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Golden Spike in Fairbanks Event

Mayor Bronson traveled to Nenana on July 15th to celebrate the official centennial of the Alaska Railroad. One hundred years ago a crowd gathered around the banks of the Tanana River to watch President Warren G. Harding personally drive in the golden spike and complete the 470-mile main line from Seward to Fairbanks. Construction on the railroad began in Anchorage, and our city has always valued our shared history with the Alaska Railroad.



Port of Alaska Update

At the July 25th Assembly meeting the Municipality of Anchorage reached a critical step in the Port of Alaska modernization project. The Assembly unanimously approved both the basis of design – which sets out how the port will be constructed going forward, and a new tariff rate for goods coming across the port. These important milestones were crucial steps in building on the progress we have made in rebuilding and making the port seismically resilient.

Mayor's Community & Arts Grants

Grant awardees have been selected for the 2023 Mayor's Community Grants. Over 40 incredible local non-profits were selected. Mayor Bronson has been calling and visiting selected awardees. Mayor Bronson is excited to see the various projects come to fruition and for the impact these will have on our city. Additionally, the Mayor's Arts Grants application period has opened for 2023. Local non-profits representing the arts community are encouraged to apply online [here](#). Mayor's Arts Grants benefit presenters, producers and community-based art organizations that are 501(c)(3) non-profits and that offer: visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, media arts, performance art, traditional/folk arts, crafts, multi-discipline, or new genres.

Golden Lion Hotel

After years of debate, the former Golden Lion hotel has opened as a rooming house – for housing low-income individuals in our community. The Assembly authorized our proposal to lease the building to Henning Inc., a local non-profit who helped manage the Sullivan Arena when it was used as a shelter. The Golden Lion will provide 80 units of housing and provide an option to get people off the street this winter.



Youth Employment in Parks Program

The Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) young adults have been working all summer on some cool projects in town including the Abbott Loop Community Parks where they worked on a drainage improvement project. YEP is a joint program of the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department. Kudos to Beth Nordlund with the Anchorage Park Foundation, Parks and Rec staff, and the amazing YEP young people for their hard work this summer.