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MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTIONS: *FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!*

**DIVERSITY
IS OUR
STRENGTH**

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Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda! Unfortunately that is what many Americans think of when they think of Memorial Day. They have forgotten the true meaning and purpose of the holiday. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day to remember those who have died in our nation's service.



After the Civil war many people in the North and South decorated graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. In the Spring of 1866, Henry C. Welles, a druggist in the village of Waterloo, NY, suggested that the patriots who had died in the Civil War should be honored by decorating their graves. General John B. Murray, Seneca County Clerk, embraced the idea and a committee was formed to plan a day devoted to honoring the dead.

Townpeople made wreaths, crosses and bouquets for each veteran's grave. The village was decorated with flags at half mast. On May 5 of that

year, a processional was held to the town's cemeteries, led by veterans. The town observed this day of remembrance on May 5 of the following year as well.

Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed officially on May 30, 1868. The South did not observe Decoration Day, preferring to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day, and soldiers who had died in other wars were also honored.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday in May.

Today, Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of the summer season in the United States. It is still a time to remember those who have passed on, whether in war or otherwise. It also is a time for families to get together for picnics, ball games, and other early summer activities.

Alaska is proud to have the largest percentage of Veterans of any state, and Fairview is especially proud of the many Veterans at the Anchorage Senior Center who are part of the "Greatest Generation". These Veterans of World War II and Korea are a living link to an incredible time in our nation's history.

Fairview is also proud of the many Vietnam Veterans who live and work in our community.

This Memorial Day, say "Thank You!" to a Veteran, and take a moment to pause and remember those men and women who gave their lives that we might live free.

NEW FAIRVIEW PRINCIPAL SELECTED

Lake Otis Elementary Principal Marc Robinson has been selected to be the new Principal for Fairview Elementary School. During his four years as Lake Otis, Mr. Robinson and his staff have done

an outstanding job educating the student body.

During the 2002-2003 school year, Lake Otis attained it's goals in Math, Reading, School Climate, and Technology, with a

student body that was 56% minority, 45% low income, and 41% mobile. We feel that these results bode well for Fairview Elementary.

Welcome Mr. Robinson!

Tentative Agenda Topics for the June Meeting

- A presentation on the Title 21 rewrite
- An update on the Gambell/Ingra Highway Safety Improvement Project
- July's Community Block Party
- Audit of the Council's finances
- Community Comments, Concerns & Reports.

DUE TO RENOVATIONS AT THE FAIRVIEW REC CENTER, THE JUNE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE ANCHORAGE SENIOR CENTER; 1900 EAST 19th AVENUE.



NEIGHBOR WORKS & ANHS TEAM UP WITH FAIRVIEW RESIDENTS

NeighborWorks, together on the common goal of improving THEIR neighborhood, and get to know each other a little better. This year, we have two great Block Projects. Block Captains Harry Deuber & Dan Loring are heading up a Beautification Project along the 13th Avenue Corridor, and Block Captain Tammy Vaughan is heading up The Karluk Street Clean Up.

Using \$1,000 Block Grants, neighborhood teams will work on community block projects, and at the conclusion of the projects, hold celebratory BBQ's. NeighborWorks and ANHS provide the money for supplies and materials, and the Block Teams provide the labor.

The block projects are a way to get neighbors working

together on the common goal of improving THEIR neighborhood, and get to know each other a little better.

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The 13th Avenue Project will take place on Wednesday June 9th, from 5pm-9pm. For more information, call Harry at 440-6372, or Dan at 344-8258.

The Karluk Project will take place on Saturday June 12th, from 10am-12pm. For more information, call Tammy at 274-1144.

A celebratory BBQ will be held immediately following both projects. If you live along 13th Avenue or Karluk Street, please join your neighbors in making a difference.

Many thanks to NeighborWorks, ANHS, Lisa Mills, our Block Captains, The Fairview Community Council, Carrs/Safeway, Webb Consulting, and VF Grace, for all of their efforts in making these projects successful.

"And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
Animal Control: 343-8122
Code Violations: 343-4141
Junk Vehicles: 343-8277
Mayor's Office: 343-4431
Noise Complaints: 343-4200
Ombudsman's Office: 343-4461
Potholes: 343-8277
Public Works: 343-8160
Street Lights: 343-4557
Street Maintenance: 343-8277
Traffic Signal Repair: 343-8355
Zoning Violations: 343-8334
Permits:
Building: 343-8347
Burn: 343-4899

The Fairview Community Council

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3. Secretary-Sharon Chamard
4. Treasurer-Celeste Benson
5. At-Large-Anthony Eldridge
6. At-Large-Katrina Grundahl
7. At-Large-Dewayne Harris
8. At-Large-Denise Janson
9. At-Large-Allen Kemplen

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAIRVIEW CLEAN UP

Fairview residents came together on Saturday, May 8th, for our community's Annual Neighborhood Clean Up. Residents filled two large roll away dumpsters, in another fantastic community effort. Congratulations to Fairview Elementary's Student Clean Up Team, and to all of those residents who participated. Special thanks to Harry Deuber, and the "usual suspects", Carrs Gambell, and Fairview Elementary School. You all made a difference!

CHARLES & CELESTE BENSON CELEBRATE A "GOLDEN" DAY

FVCC Past Presidents Charles & Celeste Benson will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday June 12th.

The Bensons were married in Philadelphia on June 12, 1954, and moved to Alaska, and Fairview, in 1974. The Bensons are the parents of

5 children, as well as the proud grandparents of 6 grandsons, and 1 granddaughter.

Since 1974 the Bensons have been extremely active in the FVCC, Fairview Elementary School, and in the community in general. We all salute Charles and Celeste for 50 years of

wedded bliss & 30 years of service to Fairview and Anchorage.

Charles & Celeste invite the community to join them in celebrating their Golden Anniversary at the Anchorage Senior Center, on Sunday July 18, 2004 from 6pm-9pm

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