunshine Clinic



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal. No syringes please.
Questions? (907) 861-8557 mmiller@matugov.us



Every **Tue** in **March @ Library**
Baby Lap sit (0-2) – 10am

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NOTICE TO CITY OF PALMER RESIDENTS

City of Palmer personnel will be doing water flow testing of the city hydrants this summer (beginning April 15, 2019).

You may experience some discoloration in your water, which is normal.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

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Chris Nall
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