

The Fairview Press

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“Serving Fairview Where People Make The Difference”

Mayoral Forum

The Fairview Community Council is bringing together all of your mayoral candidates on a forum to discuss issues and answer your questions about the future of Anchorage. The mayoral forum will take place on Monday March 23rd. at the Anchorage Senior Center situated on 1300 East 19th. Avenue at 7:00 pm.

The mayoral election will take place on April 7th, 2009. As we approach the final weeks of the



Vote for Mayor 2009

race we believe it is important for our residents to meet the candidates and get informed on how your decision will affect you and your neighborhood. So come join us!

The Fairview 2009 Officers' Election

The Fairview Community Council's Annual Election of Officers is **Thursday March 12th** at the Fairview Recreation Center from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm. It will take place during the monthly Fairview General Membership meeting which is held the 2nd Thursday of every month. All 9 positions on the Executive Board are up for election: President, Vice-

President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 At-Large Seats. This is your opportunity to participate and get involved in your community!

If you would like your name to be placed on the ballot for any position or if you want to nominate some one contact Darrel Hess, 258-3714, or gmpeon@alaska.net

Job Fair

After the success of last year's City-wide Career and Job Fair, the UAA Career Services Center looks forward to coordinating this year's event again in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and the Anchorage School Dis-

trict. This event will be held on Friday, March 27th, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Sports Complex Gym, and we would like to invite you to attend. This event will be a great opportunity to recruit community members and students from all majors.

Winter Potluck Series



Potluck The Fairview Membership Committee is preparing for the first Fairview Potluck of 2009. The event is scheduled for February 28th at 6pm in the Central Lutheran Church on 15th and Cordova. At our last potluck, council members answered questions and informed residents of current issues in our neighborhood. We received some good feedback regarding the Community Rec. Center that may prove useful in the coming months when the contractor, selected by the city to do a renovation feasibility study for the facility, begins to engage the council and the neighborhood for input. Everyone had a

good time as we 'broke bread' together.

This newly formed committee will serve the council in seeking input and involvement from the community. Since the council is an all volunteer organization, we will also seek ways to ensure the experience of membership is more appealing and enjoyable.

So if you want to spend some time with council leadership in an informal setting, share food and conversation, keep an eye out for our next potluck!

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March's General Membership Meeting Tentative Agenda

The March 12 General Membership Meeting will include the second reading of several proposed by-law amendments (available for viewing at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/download/3621.pdf>); the report from the annual audit of the council's finances; the annual election of officers; results of the Parks Report Card; and presentations from representatives from School Bonds YES! and Anchorage Tomorrow concerning the April 7 bonds.

Volunteer Paint the Town seeking nominations for free painting of a home.

Paint the Town is an annual NeighborWorks® Anchorage event where teams of volunteers paint houses across the city. It is happening this year from June 6-13. Do you know of a home that needs repainting? It has to be a single-family house, preferably 1 or 1 ½ stories high. There are no income requirements, but preference is usually given to homes owned by people who for some reason are not able to paint their homes themselves. Contact Diana Kaplanis at NeighborWorks® Anchorage to nominate a home or for more information (677-8490, dkaplanis@nwanchorage.org).

February's Council Meeting Highlights

Public Safety Committee Report, by Sharon Chamard The Public Safety Committee met on February 19. A Landlord Workshop, to focus on screening of tenants, legal methods for eviction, and crime prevention in rental housing, is planned for late April or early May. There was discussion about the use of the funds remaining in the Community Patrol grant. It was decided that the funds will go to 1) an

LCD projector to facilitate Community Patrol presentations to groups, 2) support for the Landlord Workshop (e.g., mailing, printing of training materials, refreshments for the event), and 3) more "I Support the Fairview Community Patrol" window signs. Possibilities for future public safety-related presentations at General Membership Meetings were discussed. It was proposed that someone from the Office of Emergency

Management be invited to talk about the Emergency Watch program in April, and that someone from Life Alaska Donor Services be asked to speak about organ and tissue donation in May or June.



Paul Benson Secretary's Report

At the February Membership Meeting we received an update on the H2H project. Mayoral candidates, Paul Hone- man and Eric Croft, were present; the talked about their plans for the future of Anchorage and answered residents con-

cerns. It was announced that our current Vice President Darrel Hess will not be running for office in our upcoming elections this March as he has taken the post of Treasurer at the local chapter of the NAACP. Darrel's service to the residents of Fairview has been remarkable over the years and we don't expect his

passion or commitment to wane as his presence on the board does. He will, no doubt remain an invaluable member of the Fairview team for a long time to come.

Update on Fairview's projects

- Work on the 9th Avenue Reconstruction project will likely begin this summer with the Cordova to L Street portion; the eastern Cordova to LaTouche section is planned for 2010. Funding to complete the eastern half is included in the road bond on the ballot on April 7.
- The alley-widening project in 16th Avenue Terrace (AKA Chance Court) will be completed this summer. Although two houses had to be demolished, and some

neighbors were unhappy about the process, the end result should be beneficial to people who live in that part of Fairview. Fire trucks will have easier access in the winter, and there will be wonderful amenities for pedestrians.

- The contract for the Fairview Community Recreation Center Renovation Feasibility Study will be awarded very shortly. This study will measure the current uses of the facility, assess community needs, and determine what should be done to the buildings.

Next Council Meetings:

- Board meets **March 5th. & April 2nd.** From 7:00 to 9:00 pm (open to public) at the Fairview Rec. Center
- General Membership meets **March 12th. & April 9th.** From 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Fairview Rec. Center