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Celebrate Palmer!

Light appetizers, an assortment of wine to taste, actors, art models, great music and a living art photo display are only a few attractions mentioned. The Palmer Wine Walk was a great success! Tickets for the event were sold out in one day! The



*Wine Walk,
Car Show,
Midsummer
Garden and Art
Faire Events....*



What a busy season for our community! The Palmer Wine Walk was held on Friday, July 8th, 2016. Definitely not an event to be missed.



Governor Walker with his wife (left), Selena Ortega-Chiolero and Kyndra White-Hunt



fun... funds collected from tickets were used to help the Museum and the 2016 Palmer Midsummer Garden and Art Faire. The Palmer Wine Walk was not just a celebration; it was a showcase of such a





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wonderful community, full of extraordinary, ideas that Palmer's residents can be proud of. The Palmer Wine Walk opened the annual Palmer Midsummer Garden and Art Faire that was hosted on Saturday, July 9th in downtown Palmer. The one-day festival attracted hundreds of people from the valley; all over Alaska and from out of state. A variety of garden and arts vendors, local artists, food, and live music were enjoyed by the public. The cooking contest, Rhubarb Rumble, created to support local restaurants and the concept of Alaska Grown was applauded with great enthusiasm by the public. The City of Palmer did not miss the opportunity to participate in the event and promote our community by distributing

Newsletters, Flyers, answering



City Manager Nathan Wallace

questions and collecting comments about Palmer and how to improve.

Around the City...



Even though, most of the citizens of Palmer know the Grow Palmer program there are a lot of new people coming to Palmer annually that are not familiar with it. "Grow Palmer" is a volunteer organization that works to.



Info and photos courtesy of Jan Newman.





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provide locally grown food to the citizens of Palmer. The program is funded through the donation of time, plants, money and several large grants from the Rasmuson Foundation and the Mat Su Health Foundation. Volunteers plant edible plants throughout the city that folks can harvest for their table. Where does this great idea originate? Jan Newman gives rise to the



Grow Palmer program. Jan has lived in Palmer since 1991 and the idea of Grow Palmer started in 2013. "It is important to preserve our farm land" she said in conversation. Jan loves good food and healthy cooking. She is very humble with a passion for her city and her craft. She didn't want to talk about herself. Jan said "I don't want people to associate me with Grow Palmer because it is not about me. It is about growing food, growing community, growing Palmer" She asked to pass the message to all residents of our community that veggies in front of the Depot are ready to be harvested and in a few weeks they will be ready along the Edible Rail Trail too.

No doubt Grow Palmer is one of those organizations that thrives to build strong community. Thank you Jan and Thank you to all the volunteers that contribute to Grow Palmer!

Rodders Sixth Annual Car Show...



1931 5 window Coupe FORD

Despite inclement weather, fans of old autos enjoyed the Sunday show. Good music, hotdogs, veggies, soda and a very festive atmosphere accompanied the show...





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Our Library is Unstoppable

“Game On!” Palmer Library was host to a visit from the Mat Su Miners on Thursday, June 30th. 6 team members as well as the general



Courtesy of Katie Schweisthal

manager showed up to read to an audience of over 80 library patrons!! The kids were thrilled and excited to get up close and personal with some of their favorite baseball players. The Miners coached kids through batting practice as well as base running and were very gracious about answering questions and signing autographs. The Miners are our favorite team! Show up to cheer them on during their home game “Celebrate Palmer” on July 27th GO MINERS!!

Farewell Tom...

Welcome Chris

Public Works said Good-Bye to Tom Healy, Director of Public Works. Tom Healy retired

from the City of Palmer in June of this year. Since 2013 he worked as the Director of Public Works. Previously, Tom held the position of City Manager from 1999 to 2007. His dedication to our community and his knowledge were used on many occasions. In 2015 he was selected by the City Council for City Manager as an interim choice during the selection of a long term manager. Tom’s knowledge, dedication, excellent public service and his smile will be missed in City



Hall. Public Works also warmly welcomed a new director, Chris Nall. Chris is a recently retired Army Lieutenant Colonel with 21 years of service. He

moved to Palmer in June 2016 from Eagle River where he lived with his family since 2008. Chris has a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Masters of Arts degree in Management. “We are an outdoor oriented family and love summer and winter activities alike. We plan to make Palmer our home for years to come and look forward to helping make Palmer “Alaska at its Best”” said Chris Nall. Welcome Chris!





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more information, call the main office at 907-746-4231

Announcement from Public Works...

Quiet Hours
10 PM - 6 AM

Park Closed
From
11 PM - 6 AM



New signs are up in several of the City's parks. Signs will inform the public of the need to begin quiet hours at 10 PM and that the park is closed after 11 PM. New dog waste stations have also been installed in several areas for our furry friends.

MTA Event Center Getting Ready...

Hockey season is right around the corner. "We painted the arena and our first Hockey Camp organized by the Palmer Amateur Hockey Association and Palmer High School starts July 29th. Until then I hope everyone is enjoying a great Alaskan Summer in Palmer" said Steve MacSwain, arena manager. For



Great events at the Golf Course coming up...

"On July 14th the 17th Annual Hope Golf Classic was held at Palmer Golf Course. Eighty-four golfers had a wonderful day and also helped support HOPE Community Resources. The event was a 4-person scramble format with 21 teams. Everyone enjoyed the warm weather and the golf course" said George Collum, manager of the Golf Course.

"One of the most popular events, the Free Kid's Day Clinic sponsored by MTA, will be



held on July 22nd. This event is part of the Palmer Invitational Pro-Am presented by Delta Constructors, held on Saturday, July 23rd and Sunday, July 24th. Golf professionals and top amateurs volunteer to introduce local youth to the great game of golf. Each child will receive instruction, a golf cap and lunch donated by Peppercini's Deli





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& Catering. The Free Kid's Day Clinic is limited to the first 50 juniors, ages 6-17, that sign up. Please call the Palmer Golf Course at 745-4653 to register. On July 25th, the Golf Course will host the FCA Golf Marathon. This will be an all-day event where participants raise money by playing as many holes as they can"



Info and photos courtesy of George Collum

Coming Up...

- Jul Operation Backpacks – Backpacks and school supplies collection-until Agu 5th
- Jul 23-24 Palmer invitational Pro-Am 9:00am – Golf Course through August 5th more info 376-5080
- Jul 25 Miners Home Game – AK USA Federal Credit Union Day
- Jul 25 FCA Golf Marathon All Day Golf Course
- Jul 26 Miners Home Game – AARP Day @ the Park
- Jul 27 “Celebrate Palmer” @ Mat-Su Miners Baseball Game 6:00 pm**

- Jul 28 Miners Home Game – Waddell & Reed Day at the Park
- Jul 29 Miners Home Game – Tudor Bingo
- Jul 29 MTA – First Hockey Camp Center
- Jul 30 Miners Home Game – Summit Oral Surgery and Henry Schein Dental Day at the Park
- Aug 3 Miners Home Game – MTA Fan Appreciation Day
- Aug 5 Kiwanis Tourney 4:00 pm Golf Course
- Aug 13 Palmer Art Walk – Palmer Museum
- Aug 20-21 Palmer Club Championship 9:00 am Golf Course

Aug 25-Sep 5 Alaska State Fair!

- Aug 27 Alaska State Fair Parade 11:00 am Downtown Palmer
- Sep 9 Foreign Film at 7pm – Library
- Sep 10 Palmer Art Walk – Palmer Museum
- Sep 10 CHILL Program at 6pm – Library
- Sep 11 Scrapbooking at 2pm – Library
- Sep 13 Baby Lap Sit resumes at 10am. Story Time (for 2 year olds) resumes @ 11am – Library
- Sep 15 Story Time (for 3-5 year olds) resumes at 11am – Library
- Sep 18 Untold Stories 6:00pm-8:00pm - Museum
- Sep 19 FRIENDS Meeting at 7pm – Library
- Sep 20 & 27 (and every Tuesday until December) Baby Lap Sit at 10am Story Time (for 2 year olds) at 11am - Library
- Sep 22 & 29 Story Time (for 3-5yrs old) @ 11am

