



The Fairview Press

Serving Fairview where "People Make The Difference"

MAYOR BEGICH PROCLAIMS COMMUNITY PRIDE & DIVERSITY DAY

**DIVERSITY
IS OUR
STRENGTH**

The highlight of this year's Fairview Community Block Party, was Mayor Mark Begich's Proclamation of Fairview Community Pride & Diversity Day. The Mayor issued his Proclamation during the event, Saturday July 17th, at Fairview Lions Park.

This year's party was an extremely successful celebration of COMMUNITY PRIDE & DIVERSITY! More than 500 persons enjoyed food, games, prizes, and meeting and conversing with their friends, neighbors, and elected officials.

The program opened with a welcome from Fairview Community Council President Darrel Hess, followed by Pastor C.R. Hawkins, from True Vine Ministries, delivering a rousing & heartfelt invocation. Everyone then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag, followed by Tony Eldridge's always rousing rendition of our national anthem.

Following the anthem, Mayor Begich greeted the community and issued his proclamation of Fairview Community Pride & Diversity Day. Following the Mayor's remarks, Fairview's own Senator Johnny Ellis spoke of his love for, and commitment to, Fairview and her residents.

Representative Les Gara spoke of his pride in being privileged to represent Fairview in the State House of Representatives. Last, but not least, Fairview's First Lady, Pam Tesche, filling in for her husband, Assemblyman Allan Tesche (Allan's Mom was ill, and Allan was with her in Florida), spoke of Fairview's special place in the hearts of Allan and herself.

FVCC President Hess then recognized this year's recipients of Certificates of Appreciation from the Council's Beautification Committee. Darrel thanked them for making Fairview a more attractive place to live. Dale Myhill, Chair of the Council's Education Committee then recognized those individuals receiving Certificates of Appreciation from the Council's



The lovely, and delicious, cake provided by Let Them Eat Cake says it all! In Fairview, even our desserts demonstrate COMMUNITY PRIDE & DIVERSITY.

Education Committee. Dale thanked them for their commitment to Fairview's children. FVCC President Hess then recognized those individuals, businesses, and organizations who were this year's recipients of Certificates of Appreciation from the Council, for MAKING A DIFFERENCE in Fairview.

After the recipients of this year's certificates from the Council were announced, Darrel made a special presentation to Lt. Paul Honeman and his wife Valerie. The Honemans were honored for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty in helping to make the Officer Harry B. Hanson APD Substation at 14th & Fairbanks a reality. Darrel presented Lt. Honeman with a plaque from the Council, and Certificates of Appreciation for both he and his wife.

The highlight of the awards program was the presentation of this year's 2nd Annual Fairview Citizenship Award to Charles & Celeste Benson. Darrel Hess brought former Governor Tony Knowles to the stage to introduce, and recognize, last year's inaugural Citizenship Award recipient; Senator Johnny Ellis, who was unable to attend last year's festivities due to a family emergency. Johnny thanked the community for the great honor they bestowed upon him last year. (cont. on page 4)

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Tentative Agenda Topics for the August Meeting

- An update on the 9th Avenue Project
- An update on the 5th Avenue/ Glenn Highway Project
- A presentation on the condo project at 13th & Denali
- By-Laws Amendments
- Community Comments, Concerns & Reports.

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

Mohammed Ali

AROUND FAIRVIEW



(Pride:cont. from page 1) Governor Knowles & Senator Ellis then spoke of their decades long working relationship with the Bensons, as they helped to found and organize the Fairview Community Council. Representative Gara, and Pam Tesche, spoke of the huge difference that the Bensons have made in our community. Governor Knowles, Mayor Beigich, Senator Ellis, Representative Gara, and Pam Tesche then presented Charles & Celeste Benson with this years Fairview Citizenship Award Plaque.

Immediately following the presentation of the Citizenship Award, Representative Les Gara presented Charles and Celeste with a special Legislative Citation, honoring them for their 30 years of commitment and volunteerism in Fairview, and congratulating them on their 50 years of marriage (see story on page 4).

In accepting both the Citizenship Award and the Legislative Citation, Charles and Celeste remarked that "It took more then just the two of us to make all of these great things happen in our community!" Their modest acceptance epitomizes the precept that those who really make a difference in their communities are individuals who do it to achieve a positive result, not gain personal recognition. The smiles on the faces of Charles and Celeste, and their family, made it all worth while!

A little later, when past Council Chair Dan Loring arrived at the party, he & his family were honored with this year's 3rd Annual Fairview Beautification Award. Over the past few years Dan has worked tirelessly, often using his own funds, to make community beautification projects happen in Fairview.

Following the awards program everyone enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, hot links, chips, beans, Rosella Hess's homemade mac & cheese, and of course sodas and candy! And to cap it all off, an incredibly delicious "pride" cake from Ed & Vikki Madson's Let Them Eat Cake!

Special kudos to Regina Manteufel for the outstanding job she did with the kids games! It was definitely the most fun ever for the younger crowd at our annual block party. Between Regina and Marky d Clown, the kids all had a great time. Dozens of smiling kids,

and a few adults, lined up for face painting and balloon art. DJ Rohan Stevens rocked the community with a great selection of Motown and Reggae, and more than a few residents were spotted "shaking a leg."

*An extra special thanks goes out to the Fairview Lions, our chefs and servers extraordinary! If you are interested, they are looking for a few good people to join their great organization! A **BIG** thanks to Mike Clancy from Carrs Gambell, who came down on his day off and bailed us out when we could not find a pick up truck to set up for the party.*

Kudos to Regina, the man in the red pickup, Matthew, Nicholas, Michael and Donovan, who all helped clean up and take the tables and chairs back to the Rec Center. And, a special shout out to James with the Fairview Veterans Group. James helped setup, clean up, and haul the tables and chairs back to the Rec Center. This guy is a keeper for our Community!

Thanks also, to the 2004 Community Block Party Ad Hoc Committee; Harry Deuber, Regina Mantuefel, Dale Myhill, Celeste Benson, and Darrel Hess. A special mention to KTUU Channel 2 News, for the great, positive segment they did on Fairview & our Block Party. Thanks also to KTVA Channel 11 News for their segment.

*Our annual celebration of community pride and diversity is not inexpensive to put on, and we owe a **BIG** thank you to those businesses who stepped up and helped us out this year! The businesses who made monetary contributions are: Our primary sponsor Barry's Baranof Lounge, First National Bank and VF Grace. The businesses who made in kind donations are: Carrs Gambell, Pepsi Cola of Alaska, VF Grace, Paragon Distributors, Let Them Eat Cake, & Bill Webb & Anchorage Markets.*

*As you can see from the many names listed in the thank yous, putting on our Annual Community Block Party is a big effort, but it's worth it to see our community come together and celebrate Community Pride & Diversity, and recognize that "People Make The Difference." THANKS to all, and so long until next year! **FAIRVIEW ROCKS!***

**The Fairview Community Council
Executive Board 2004-2005**

1. President-Darrel Hess
2. Vice-President-Noel Rea
3. Secretary-Sharon Chamard
4. Treasurer-Celeste Benson
5. At-Large-Anthony Eldridge
6. At-Large-Katrina Grundahl
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**FAIRVIEW SHOWS HER
COLORS ON THE 4th**



BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

Over the past several months, various proposed amendments to our by-laws have been discussed at Council Meetings. Listed below are the final versions of the proposed amendments to the Fairview Community Council By-Laws, as adopted February 11, 1993, and amended on March 11, 1993. These proposed amendments will be discussed and voted upon by the Membership during the August 12, 2004 General Membership Meeting. The amendments, and reasoning behind them are listed below. Should anyone need a copy of the current by-laws, or the by-laws with proposed amendments, or both, contact Darrel Hess at 258-3714, or gmpeon@alaska.net.

ARTICLE II BOUNDARIES

1 Changes the description to match the new boundaries implemented in July 2003.

The Fairview Community Council shall encompass the area outlined in Map 5b, Northwest Anchorage Bowl: East Downtown Vicinity Community Council Districts, as defined by the Anchorage Assembly in July 2003.

2 Inserts a word left out when the by-laws were written

ARTICLE III DEFINITION

(Municipal Code and Guidelines)

3 Gives the Council the option to recruit members outside of monthly meetings.

D. To become a member of the Council one must register at a regular monthly meeting or Council sponsored function.

4 Ties in with the above change.

E. A new member is eligible to vote at the regular meeting next following the meeting or Council function at which he or she registered.

5 Increases the minimum required meetings from 4 to 8.

A. There shall be a minimum of eight (8) general membership meetings per year. Annual election of officers shall take place at the March General Membership Meeting.

6 Writes into the by-laws something that the Council has done for many years, making it official, and above challenge.

H. A Resolution brought before the Council shall be voted on no earlier than the next regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting following the regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting at which the resolution is introduced and read.

7 The Council has problems getting people to run for office. The annual election by the Membership is a form of term limits.

B. There shall be no term limits for Council officers.

8 Decreases the required Board Meetings from 12 to 10, giving the E Board some flexibility.

2. The Executive Board shall meet at least ten (10) times a year.

9 Eliminates the need to pay an accountant, and substitutes "a person approved by the Membership." Accountants cost MONEY.

C. A financial report signed by the Treasurer and the President and a person approved by the Membership showing all receipts and expenditures shall be made yearly to the Council prior to the election of new officers.

WORLD CHANGERS TO TARGET FAIRVIEW IN 2005



Susan Fison, CEO of Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services has announced that World Changers will work in Fairview in 2005! This will mark World Changers first major foray into Fairview in over three years. Susan has requested that the Community Council start working on a list of potential projects, in preparation for next year. **LET'S GO!**



Newly appointed Fairview Elementary Principal Marc Robinson was introduced to the community during this year's Community Block Party on Saturday, July 12th.

FVCC Chair Darrel Hess presented Mr. Robinson with a Certificate of Appreciation for the school's teachers, staff and

students.

Darrel also presented Mr. Robinson with a Fairview Pride shirt, and a framed copy of Mayor Begich's Proclamation of Fairview Community Pride & Diversity Day, to display in the school.

During his brief remarks, Mr. Robinson expressed his excitement to be at Fairview Elementary, and reiterated his commitment to quality education for every student attending the school. Welcome Mr. Robinson; the Community is behind you!



Mayor Mark Begich, First Lady Deborah Bonitio, and Senator Johnny Ellis celebrate a Golden Milestone with the Bensons!

CHARLES & CELESTE CELEBRATE!

More than 100 people gathered at The Anchorage Senior Center the evening of July 18th to help Charles & Celeste Benson celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Bensons were married June 12, 1954, in Philadelphia. They, and their growing family, moved to Alaska, and Fairview in 1974.

Dozens of friends and community leaders attended the event, including Mayor Mark Begich and First Lady Deborah Bonito. The Mayor read a letter from the Municipality honoring the Bensons for their 50 years of marriage, and 30 years of community activism.

Also attending were Senator Johnny Ellis, and Representative Les Gara and his wife Kelly, and a multitude of the Benson's friends.

The Benson's eldest son, Maj. Charles Benson III (U.S.A.) was present, although his wife Jill & sons Nat (18) & Tony (16) were unable to make the trip from Florida. Daughter and son-in-law Rebecca & Brooks Hepker, made the trip from Illinois, along with their sons Shawn (14) & Stewart (15).

All family members who reside in Anchorage were on hand for the festivities; son Paul, his companion Anna Saetern, and their son Benjamin (2 1/2), son Michael, his wife Kathryn, & their children Mike Jr. (5) & Summer Joy (7), and the Benson's late daughter Gretchen's husband Ron Brown, and son Keegan (16). Gretchen was very much in the family's thoughts during the evening!

The Bensons were pleased to see so many friends who have enriched their lives & would like to thank them all for sharing in their celebration!



SUNDAY MARKET GEARS UP FOR AUGUST 2004 TEST RUN

Our friend and neighbor, Bill Webb, and Anchorage Markets, are gearing up for a test run of Sunday Market!

Sunday Market kicks off on August 8, 2004, and runs every Sunday through September 12th. Hours are 10 AM till 6 PM. If this year's Sunday Market test is successful, in 2005 Sunday Market could run the entire season.

Please come out and support Sunday Market, and our friend Bill Webb. For

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