



DOWNTOWN UPDATE

DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE CORE STREETS DESIGN CONCEPTS

What used to be the **E Street Corridor Project** has now been expanded to include more of the Downtown core streets – the 16 square block area bounded by 3 /7 Avenues and C/G Streets. The group in charge of the project – **MAKERS architecture and urban design**, CRW Engineering, and Earthscape – **will be in town next week for two public meetings.**

The first meeting is an open house that will provide participants with an opportunity to review and comment on streetscape design options for the Downtown core that will allow participants to review design concepts and ask questions of the consultant team. **MAKERS** also will provide a short presentation that reviews the concepts, summarize comments from the open house, and discuss next steps.

The first meeting takes place on **Wednesday, August 23 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at City Hall in Room 155.**

The second meeting will be an "open door" session on **Thursday, August 24 from 9:00am - 12:00 noon.** This session is a chance for individuals to meet one-on-one with the MAKERS team and work collaboratively through some of your issues. **MAKERS** will have drawings on the table and pens available to develop the ideas into images. The "open door" session will be **held in City Hall, Room 160.**

Over the next several weeks the team will refine the design concepts for Downtown core streets based on the input they receive at either of these two public meetings, so your participation is extremely important as it will help ensure the creation of a public asset reflective of the goals and vision of Anchorage citizens.

We hope to see you there! For more information please contact: **Stefani Lakey**, MAKERS architecture and urban design, **206-652-5080** or stefani@makersarch.com

ANCHORAGE PLANS FOR AFN RETURN

The Mayor's Office would like to let our **Members** know that several **initiatives are underway to make sure this year's Alaska Federation of Natives convention is the most successful AFN convention ever.** The **AFN** convention will take place **at the Egan Convention Center from October 23 – 28.**

The **Mayor's Office** and the **Office of Equal Opportunity** are working closely with the **Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau planning for AFN.** The planning includes soliciting help from businesses, looking for sponsors and recruiting volunteers. The volunteer effort will be huge, as teams are being assembled to help with activities from airport greeters to concert ushers.

If you or your business / organization wants to get involved, call Clare Charlie at 343-4664, or email to CharlieC@muni.org.

NEW GALLERY VIRTU GRAND OPENING

New Downtown gallery **Virtu** will celebrate their **grand opening from 6:00 – 9:00pm next Friday, August 25.**

The grand opening of **Virtu** will feature **The Nomadic Project**, a national traveling art exhibit. There will be appetizers, dessert, and beer & wine at the celebration, and artists from the **Nomad Project** will be present.

The Nomadic Project is a traveling art exhibit featuring paintings by Kristin Abraham. Kristin is touring the United States, doing one painting representative of each U.S. state. One gallery in each state is chosen to host and sell the painting from the state she visited prior. At the end of the year, all 50 paintings will be collected, and the entire collection will travel to each state for an exhibit. Virtu will host Kristin's painting from North Dakota and also will host the entire 50-painting collection when it travels to Alaska.

Virtu is located at 400 West 4th Avenue. To learn more, go to www.thenomadicproject.com

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TURNS 90

The National Park Service turns 90 years old on Friday, August 25, 2006. And to celebrate this anniversary, the **Alaska Public Lands Information Center in Anchorage** is offering several special activities, presentations and appearances throughout the day for everyone's enjoyment.

- See a live golden eagle up close and learn about this interesting bird's habits, natural history and ecology from Mary Beth Wright, Education Presenter with the Bird Treatment and Learning Center in Anchorage. The presentation begins at 1pm in the exhibit hall area.
- Learn everything you wanted to know about dog sledding from dog musher Erin McLaren. Erin's presentations are always informative and entertaining. She will bring one of her dogs, dog sled and mushing equipment into the auditorium for this presentation. Begins at 2:00 pm.
- Take one of the guided Captain Cook Interpretive Walking Tours with Amber Rose, National Park Service education specialist with the APLIC. You will learn things you never imagined regarding Cook's exploration of this area of Alaska. Tours begin at 11 am and 2:30 pm.

Free cake will be available for visitors as long as it lasts. Free information on all 17 of our National Park Service areas and other public lands in Alaska will also be available.

The center is located in the old Federal Building in downtown Anchorage at 605 West 4th Avenue - across from the Fourth Avenue Theater. As always, admission is free to the public (identification is needed at the door.)

CONGRATS TO MEMBER ALLURE DAY SPA AND HAIR DESIGN

ADP Member Allure Day Spa and Hair Design recently was selected for **the prestigious award "Top 5 Salons in America" by Salon Today**, a leading salon industry trade magazine.

According to the magazine: "This Alaskan salon and fourth runner-up features decor elements taken straight from the wilderness to make a big impression."

For more information, visit www.salontoday.com



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