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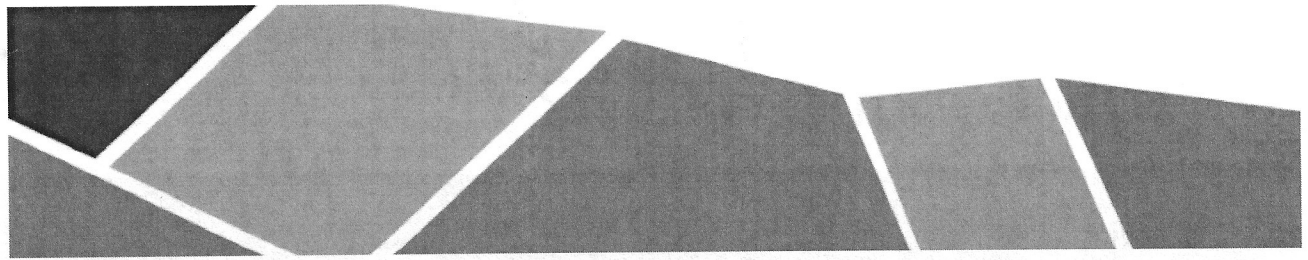
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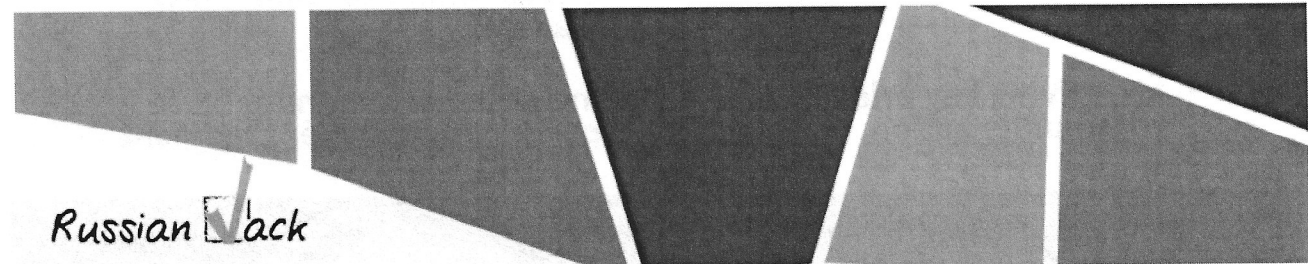
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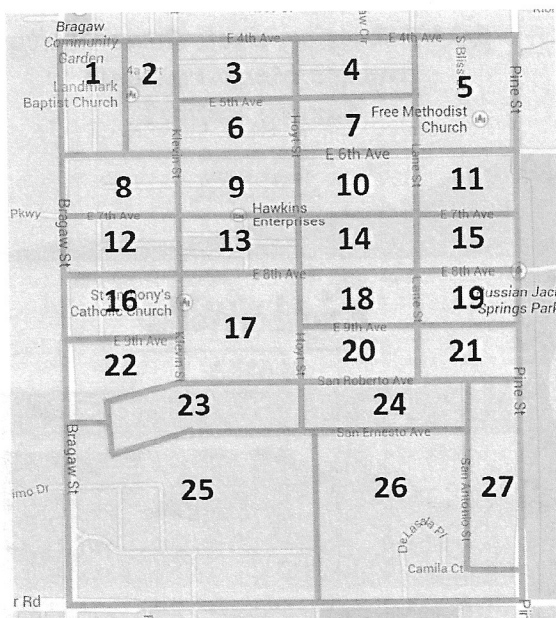
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2013, 2017 & 2020 Community Impact Measurement survey
Lindsey Hajduk



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What is a Community Impact Measurement (CIM) Survey?



- Track neighborhood conditions over time:
 - Community engagement
 - Resident satisfaction
 - Service delivery quality
 - Perceptions of safety
- Goal: to observe
 - 27 blocks
 - 100 random parcels
- Goal: to complete 200 online surveys

Why Conduct a CIM?

Purpose	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing new or existing community programs & services• Educating elected officials, community partners, and residents on public opinion of critical issues• Comparing to 2013 & 2017 data• Identifying key priorities for community action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved knowledge of community assets, stakeholders and opportunities• Enhanced connections between NeighborWorks Alaska and residents• Development of community leaders• Increased community participation and engagement



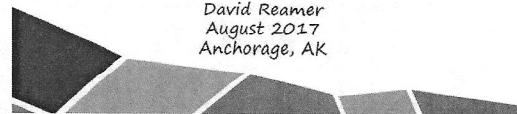
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What Did We Learn from 2013-2017?

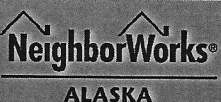
- Slight decline in overall community perception.
- Residents perceived children and elderly in the community as less safe.
- Increased interest in volunteering and belief in their ability to affect change within the community.
- Local schools were positively perceived.

2017 Russian Jack Community Impact Measurement: Survey Report

David Reamer
August 2017
Anchorage, AK



<https://www.nwalaska.org/docs/Russian%20Jack%20EXECUTIVE%20SUMMARY.pdf>



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What Were the Recommendations?

- **Develop a resource list of services proximate to the community:** Identify available resources as well as service overlaps and gaps

- **Foster winter walkability:** A majority of residents indicated that the community was difficult and dangerous to walk and drive in the winter.

- **Initiate community branding:** Many if not most residents instead refer to the area as South Mountain View or in relation to landmarks (e.g. behind Costco. Russian Jack lacks the signposts of other Anchorage communities (e.g. Fairview, Mountain View).

- **Advocate for child safety while walking to/from school:** Mimic initiatives from other cities (e.g. Chicago's Safe Passage) that typically include physically marked or painted safe paths and adult monitors



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Our 2020 CIM Needs You

- **Goal: to observe**
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tinyurl.com/russianjack2020



- **Volunteers needed:**
 - Zoom Training (45 min): Tuesday, September 29th @ 5-5:45pm
 - Outdoor Observations (2hr): Sept 30th – Oct 7th



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Thank you

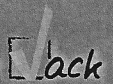
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State	Deaths	Chg D / mil	Tests	Tests %	Confirmed CC / mil	CC %	Flu death 10 yr avg	COVID /Flu	Population		
New York	33100	0	1702	8976165	46.1	474145	24373	7.0	3408	9.7	19453423
New Jersey	16130	13	1816	3091149	34.8	198438	22341	8.1	944	17.1	8882159
Massachusetts	9146	5	1316	2087016	30.0	123143	17720	7.4	1050	8.7	6949320
Michigan	6887	76	690	3301923	33.1	119863	12002	5.7	1310	5.3	9986949
Pennsylvania	7901	23	617	1771448	13.8	146125	11414	5.4	1986	4.0	12801361
Illinois	8433	28	666	4526739	35.7	255618	20172	3.3	1771	4.8	12671675
Connecticut	4474	0	1255	1290642	36.2	53871	15110	8.3	485	9.2	3565224
California	13912	125	352	12343797	31.2	746888	18903	1.9	4701	3.0	39511502
Louisiana	5140	22	1106	1999027	43.0	154955	33332	3.3	620	8.3	4648639
Florida	12116	197	564	4838264	22.5	652148	30364	1.9	1907	6.4	21478461
Maryland	3816	9	631	2109473	34.9	113575	18786	3.4	754	5.1	6045627
Indiana	3397	17	505	1572960	23.4	101485	15075	3.3	827	4.1	6732065
Georgia	6128	58	577	2813660	26.5	287287	27058	2.1	1094	5.6	10616771
Ohio	4329	27	370	2463645	21.1	133575	18786	3.2	1689	2.6	11690521
Texas	14010	191	483	5826726	20.1	676644	23336	2.1	2413	5.8	28994205
Colorado	1977	4	343	756298	13.1	59920	10405	3.3	470	4.2	5758812
Washington	1953	0	257	1573044	20.7	80221	10535	2.4	607	3.2	7614035
Virginia	2697	11	316	1827862	21.4	129289	15147	2.1	986	2.7	8534810
Minnesota	1921	7	341	1621174	28.7	81868	14517	2.3	511	3.8	5640047
North Carolina	2982	54	284	2490113	23.7	180034	17166	1.7	1430	2.1	10488920
Arizona	5251	30	721	1541471	21.2	206541	28376	2.5	655	8.0	7278902
Missouri	1782	19	290	1141176	18.6	98092	15983	1.8	964	1.8	6138477
Mississippi	2623	38	881	668198	22.5	87805	29503	3.0	525	5.0	2976285
Alabama	2285	8	466	1035902	21.1	134417	27414	1.7	763	3.0	4903433
Rhode Island	1062	3	1003	598317	56.5	22676	21405	4.7	150	7.1	1059352
Wisconsin	1183	15	203	1321507	22.7	83334	14313	1.4	762	1.6	5821850
South Carolina	2942	30	571	1083009	21.0	126213	24514	2.3	575	5.1	5148757
District of Columbia	615	4	871	317660	45.0	14387	20385	4.3	60	10.3	705761
Nevada	1412	19	458	907451	29.5	72258	23459	2.0	405	3.5	3080279
Iowa	1197	19	379	677656	21.5	71278	22592	1.7	487	2.5	3154982
Kentucky	1013	16	227	937153	21.0	53977	12082	1.9	707	1.4	4468461
Tennessee	1931	35	283	2362943	34.6	166587	24379	1.2	1144	1.7	6832979
Oklahoma	863	9	218	966019	24.4	65929	16662	1.3	555	1.6	3956901

Source - Real Clear Politics
 Coronavirus Tracker
 WU to - CDC - NH&C
 John Hopkins Univ.

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Delaware	609	0	625	253970	26.1	18308	18801	3.3	110	5.5	973777
New Mexico	813	6	388	803101	38.3	26268	12528	3.1	260	3.1	2096982
Kansas	498	13	171	441414	15.1	48295	16577	1.0	466	1.1	2913985
New Hampshire	433	0	319	253127	18.6	7494	5512	5.8	166	2.6	1359498
Oregon	494	8	117	592700	14.0	28471	6750	1.7	370	1.3	4218617
Puerto Rico	500	18	157	464073	14.5	35507	11118	1.4	730	0.7	3192848
Nebraska	406	2	210	385852	19.9	36477	18857	1.1	256	1.6	1934254
Arkansas	928	11	308	782994	25.9	66406	22005	1.4	528	1.8	3017886
Utah	427	3	133	872639	27.2	55673	17366	0.8	277	1.5	3205706
Idaho	389	4	217	267996	15.0	33981	18962	1.1	170	2.3	1791801
Maine	134	0	100	319156	23.7	4734	3522	2.8	207	0.6	1344032
West Virginia	254	4	142	462547	25.9	11808	6607	2.2	343	0.7	1787474
Vermont	58	0	93	147170	23.6	1656	2654	3.5	57	1.0	623656
South Dakota	173	0	196	157889	17.9	15571	17601	1.1	143	1.2	884458
North Dakota	157	1	206	212959	27.9	14110	18516	1.1	107	1.5	762136
Hawaii	91	5	64	319350	22.6	10123	7150	0.9	301	0.3	1415241
Montana	122	3	114	271150	25.4	8468	7923	1.4	132	0.9	1069238
Alaska	42	0	57	391937	53.6	5896	8060	0.7	43	1.0	731707
Wyoming	42	0	73	128940	22.3	4151	7172	1.0	85	0.5	578512
	191178	1190		8836851		6405983					331492754
				677197		41885		3.0			7.2 Cumulative CC test rate

**Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes
Russian Jack Community Council
September 9, 2020**

- For questions contact the nearest unemployment claim center.
 - Anchorage: (907) 269-4700.

Census

The U.S. Census Bureau will end door knocking efforts on September 30 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

- The original end date was July 31st.
- The end date was subsequently extended to October 31st.
- Online self-response closes on September 30th.
- The U.S. Census must be completed by December 31st.

Respond to the 2020 online at 2020census.gov.

- File online at my2020census.gov
- File via the telephone by calling 1-844-330-2020.

New COVID-19 Testing Sites in Anchorage

Five new COVID-19 testing sites are up and running in parking lots in Anchorage. (*Free tests*)

- ChangePoint Church, 6689 ChangePoint Drive
- Fairview Community Recreation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue
- Anchorage Church of Christ, 2700 Debarr Road
- Muldoon Community Assembly, 7041 Debarr Road
- Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street

The new testing sites are open three days a week through October 20th.

- Monday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday - 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The tests are free to the public.

- Referrals are not required.
- People do not have to be showing symptoms to get tested.

**Russian Jack Community Council Notes
September 9, 2020**

"Special Session?"

- On August 19th, Representative Geran Tarr and I called on Governor Dunleavy to convene a Special Session to correct the CARES Act funding relating to small business grants.
- The Governor revised the RPLs (Revised Program Legislative) to relieve some of the restrictions on the Small Business Grants and forwarded his document to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee (LB&A) for approval. On August 27th, the LB&A Committee met and voted to give more Alaskans access to the Federal pandemic relief money made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The vote amends the eligibility requirements of the small business relief program originally approved on May 11th.
- I am relieved that this money will now bring relief to small businesses in need and to the Alaskans who are hurting financially.

Unemployment

The Federal Government has approved a grant to the State of Alaska to expand weekly unemployment benefits by \$300 a week. (*\$19.9 million*)

- Payments are expected to start in about six weeks.
- Payments will be retroactive to July 25th.
- The additional Federal unemployment benefit will be paid for about six weeks.
- Currently, the maximum unemployment payment in Alaska is \$370 per week.

Those receiving help through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program will not receive the additional federal unemployment payments.

- The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program is for the self-employed and those in the gig economy.

Alaskans can now file unemployment benefit claims on a weekly basis rather than the normal every two weeks.

- File online through the my.alaska.gov portal.