Mt. View Branch Library Receives LEED Gold; Celebration held April 19th
Senator Mark Begich and Mayor Dan Sullivan were in Mt. View to celebrate the Mt. View Branch Library’s LEED certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized green building standard. The Mt. View Library as a certified LEED Gold building will use resources more efficiently when compared to conventional buildings built simply to code. LEED Gold is one the highest levels of sustainable green building design and the Mt. View Library is one of the first buildings in Alaska to reach this important standard. The celebration held at Bragaw and Mt. View Drive was well attended.

Mt. View Clean-Up Sets Goal of 200 Tons; Volunteer “Beautifiers” Sought
With a challenge of “Bring it on!”, Scott Kohlhaas, lead organizer for the 2011 Mt. View Community Clean-Up, informed the Villager of the dates and details for the annual event. Starting April 30th and continuing through Friday, May 6th the Clean-Up hours will be from 10-7 pm all days except Sunday, May 1st which will be from 12-7 pm. Clean-Up headquarters will again be behind Brewster’s on Richmond and Bragaw. Volunteers are necessary for success. The Clean-Up will accept trash, electronics, metals, and answer your questions. Scott at 337.3171 for info.

Faster than a Falcon Fun Run Set for 2nd Annual Race
Last year’s race saw 400 runners raise over $7,000 for the Mt. View Boys and Girls Club. This year more runners are expected and the Falcon is fitter than ever -- can you beat his time, approx. 27 mins over the 5K? With a new route planned this year, the race will show off more of Mt. View. The Boys and Girls club will be holding a block party from 10 - 2 pm with free burgers and dogs immediately following the race. Check out fasterthanafalcon.info for registration and the race route!
Hi, I’m Frances and here’s a few reasons why I like living in Mt. View. I drove to Alaska in 1999 from Chicago, and I’ve been a property owner since 2005. I like the neighborhood restaurants like the Mt. View Diner, Jamico’s, and the 24-hr McDonald’s. I live on the 100 block of Meyer St. which is ideal for me because it’s a quiet and secluded cul-de-sac. Across the street are woods which I call “my winter wonderland”, and in the summer there’s great traffic on the Ship Creek trail. Sometimes at the wee hours of the night when it’s windy the trees put on a private dance just for me with the cool breeze and the sound of whistling in the air. Every blue moon I’ll hear a train’s horn and think to myself, “there goes the Alaska Railroad”. In the wintertime it’s great to walk indoors at the Northway Mall and now we have Glenn Square which is an added convenience for my shopping needs, and if I choose, to have nearby employment in walking distance. I’m surrounded by companies on Commercial Drive which makes me think of Chicago when I hear the hustle and bustle of morning business activity. Let me talk about my favorite bus route 45 which runs as early as 5ish M-F and as late as 11ish. How I’ve depended on that bus to handle all my affairs when my truck wants to take an unannounced vacation! I must say I do miss the 45G which helped the 45 not be so crowded and congested, but we the people will change that. Another thing I like about Mt. View is the art work, my favorite is the different Faces of Mt. View installment revealing the diverse community. It lights up at night and I have the privilege of seeing so many different sizes, structures, and expressions, all in my community. The corner of Bragaw and Mt. View Drive is what I call my “one stop shop corner”. I have the cleaner, Credit Union 1, the library, and the Red Apple all at my finger tips. When I have time to kill I stop in Sally Ann’s for some odds and ends. Bethel Chapel is my church which also is in walking distance on Price Street. My pastor is Pastor Evans, he gives a profound breakdown of the Bible, and in turn lifts my spirits up through my trials and traumas. There are two twelve step programs in Mt. View - one is at Leake Temple and the other is at the Mt. View Lion’s Club. These programs help to get people who have fallen an opportunity to get free help. The Mt. View Community Council informs the community about upcoming events and I’m able to ask questions and give feedback on different matters. Mt. View is an up and coming back community. It’s reasonable to live here and it’s a small resident community that raises a well-rounded individual. Cook Inlet Housing Authority has been another added plus as a positive landlord in our community. I would like to close on this note, in 2005, 2006, and 2007 a child got hit crossing the street at Meyer and Richmond. I was not fortunate to have kids, but I saw the problem like others did. In 2010, I along with another friends went door to door with a city petition. We now have a stop sign and two speed humps on Richmond. This is our community and it is what we make it. Pick something wrong, ask for help, and get “Re” done, so we all can benefit from each other! Let’s regain the live spirit of Mountain View.