**Mountain View Clean Up 2012!**
The Annual Mountain View Community Clean Up will be held from May 12-May 19 at the Brewster’s location. How can you help this year? The community needs reliable people who are willing to learn the rules of the CleanUp lot, man the lot, help pick up large items, clean up streets during the week, etc. If you or someone you know could help in any way, please contact Niki Burrows at nburrows@alaska.net or 274-1179.
Help Mountain View Shine! Volunteer today!

**Mountain View Dr. / McCarrey St. Intersection Construction Open House**
The Mountain View Dr. and McCarrey St. Intersection is getting a make-over! Kinney Engineering, LLC will be hosting an open house about the project on April 5th at the Mountain View Library from 4:30 to 6:00pm. All residents, business owners, commuters and interested parties are encouraged to come and meet with the design team, give feedback and suggestions and ask questions. This is your opportunity to make a difference in Mountain View street safety!

For more information, please contact Van Le at comments@crweng.com or 907.562.3252 or visit www.mountainviewandmccarrey.com

**Mountain View Events Calendar**

- **April 3rd:** Municipality Elections @ Mountain View Library
- **April 5th:** McCarrey St./ Mountain View Dr. Construction Open House @ MV Library, 4:30-6:00pm
- **April 6th:** Chemistry of Beer and Wine @ Performing Arts Center, 6:30-9:30pm—A fundraiser supporting the Alaska Museum of Natural History
- **April 14th:** Lime Solar Grand Opening! @ Lime Solar in Glenn Square, 1:00pm
- **May 12th:** Faster than a Falcon @ Clark Middle School, 9:30am and Mountain View Boys and Girls Club Block Party following the Race
- **May 12-19th:** Mountain View Clean Up at Brewster’s lot, more info TBA

**Around the Neighborhood—Are you faster than a Falcon?**
Be a part of the 3rd annual Faster Than a Falcon 5K Run! The flat and fast race will start at Clark Middle School and run through the Mountain View community. A special prize will be awarded to anyone who can finish ahead of the Falcon mascot. **100% of the proceeds go directly to the Mountain View Boys & Girls Club.** Last year the Faster than A Falcon Race raised $7,000! Prizes to the top 10 overall male and female finishers, top 5 boy and top 5 girl finishers. A special prize will also be awarded to everyone that runs faster than the falcon! Following the race the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club will be holding their annual Block Party with free burgers and hot dogs as well as awesome activities. Be sure to stop by! $15 early registration before May 6th ($20 on or after May 6th) Registration is free for all Elementary, Middle, and High school students. Find more info at www.fasterthanafalcon.info/
First-hand experience of Faster than a Falcon race by Jim Sims:

“I was introduced to the race at a Community Council meeting the first year it was organized when I listened to Dustin Hawes (the organizer of the race) present the original idea. His infectious commitment to the community he lived in made it impossible not to get interested in the event (even though I lived in Eagle River). To solidify my support for the race and the mission, I had the opportunity to tour the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club. The impact that organization and its employees have on the community is unmatched in the Municipality of Anchorage. Whether it is assisting the unemployed search for job opportunities during the day or providing a safe place for children to “hang out” after school, they are always there to help. Keep up the great work, me and my family will see you on May 12, 2012!”

Resident Spotlight—Diane Mead

Diane Mead first moved to Mountain View six months ago and is already sending out good vibrations. As an Architectural Intern on the way to getting her license and a Volunteer Lead at One Anchorage, she is proving herself an influential community player. At her first Mountain View Community Council meeting, Diane presented on behalf of One Anchorage and admitted she was a little uneasy in preparation for the meeting. After her inspirational and informative speech about One Anchorage’s “Yes on 5” campaign, she was met with warmth and support from her new community members.

Being a working student and active volunteer takes a lot of time and commitment. Inspiration is essential to taking on so much responsibility. When prompted what her inspiration is, Diane replied that being able to make a change locally is very rewarding, especially in Anchorage, and that she believes no one should go through the struggles and hardship of discrimination.

After her first six months as a resident, Diane is happy to call Mountain View home. She says it’s the one place in town that there is zero discrimination, everything treated as normal. Though she admits there is still room for Mountain View to grow, she says, “I like that things are changing and that I think everyone has a voice in changing it.”