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## Spring Activities Blooming in the Palmer Library

The Palmer Library has been buzzing with spring activity. The Friends of the Palmer Library's annual Basket Auction fundraiser was a huge success. Items up for bid included



artwork, tea baskets, a scrapbooking organizer with supplies, kid's baskets, a wedding basket, a baby basket, vintage style doilies, a men's basket, and more!

### Youth Program Updates:

CHILL participants learned how the fictional character of Sherlock Holmes was the

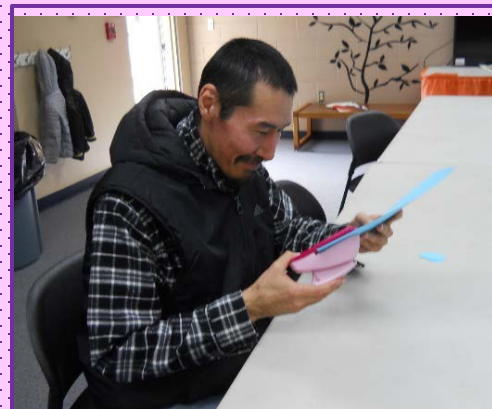
catalyst for the development of real life criminal forensic science. They examined fingerprints, learned how to make inferences



using handwriting samples, and tested their observation skills in a series of challenges.

### Adult Program Updates:

Open Room Crafts at the library is a great opportunity for a little productive respite. Adult patrons work on their projects in the library's free work space, while visiting with fellow participants.



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## *Golf Course on the Go!*

Finally, spring knocked on the Golf Course's door! On Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> the Palmer Golf Course opened for the 2017 season. Despite the wet ground, a warm and sunny day attracted the first golfers of the year.



Over 50 golfers, eager to start the season took advantage of beautiful weather and 7 holes open for play. Power carts will be available when the course dries out and firms up. By the end of the month, if the weather cooperates all 18 holes should be open, assured George Collum, the Golf Course manager. It is forecasted to be a very exciting season. Please, visit the Golf Course website page for more information or call at 907-745-4653.

## *MTA*

## *Events Center*

While some people celebrate the opening of spring and summer season activities, others after a great winter season are wrapping up for the year. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the MTA Events Center finished the season with the best game of the year, "Rockin' Hockey". "The game came about three years ago. It was thought

what if we got the Valley High School hockey players to push The Adaptive PE students around in a wheel chair with a hockey stick and some beach balls and we



could make a game of hockey out of it". Since then, each year this amazing game grows and is filled with special moments that will last a life time. For many of the Adaptive Skaters it was a great day and for their parents it was priceless to see their kids on the ice. "As the father of a child who is a Leukemia survivor

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and now being on a wheel chair I was watching with tears in my eyes as my son, Stevie was scoring his first goal' said Steve McSwain, manager of the ice arena. Thank you to all the amazing people who made this game possible. Thank you to all staff of MTA Events Center for their hard work to make the season great.

*(Info and photo courtesy of S. McSwain)*

## Farmers Market...

As a reminder for all those that have not had a chance to visit the Colony Farmers Market, the market is open every Monday from



## Mayor's Green Day Gallop...



On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Second Annual Green Day Gallop kicked off in Downtown Palmer. The marathon started and ended at the Palmer Depot. Palmer Mayor, Edna DeVries and the Deputy Mayor, Linda



Combs supported the race with their presence and positive attitude.

12 noon to 6pm in the Palmer Depot. The local vendors offer homemade honey jars, jars of homemade veggies and fruits, glass works, jewelries, handmade cards, natural goat milk soap baskets, herbs starters and much more. Do not miss the opportunity to visit the Palmer Depot and get some goodies.



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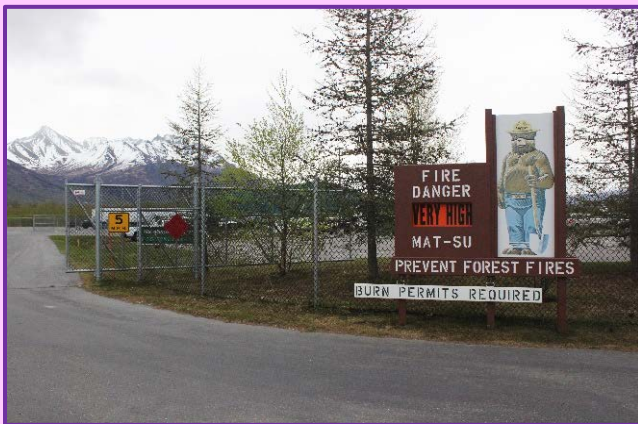


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## *Airport Updates...*

The partnership between the City of Palmer and Alaska Division of Forestry is a great one. Even though, we do not hear a lot about the Department of Forestry during the winter season, its activity increases during the wildfire season which starts in April and ends in September. The Alaska Division of Forestry is situated at the end of the Palmer Airport and it is a branch of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR is responsible for managing state-owned land, waters and natural resources. In 1991, the DNR joined the nationwide effort to help communities improve the condition of the trees and



forests. Facing the rapid population growth and development it is crucial to understand the role and value of trees and forests. Their economic and environmental benefits in conserving the energy and their psychological

benefits for the community are priceless. For this important reason, the City of Palmer is pleased to welcome over 100 trained and qualified firefighters and crew members that are based in Palmer. Many of them come to Palmer every year, for others Palmer will be



their seasonal home for the first time. They provide a great addition and support to our town. We will see them around town enjoying our local restaurants, shops and hotels contributing to Palmer's economy. We will also notice increased activity in the sky above Palmer. Around 10 aircraft; air tankers and helicopters parked on the runway at our Palmer Airport will be flying in and out in preparation for potential fire combat. The City of Palmer is grateful for this partnership that contributes to a safe and protected community.

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## Spring Cleanup on the Way...!

Spring is here, so Public Works are busy with spring tasks. One of the major spring and early summer tasks are street and sidewalk sweeping. The crew focuses on downtown first and then shifts out to residential areas. With all the snow and ice, we had this winter comes a lot of sand/gravel on the



streets. It generally takes 4-6 weeks to get everything swept but please, keep in mind we like to finish this dusty task as soon as possible

but, sometimes our equipment breaks and it holds us back from our schedule. Be patient, and if you would like to help us do a more efficient job, please park your vehicles off the street. We ask bystanders/pedestrians to stay clear of the machine for safety purposes.

*(info and photo courtesy of A. Vann)*

## Coming Up...

- Apr – May Instruction – Construction Exhibition – Palmer Museum\*
- Apr 22 FREE Movie – 12 noon - Library
- Apr 23 Untold Stories – “Spring Breakup” – 6-8pm Museum
- Apr 25 Dress Up Day – Library
- Apr 27 The Looking Glass Forum – “What’s your vision for making the Mat-Su more Walkable?” – 5:30pm-7:00pm – Palmer Depot-Palmer Downtown
- Apr 28 Middle School Movie Night – Fantastic Beast – 6pm – Palmer Library\*
- Apr 28 & 29 Who Let the Girls Out
- Apr 29 Safe Disposal Drugs – Fred Meyer Palmer or Wasilla, Talkeetna Sunshine Clinic – 10am-2pm – For more info call 907-861-8557
- May 12-13 City Clean up - Yard Waste Drop Off only
- May 17 U.S. Open Qualifier – Golf\* Course
- May 18 Disney Dress Up - Library
- May 19 Fridays Flings!
- May 20 MSB Library Board Trapper Creek 10am – Palmer Library
- May 20 CHILL – Cthulhu- Age15 + – Special Guest – Susan Atkinson



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- May 21      Open Room Craft & Scrapbook  
 – Age 15 – Adult – 2pm-4pm -  
 FREE – Palmer Library
- Jun 2-3      Workshops – Machetanz  
 Arts Festival at Mat-Su  
 College. For more details  
 check [matsu.alaska.edu/MAF](http://matsu.alaska.edu/MAF)
- Jun – Jul      Alaskan Farmer – Museum
- Jun 9-11      Colony Days begins
- Jun 10      Palmer Elks Tournament –  
 9am – Golf Course
- Jun 10      Colony Days Parade – Palmer  
 Downtown
- Jun 24      Alaska Scottish Games
- Jul 7      Palmer Wine Walk – 6pm-  
 9pm - Museum
- Jul 8      Midsummer Garden and Art  
 Faire – 10am-6pm – Museum
- Jun 16      Veritiv Tournament – Golf  
 Course
- Jun 16      Midnight Sun (Solstice)  
 Tournament – 5pm – Golf  
 Course
- Jun 23-25      AGA State Match Play 8am –  
 Golf Course
- Jul 13      Hope Golf Classic – 9am – Golf  
 Course
- Jul 14      Great Palmer Chamber of  
 Commerce – 2pm – Golf  
 Course
- Jul 24      FCA Golf Marathon (All Day)  
 Course closed to open play
- Jul 26      Celebrate Palmer – Miners
- Jul 28      Palmer Pride!
- Jul 28      Palmer Invitational KIDS DAY  
 CLINIC – 10am-11:30am – Golf

For more info contact;  
 \*Palmer Library 907-745-4690  
 \*MTA Events Center 907-746-4231  
 \*Palmer Museum 907-746-7668  
 \*Golf Course 907-745-4653

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