

The Mountain View Village R

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING AND SPOTLIGHTING MOUNTAIN VIEW

MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS

Mountain View Lofts Opening - Have you been to Mt. View lately?

Cook Inlet Housing has done it again, and this time with a big party to boot. A very celebratory opening took place in Mountain View on August 10th. The Lofts feature 12 rental units with garages and 4 retail spaces - all very spacious, beautiful and on the cutting-edge. Senator Mark Begich said, "Through the hard work of the neighborhood leaders and community partners like Cook Inlet Housing, Mountain View is coming back into its own as one of Anchorage's great neighborhoods!"



New Chanlyut Residences

Almost complete on Mountain View Drive. A new beautiful home for program participants!



Schools back!

A volunteer at the HUGSS event held at Clark Middle School. The event helps parents and kids with new school supplies. Photo: D. Pittner



Subway Signage in the window indicates that Subway is moving in to the neighborhood at 3024 Mountain View Drive. Welcome!

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sept. 12 Mountain View Community Council Meeting @ Mountain View Community Center; 7-9 pm
- Sept. 16 Mountain View Third Friday. Service Providers 2-6pm - Dinner 5:30pm; @ Comm. Center
- Sept. 23 Worldwide Day of Play, After school games and activities @ Mt. View Boys and Girls Club
- Sept. 24 AK Military Appreciation Day, 1 to 3pm @ Mountain View Community Center
- Mt. View Neighborhood Library - Movies on Fridays @ 3 pm; Teen Open Zone Wednesdays @ 3-5 pm

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Spread the word... A new public space where anyone can paint, draw, write, and express their answer to the question

"What do we need for peace?" Has been installed at 3543 Mountain View Drive. The look and feel of this community mu-

ral will evolve over time as more and more people add to it. Contact ACLT for more information!





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National Night Out



National Night Out was held August 2nd at the Mountain View Community Center. National Night Out is celebrated across the nation on the first Tuesday night in August each year. The purpose of NNO is to encourage the community to visibly come together for a night of fun and fellowship that promotes cultural understanding, crime prevention and a partnership between the community and law enforcement. This event has been held in Mountain View for the past 10 years is a chance for community to bring families and children out to celebrate nationwide. Mountain View has been happy to host this great event - about 800 people came as a testament to the solidarity of the community. At the event, there was service providers, cool activities for kids, free books, free food, businesses were represented, and plenty of locals. Target was the main sponsor supporting the raffle and prizes. There was also local entertainment. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime partnerships and send a message that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back against crime. Way to go, Mountain View!

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT—CAROL ROSS

Located at 3401 Richmond the Big Bear Bed and Breakfast is owned and operated by Carol Ross and family. We were fortunate to hear Carol recollect the history of her life in Mountain View and the story of the Big Bear. Carol's dad worked in Alaska in 1938 making the decision between "here or Australia". In August of 1941 her family moved to Alaska and bought a lot from the Klevin homestead where Mountain View Elementary is currently. After the Pearl Harbor bombings her family was evacuated by steam-ship to Oregon, travelling 'lights-out' outside the Inside Passage. They returned to stay in May of 1942. They were forced to move when the military took over that land for an anti-aircraft gun emplacement. They moved to the current location in 1943 which was part of the Lange homestead. Her dad worked as a pioneer trucker; he had the mail contract delivering from Sutton to Chitina for 20 years from the mid 40s to the mid 60s. The 'little shack' was what



Carol called the first home which had been added to numerous times since 1943. She remembers the backway in to the Army dump and the family along with other area residents would collect building materials, damaged stockpots, parkas and army cots for their home. The famous Moosemeat John, who lived in the neighborhood at the time, helped peel the 3/4 cut spruce logs for their new home in 1949. Mountain View had a whole different shape then - Carol remembers the pig farm near what is now Pacific Northern Academy, the Lange grocery store, the city dump at Merrill Field, a quonset hut which served as the Mountain View post office and the former school at the current Town Square where she attended grades one through three. Carol graduated from the new Anchorage high school at Romig Hill in 1956. She graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and taught for thirty years in the Anchorage School District as a home economics teacher. She won Alaska's Outstanding Home Economics Teacher of the Year in 1972 for her work teaching food service job preparation. Carol was the instructor of the rifle team at East for 25 years and has been a Master Gardener since 1985. The Ross's rebuilt the family home in 1974, doubling the square footage. The carpentry work and garden are a compliment to her and her late husband, Bill. The family opened the Bed and Breakfast in 1990. Her whole life has been centered around this community and she has seen plenty of change. For 21 she has provided Alaskan hospitality to guests at Big Bear B and B and has encouraged them to experience Alaska. "I've told them about my sourdough starters, and the importance of wild berries, and the history of this community." Carol said, "We always asked ourselves, 'How can we affect the community?'" She has been an active members of the Mountain View Lions Club and the Daughter of the American Revolution which offer scholarships and Good Citizen awards and she keeps in touch with former students. "We've always tried to improve the community! I'm proud of our schools and this community of people who are trying hard to make a good living here."