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A NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING AND SPOTLIGHTING MOUNTAIN VIEW

## MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS DECEMBER

### Mountain View Community Council sends requests to State Legislature

The Mountain View Community Council has sent Senator Bill Wielechowski and Representative Max Gruenberg its request for capital funding for Mountain View in 2012. The list was a collection of much hard work and many voices. A complete list of the projects can be found at the next Mountain View Community Council meeting on December 12th. Funding Requests included Davis Park Athletic Field Upgrades, construction of a Northeast Anchorage Skate Park, Welcome to Mountain View signage, expansion of the Alaska Museum of Natural History, books and resource materials for the Mountain View Neighborhood Library, Neighborhood Crime Watch, Anchorage Community Land Trust Blighted Property Acquisition, Community Garden Expansions, Interchange improvements at McCarrey and Mountain View Drive and the Glenn Highway and Mountain View Drive, Bike Trail Connections through Mountain View from the Ship Creek Trail to Boniface as well as the Mountain View Community Patrol. The Community Council is available for ideas you have about improvements.

### Mountain View Image

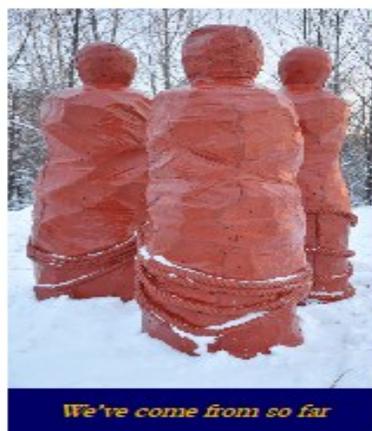
Efforts are underway to help promote a new positive image for our Mountain View community. We need your help! Can you think of a good slogan that defines Mountain View? By bringing a new brand to the community, we take the lead in shaping the conversation about Mountain View. Like the brand, or don't? Let us know [krose@anchorageandtrust.org](mailto:krose@anchorageandtrust.org)



## MOUNTAIN VIEW EVENTS CALENDAR

- December 9—Chanlyut House Warming at new Residence; 3149 Mountain View Drive; 3-6 pm
- December 10—We've Come So Far sculpture dedication; 3000 Block Mountain View Drive; 11 am
- December 12—Mountain View Community Council Meeting; Boys and Girls Club; 7-9 pm
- December 16—Rock and Fossil Identification @ Alaska Museum of Natural History; 11-4 pm
- December 17—"Occupy Movement: What is it?" @ Mountain View Community Library; 1-4 pm
- December 20—Neighborhood GIFT @ Clark Middle School; 3-8 pm
- December 25—Merry Christmas!

## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



*We've come from so far*

Please join us to dedicate the public art project, *We've come from so far*, a sculpture for the Mountain View Drive Revitalization Project.



Come meet the artists, Christana Barber and Indira Arriaga, and welcome the artwork into the community.

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011

Time: 11 to noon

Where: 3000 Block of Mountain View Drive



Date: Saturday, December 10. Time: 11 am to Noon; The 3000 block of Mountain View Dr.

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## Alaska Museum of Natural History

The Alaska Museum of Natural History (AKMNH) during the month of December will be doing a food drive for The Children's Lunch Box. When people visit the museum and bring in a non-perishable bulk food item from Costco or Sam's Club they will receive free admission for a family of 4. AKMNH is also hosting a rock and fossil identification day on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have a panel of experts in the museum from 11-4, identifying rocks and fossils people bring in. The 16<sup>th</sup> is also an in-service day for the school district, our theme that day is Dinosaurs of Darkness and we will have many different hands on kid friendly activities throughout the museum all day from 10-5.

ALASKA MUSEUM OF  
NATURAL HISTORY



Family Nights at Mountain View Elementary have been taking place nearly once a month. Over 300 people were in attendance for the December event. In addition to Home Depot and Carlisle Transportation, volunteers from Target assisted with dinner and activities. The evening saw snowflake making, ornament decorating and door prizes for children and adults! The next family night is in February.

Let's Talk Anchorage is pleased to offer its first community dialogue on the "Occupy Movement: What is it?" at the Mt. View Community Library from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, December 17. If you are concerned, curious, or committed, this is your opportunity to engage in respectful, facilitated conversations with fellow citizens. Let's Talk Anchorage's vision is a community of citizens who gather easily and often for public dialogue or deliberation on timely topics

To learn more about Neighborhood GIFT, call GIFT hotline at 565-GIFT [www.foodbankofalaska.org](http://www.foodbankofalaska.org)

Neighborhood  
**GIFT**

Neighborhood GIFT, the city-wide collaborative food and toy distribution, will take place at Clark Middle School on December 20 from 3 to 8 pm (and at five other sites around town). Folks who are interested in receiving toys for their children should bring some documentation for each child – a birth certificate, report card, library card, GIFT is not too picky provided it has the child's name typed on it. Call 565-GIFT for more info.

### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT— TOA TOLU ONO

Toa Tolu Ono is a seventh grader at Clark Middle School. When I asked him what his parents would tell me about him, he replied, "loud, disruptive and funny!" Toa is a ukulele player and he gets to practice each day after school at the Mountain View Neighborhood Library. He first picked up the ukulele at his cousin's house and has learned from ear and by watching others ever since then. He comes from a musical family, when his sister saw that he was being interviewed she came over and could play the ukulele too. When I asked her about Toa, she said that he is a nice ukulele player and that he is also a humble guy. Other girls remarked that he was also 'handsome', Toa did not deny this. Every Wednesday and some Saturday nights Toa attends Bese with friends and family and they sing English and Samoan songs accompanied by piano and ukulele. Elizabeth Moreau, Mountain View Neighborhood Librarian said the program was started when she noticed how kids were borrowing the ukulele of a staff member. The Library contacted the Horn Doctor, a local music store, and they gave an educational discount for the Library to purchase some new ukes. The program has been wildly popular. Elizabeth estimated each of the 6 ukes gets checked out almost twice a day. Other uke players in the library are writing their own songs and taking advantage of the opportunity for musical expression. Toa likes using the Library for more than the ukulele, he does his homework, goes on his Facebook and reads books there. He described Mountain View as "a really cool place with lots of people." We think it's fair to describe it as a community made brighter by his music!

