

Spring is almost upon us and as the snow and ice melt away, the garbage left behind in the street parking and throughout the parks is all the more visible. People are already returning to camping in street parking throughout the neighborhood. The same crises that we faced last summer are already rearing their heads in Mountain View in 2024. Over the past week, I have received a flurry of emails from neighbors who are concerned about these developments. I am as committed as ever to keeping these issues and the impact they have on Mountain View in front of those who have the authority to help. I am not anti-anyone.

I believe that the poor, the vulnerable, and those at the margins of society deserve dignity, compassion and a helping hand. But legitimate concerns regarding criminal behavior including destruction of property, trafficking of drugs, theft, assault, and so on, must be recognized and addressed in a way that makes Mountain View a safe place for those of us who call this place home. I believe that there is much we can do as neighbors and concerned citizens to make a difference together and I hope that we will. We do have a voice and more voices in unison will make a bigger difference.

Mountain View Community Clean Up

It is time to convene a team to plan and execute the spring Mountain View Community Clean Up. This annual event has become an event centered around a Saturday volunteer day where neighbors partner together to clean up our neighborhood. If you would like to help plan and lead this event, please contact me at phil@mvhope.org

Resolution Regarding Public Land Use and Enforcement

The draft resolution comes from the District 1 Leadership Team, comprised of community council presidents, vice presidents and community leaders from each of the neighborhoods that are in District 1. We join together in this to demonstrate that it is more than just our neighborhood who shares these concerns. We are unified across community councils, and we are hoping to use that "louder" voice to advocate for improved management of a very difficult situation. The resolution, in short, asks for four things: (1) that the muni stop enabling negative behaviors that violate Title 8 and 15 of municipal code, (2) that the muni develop policies that will allow for more effective management of public land and spaces in District 1, (3) that action be taken to mitigate public nuisance scenarios before the closure of emergency cold weather shelters and (4) that the muni conduct due diligence on the option of dispersed and well managed sanctioned camps (as opposed to the ongoing abuse of public land).

Free Health Clinic

There is a free Health Clinic at Begich Middle School April 20-21. It is a completely free event, granted by the Anchorage Health Dept, the Alaska State Dept of Public Health, and the Public Health Services Commission Corps, providing free vision, dental and medical care, along with free labwork, free glasses, and more.

Seward to Glenn PEL meeting with Senator Loki Tobin

Last month, we had people from DOT&PF with us to present the Seward to Glenn Highway Connection process. If you missed that or want to keep learning more, there is another opportunity on Saturday (March 30) at the Fairview Rec Center from 12-2pm. Senator Loki Tobin will be hosting this event.

UPCOMING MVCC MEETING DATES: April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th