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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING AND SPOTLIGHTING MOUNTAIN VIEW

MOUNTAIN VIEW SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Mountain View Street Fair

The Mountain View Street Fair took place on Saturday, June 25th. An estimated 4,000 people filled Clark Middle School enjoying food, entertainment, access to vision and dental services and kid-friendly activities. The Alaska Museum of Natural History was free for the day, the Mountain View Library offered information about summer reading events and a special performance by the Tomodachi Daiko Drummers, and the Credit Union 1 Mountain View Branch invited kids to learn about credit.



Community Council 4th of July Picnic



Photos of the Community Council picnic taken by Glenn Howson.

Catholic Social Services Mt. View Refugee Gardens
Garden-produce is raised, marketed, and sold by immigrants and refugees.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVENTS CALENDAR

July 16 Mt. View Lions Community Celebration @ Lions Park; Noon - 5 pm

July 16 Volunteer Work Party @ William B Lyons Park; 9 am - 1 pm

August 2 National Night Out @ Mountain View Community Center/Boys +Girls Club; 5-9 pm

August 8 Mountain View Community Council Meeting@ Boys and Girls Club; 7-9 pm

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Polar Little League

Polar Little League is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), organization that supports youth baseball in Anchorage, Alaska and now, again in Mountain View. The 10+ youth teams from T-ball to Juniors work to promote personal development, team participation, and sportsmanship.

The love of the game is the reason 143 players, ages 4 to 15, hit the diamond. Polar Little League, formerly Mountain View Little League, began in 1967. It's now one of eight District 1 leagues in Anchorage. The season wraps up quick, so make your way down to Peck Field in Davis Park to enjoy an evening of baseball!

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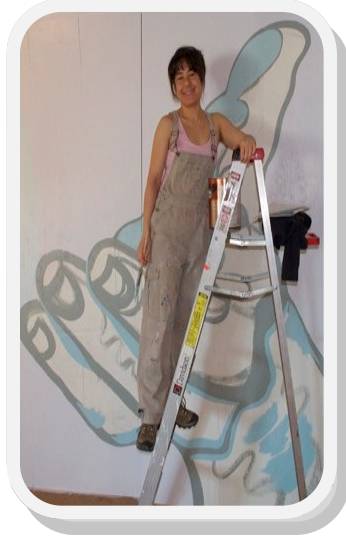


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Community Mural—A Letter from the Artist

Dear Mountain View Community, Imagine a world where we reach out to each other, in kindness, in hope, and with the selfless wonder that sets aside our differences and allows us to see one another in our fragile failings and boundless strength. Imagine a world where peace weaves a common thread throughout our lives and brings us together. I saw this on a day just after the summer solstice. My parents have video footage of me dipping my braids in water and “painting” on the sun soaked ceramic tile surrounding our friend’s swimming pool at three years old. Visual expression has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I believe the things we create say something about who we are and can be used to gain insight as well as communicate our inner selves to the outer world. Sometimes, a picture works when words fall short. I feel as though everyone has the capacity to be creative. Art provides an outlet for a shared experience, and offers a window into the recesses of what makes us human together. It is my hope that the solace and joy I have found in creative expression will be something that all of you might share too. On June 25th I watched children and adults create a work of art together. I am inspired by the messages left there and by the colors that remind me of a day where people who did not know each other created something beautiful. This mural project reminds me that perhaps imagining a world where we recognize our similarities rather than our differences may not be so far away. To those of you who participated and supported the Art for Peace Mural Project, this is my thank you to you. I want projects like these to continue. I hope you will too. Aurora

Aurora Sidney-Ando recently installed the community art project at 3509 Mountain View Drive.



Mt. View Lions Community Celebration

The Mt. View Lions Club is throwing a Community Celebration at Lions Park on July 16th. Several Lions clubs of Anchorage are inviting the Mt View and Anchorage Community to get to know and support the Mt View Lions Park and help honor Hmong Veterans living in Anchorage and provide free eye screening. Opening ceremonies begin at noon, and entertainment, pony rides, and sports cars follow.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT—JAHKEEL JOSEPH AND GREG WILLIAMS

Jahkeel Joseph (left) and Greg Williams (right) are two of three members of the Mountain View based rap group Team Legit.



Jahkeel Joseph and Greg Williams have big goals for their group Team Legit - putting Alaska hip-hop on the map and selling out Madison Square Garden, for starters. They have two mix-tapes full of new tracks and record three to four times a week. Greg, the producer for the group, said, “I’ve always been a music child”. He’s a self-described ‘hand’s-on’ kind of guy, learning to make beats and cut tracks on the fly. Jahkeel started rapping as a youngster by performing songs that his uncle wrote. They had a next door neighbor who “knew Dr. Dre” and if he could get her a hot track, she would pass it along to the famous rap icon. Turns out, after two months she moved away and they never heard what happened to her, but he had started to really enjoy rapping. Jahkeel has lived in three different parts of the United States with different music styles and he tries to blend them all to build an Alaska sound. The group is gaining notoriety in the Alaska hip hop scene using Facebook and MySpace to introduce new fans to their music. They ask their fans which songs they like best, fans from Fairbanks to California respond. Jahkeel recently celebrated his 18th birthday and is looking in to college at UAA. Greg is a soon to be junior at East. Mountain View is home. Both boys love the social aspects of the neighborhood having lived in other ‘quieter’ parts of town. Team Legit met at the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club and they initially didn’t like each other. Things changed when Greg needed a rapper for one of his tracks. Now, on to the Garden!