

The Mountain View Villager

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER Celebrating and Spotlighting Mountain View

MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS JULY

Mountain View Community Summit

Save the date! On October 5 and 6, the Anchorage Community Land Trust and Mountain View Community Council will be hosting the first Mountain View Community Summit. The Summit will bring together Mountain View community members to catalyze local change led by the community and work towards finalizing the Mountain View Neighborhood Plan. Participants are invited to "Dream. Connect. Act.," and find solutions to issues critical to them in 2012 and beyond. The event will be forum-style with engagement and learning opportunities. To learn more about the Summit or to be involved in the leadership efforts and planning for the Summit please contact: Erin Hardy at 274.0152 or Kirk Rose at 274.0181. Please return the attached postcard to RSVP and submit your dream for MV!



Mayor salutes new Pole Banners on Mountain View Drive, Business Roundtable

The Mayor was in Mountain View on June 27th to congratulate the Mountain View Business Roundtable and Anchorage Community Land Trust are on bringing two miles worth of art to Mountain View Drive. Business owners have sponsored the 90 lighting fixtures on Mountain View Drive and artist, Nora Gecan, has designed some beautiful artwork for the metal banners that will adorn the poles. The effort was a community process with support from schools and the Community Council. The banners will add color, character and a sense of place to Mountain View Drive streetscape.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVENTS CALENDAR

July 4th—Happy Independence Day!

July 30th - Park Improvements at Davis Park scheduled through August 2nd

August 13th—Mountain View Community Council Meeting—Boys and Girls Club; 7-9 pm

** Note there is no July Community Council meeting

October 5th and 6th—Mountain View Community Summit at Clark Middle School

Around the Neighborhood

Mountain View Clean-Up This story submitted by Mountain View Resident, Daniel George.

"Here's a great impromptu photo from Sunday's clean-up efforts. Super-volunteers Mike Guarin and his daughter Megan, who are holding up a sign someone left outside a home in Mountain View with their "donations" to our pick-up efforts. The sign reads: **Mountain View**



Clean Up 2012, Thank you for making Mountain View a better, more pretty place to live!

You guys rock!" —- A Volunteer Recognition Lunch on June 15th honored the wonderful volunteers who make a positive impact in Mountain View. —- The Faster Than a Falcon 5K raised almost \$10,000 for the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club this year. Over 600 runners participated in this race through the Mountain View neighborhood.



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Mountain View Street Fair Rocks N' Rolls!

Saturday June 23rd was a fantastic day in Mountain View with the 4th annual Street Fair. The sun was shining and people from all over Anchorage came to Clark Middle School for food, fun, services and great entertainment. Most also left with a tan! The Air Force band Top Cover brought the house down with a great live performance and kids left with new I heart MV t-shirts courtesy of ExxonMobil and the Anchorage Community Land Trust. Alaska Native dance groups performed as well as the Hmong dance group White Cloud. Kids laughed along with Magician Don Russell and all enjoyed a beautiful day in MV!



World Refugee Day at Lion's Park in Mountain View was a celebration of culture and diversity. The lives and stories of amazing people who make up our community were shared. This shot courtesy of Kelsey Preecs



Alaska Museum of Natural History is Changing! —Katch Bacheller

The Alaska Museum of Natural History is changing! Next spring we will be redoing the outside façade and we want your input! Please tell us what you think the outside façade should incorporate. Be specific. We do know that we are: Keeping the big lighted sign, Need an overhang for our front door to keep snow and ice off patrons. Will be doing away with all outside first floor windows. Can't build any more structures onto the lot due to parking pressures, including entrances. Call for more details. 274.2400



Business Spotlight—Mustafa Ali

Mustafa Ali is a business owner who has recently located in Mountain View. His new business is located in the new Lofts on Mountain View Drive. He does business in the evenings there working as a Travel agent, tax services, emergency medical transportation along with consultation services for housing, interpretation, etc. His main business is the Juba Halal grocery on Boniface. He also plays an important role in the Somali community of Anchorage. "I'm someone people trust because I've helped other ease difficulties and challenges. They ask me to advocate for them on issues such as housing and connecting them to mainstream society. My community wants people to know that we are here and that we want to contribute to the wellbeing of the state. It's hard to transfer that message because of the language barriers. I'm a business man and I want to provide my community the ethnic food that they miss from back home. One of the my favorite parts of my job is introducing our food and culture to Anchorage and Alaska."

