



DOWNTOWN UPDATE

FRIDAY – AT&T HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING IN TOWN SQUARE

Don't forget to join us for the **AT&T Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in Town Square on Friday, November 24th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.**

This outdoor celebration features music by the Salvation Army Band, the Anchorage Concert Chorus, the Broadway Kidz, and special performances by TBA Theatre. Look for Mother Goose and storybook characters to join Myles the Goose in this evening of family fun. Plan to visit with Santa and his team of reindeer and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Be a part of the celebration of the lighting of the Town Square Holiday Tree and the kick off for the holiday season.

Join us from 5:30-6:30pm for the community kick off of the holiday season with the **lighting of the Holiday tree**, music, reindeer, Mother Goose, and a real Cinderella carriage! Then join us after the ceremony **from 6:30-7:30pm with Santa and his reindeer in Key Bank Plaza.**

AT&T Holiday Tree Lighting sponsors: AT&T, Key Bank, Furniture Classics, Salvation Army, First Ladies Military Family Initiative, TBA Theatre, MOA Parks and Recreation, and ConocoPhillips.

DELANEY PARK MASTER PLAN – UPDATE

The Municipality has prepared a **draft Delaney Park Master Plan for public review**. The Muni is asking that the public review the document and **provide comments** to the planning team **by January 5, 2007**.

Delaney Park is one of Anchorage's oldest and most important public spaces and is currently without an approved master plan. This draft incorporates the work of the Delaney Park Community Advisory Group as well as input gathered from a 2-day public workshop in 2005. As other plans within Downtown Anchorage progress, including the Downtown Plan, E Street Corridor, F Street and 9th Avenue, it is important to ensure that all of the projects work together to make the heart of the city vibrant and diverse.

You can view or print the plan by visiting <http://www.muni.org/parks/DPSDraftMP.cfm>

Please email comments to at spoth-torreshj@muni.org **or send written comments** to: Anchorage Parks and Recreation, Attn: Holly Spoth-Torres, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

Upcoming Schedule, Opportunities for Public Comment and Approval Process for the Delaney Park Master Plan:

- **Tuesday, November 28th, 2006** – Delaney Park Community Advisory Group Meeting, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, City Hall Room 155
- **Tuesday, December 5th, 2006** – Community Workshop, Denali Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
- **Friday, December 8th, 2006** – Joint Work Session, Anchorage Assembly and Parks and Recreation Commission, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- **Thursday, December 14th, 2006** – Draft Master Plan introduced at the Regular Park Commission Meeting; Agenda Information Item Only (No Action)
- **January/February 2007** – Joint Work Session, Assembly and Park Commission
- **January 11, 2007** – Park Commission Preliminary Public Hearing and Concept Approval
- **February 8, 2007** – Park Commission Final Public Hearing and Action
- **March/April 2007** – Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing

18TH ANNUAL CRAFTS WEEKEND AT ANCHORAGE MUSEUM

Join the **Anchorage Museum** for their **annual Crafts Weekend** that takes place on Friday and Saturday, **November 24th & 25th, from 10:00am to 6:00pm**, and on Sunday **November 26, noon to 5:00 pm**.

The Crafts Weekend features a juried craft show. It is the place to start your holiday shopping or to treat yourself to a special gift. Fine crafts including beadwork, wearable art, jewelry, pottery, ornaments will be on display for sale. Local musicians add to the festivities each day.

Also check out the 14th Annual ReadAlaska Book Fair on the second floor of the Museum's Atrium. The Book Fair is the perfect time to meet Alaska's authors, illustrators and publishers. It's a unique opportunity for personalizing books and to celebrate new releases with special sales each day.

Museum members receive a 10% discount on all purchases in the Atrium.



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