

Mountain View News October 2013

More Frequent Bus Stops Added In Mountain View

People Mover will add 5 extra service routes to the 45 this year. The 45 is the only bus line that serves the Mountain View area, and has the highest ridership of any line in the Anchorage area. The Municipality will add an extra five stops to the line, increasing the frequency of stops during the day, at the times of peak ridership.



Museum of Science and Nature Adds Mural

The Alaska Museum of Science and Nature, located at 201 N. Bragaw St., behind the Credit Union 1, has recently painted the outside of their building and added some great murals featuring, among other things, a T-Rex! Stop by the Museum today to see the new artwork and the great exhibits.



Special Olympics, AK Housing Finance Corp. Start New Projects in Mountain View

Two vacant pieces of land will soon be redeveloped in Mountain View. On Mountain View Drive, Special Olympics will be building a new statewide training facility, the first of its kind in the state. In June, ground was broken at the site, which consists of the current parking lot, the former MTS gallery, and the former furniture warehouse. And the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will soon be starting work on an 80-unit housing development next to Clark Middle School and the Glenn Square Mall.



Upcoming Events:

October 25-26, 2013: Trick or Treat Town

Trick or Treat town is an indoor trick-or-treating event that benefits the Boys and Girls Club. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. The event held at the Alaska Communications garage (600 Telephone Ave.) on Friday night and all day Saturday. More information can be found at www.trickortreattown.org

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Polar Little League Improves Ballfields at Davis Park

Polar Little Leagues has received a grant to renovate the three ballfields at Davis Park. If you are interested in discussing other plans for Davis Park or have suggestions for how to make the park a more useful and safe asset to the neighborhood, please attend the next Mountain View Community Council meeting.



Art Walk Application

At the 2nd annual Alaska Hackathon, held at the Mountain View Service Center in April, members of Anchorage's tech and nonprofit communities came together to find solutions and work on projects. One product of the Hackathon was an art walk application, now online and located at <http://www.anchoragelandtrust.org/MVAR.html/> that maps out all the art pieces in Mountain View. Made with the help of ACLT summer intern Dustin Mendoza, the website shows the locations, pictures, and information about each artwork. We hope to expand the site to encompass all of Anchorage.



Pictures from the 5th annual Mountain View Street Fair, which took place at Clark Middle School on June 29th.

Lighting Improvements Along Mountain View Drive

This year, Mountain View received \$1,000,000 in funding to improve street lighting in the neighborhood. The Community Council, Rep. Tarr, Sen. Ellis, and neighborhood partners have been working with the Municipality to begin planning for this project; new lights may be installed late next year or in 2015. If you have suggestions for which parts of Mountain View need more street lighting, please contact the Mountain View Community Council.

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Mountain View Neighborhood Plan Updates

A first draft of the Mountain View Neighborhood Plan has been drafted, and the Anchorage Community Land Trust (ACLT) is now organizing focus groups, in order to hear what you want for the future of your neighborhood.

1. The Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan estimates that Northeast Anchorage will need to accommodate an additional 5,000-7,000 dwelling units by 2020 to keep up with demand for housing. What are the best locations in Mountain View to add or build new housing units?
2. What types of new affordable housing should be built?
3. Does Mountain View need more affordable housing options, or should most of the new units built be available at market rate?
4. How can we make bus transit more convenient? Does the bus route need to be expanded, and do the existing bus stops meet the needs of the neighborhood?
5. How can we expand pedestrian facilities, and in what areas of the neighborhood do sidewalks and street crossings need to be improved?
6. Do we have enough parks and green spaces in Mountain View? What improvements need to be made in existing parks to make them more of an asset for the neighborhood? Do you think we need new parks or gardens, and if so, what are the best locations for them?
7. What spaces on Mountain View Dr., Bragaw St., or Commercial Dr. are underutilized?
8. The Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan prioritizes providing "distinctive public landmarks and other public places in neighborhoods". What public landmarks does Mountain View already have? And what new landmarks do you think would help us celebrate Mountain View?
9. How can we build upon Mountain View's arts and culture legacy? Where would you like to see new public artworks and cultural amenities?

We appreciate you taking the time to answer these questions, and your answers will be incorporated into the final draft of the Neighborhood Plan. Please return written answers to the Anchorage Community Land Trust's office (161 Klevin St., Suite 204—in the basement) or email answers to rkrishna@anchorageandtrust.org. We will provide a \$7 gift card as thanks for answering these questions.

Employment Opportunities

Home Depot will be hiring to fill over 15 part-time positions in their store on Rodeo Dr. this fall. To apply, go to careers.homedepot.com (you can only apply online—paper applications will not be accepted).

The Rock Pizza will be opening in the Northway Mall soon (in the old Red Robin, on Rodeo Dr.) and will be hiring for a variety of positions.

Bass Pro Shops will be coming to the Glenn Square mall in spring 2014. They will be holding a job fair to fill positions at the store in January. The job fair will be advertised through the Villager, the MV Community Council email list, and at the library.



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