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Mountain View Community Council
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Mountain View Community Council News

November 2004

Mountain View Community Council Meeting

Mountain View Community Recreation Center

315 North Price

Monday - November 8th, 2004

7 PM

Council Meeting Agenda

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of September and October Minutes

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Approval of November Agenda

Introductions

7:20 Committee Reports

Assembly Report - Allan Tesche

Legislative Report - Sen. Guess/Rep. Gruenberg

Community Center Report - Rick Henderson

Fundraising Report - Barbara Hogan

Zoning Report & Sidewalks - Kerry Hawkins

Mountain View Patrol - Fred Schtrner

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mt. View Main Street - Angela Jimenez

APD - assigned officer / Mindy

Northstar Security Agency - Anthony

ANHS - Lisa Mills

Cook Inlet Housing - Paul Hensmeyer

Street Maintenance - Paul Vanlandingham

Venture Development - Mark Pfeiffer

Open for Nominations for Secretary

Old Business / New Business

ADJOURNMENT

10:00

Next Council Executive Meeting

Monday, November 29th, 2004 at 7 PM

Mountain View Community Recreation Center

This is an open meeting - You are welcome

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+ We would like to say a special Thank You to Niki Burrows for the many years of service that she has given to the council. She leaves a big task for us to fill. We wish her and Don the best!

+ Do you need help providing a Thanksgiving meal for your family? You can get a Turkey 'with all the fixins' on Monday, November 22 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Mountain View Community Center. This is for people residing in zip codes 99506, 99508, 99514. For further information call Food Bank of Alaska at 272-3663.

Email or Postal Mail?

The majority of the Federation of Community Councils Board of Delegates has voted to "**pare each Council's mailing list to the bare minimum.**" If you would like to receive this news-letter by email and save us postage, please call 274-1179 and let me know you want to receive this electronically.

Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to help with all Fundraising Events! If you are interested in being part of the team, call Barbara at 278-4690. We will meet once a month. This way all of our events will flow smoothly. Volunteering with your Community is a way to show everyone that YOU CARE!

EVENTS:

- Multi-Cultural Craft Show - Saturday, November 20
- Christmas In Spenard - Wednesday, December 1
- Silent Auction & Dance - February 12, 2005

Community Council Federation News

FCC BUDGET FOR CALENDAR 2005

Office Expenses by month

Rent.....	980
Payroll.....	6,000
Supplies	50
Equipment (repairs and maintenance)	250
Postage.....	1,000
Speedy Mail	2,500
Telephone.....	190
Monthly Total:	10,970
Annual Subtotal:	\$131,640
D & O Insurance (annual)	825
Workman's Comp (annual)	350
Liability Insurance (annual)	600
Accounting (annual).....	1,200
Annual Total	2,975
GROSS ANNUAL BUDGET	\$134,615

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- + The Council would like to welcome "Nobel's Diner" located at 4133 Mt. View Drive, the corner of North Park and Mt. View Drive. Please stop in and make them feel welcome to the neighborhood. They also do catering as well as dine-in.
- + We have an emergency announcement to make. On October 27, 2004; the Secretary resigned due to medical reasons. Please join us in extending our sympathies to Lucy and wish her a speedy recovery! This means that we will be holding a special election in December for a new Secretary. Please notify Thom Blackburn 441-2731 or Kerry Hawkins 272-2697 if you would like to serve.
- + We need any postings from business, church, civic, or other to be in by the third Friday of the month to make the newsletter. We are also looking for articles that you would like to share. Please give us your ideas that you would like to see in the newsletter.
- + On November 20 there will be an Arts and Crafts show at the Mountain View Community Center. The show will run from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Tables are still available! Please feel free to contact Barb at 278-4690 for any information.
- + Tickets are available for Mr. Whitekeys, "Christmas in Spenard" Fundraiser. you can purchase yours at Nobel's diner or by phone at 272-2697 or 278-4690. Ticket sales end on November 20th; show your support for Mountain View by attending.
- + Mark your calendars for the Judo tournament on December 11 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The Mt. View Judo club will battle a group from Mat-su and the Anchorage Dojo. This will be a Junior and Senior tournament.
- + Boys and Girls Club will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 25th. Happy Holidays!

FROM THE GRASSROOTS OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Mountain View Community Council and all its members would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your contribution. Citizens like yourself make a big difference in our community.

We need more people like you!

Send to:

Mountain View Community Council President: Thom Blackburn
P.O. Box 142824 441-2731
Anchorage AK 99514 Treasurer: Barbara Hogan
274-1179

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**HOW DO THE COMMUNITY COUNCILS
SERVE THE MUNICIPALITY?**

1. The FCC office specifically and the individual councils generally act as a one-stop shopping gateway for municipal offices. Instead of a municipal employee making 30 calls to inform a community about a liquor license renewal, for instance, only one call is necessary. Once the FCC office has the information, it is sent out to the councils.
2. The councils are the gathering point of the most active people in the community. This saves the Assembly and the Legislature time and effort in finding concerned members of the public. Further, the community councils offer a proportional slice of the community. Council membership is old and young, liberal and conservative, Republican and Democrat, private and public sector, white and blue collar as well as ethnically and religiously diverse. Speaking to the community councils is truly speaking to the community.
3. Communication being a two-way street, just as Assembly members and legislators can deliver messages to the community through the councils, so too can concerns of the community be brought to the attention of the Assembly and Legislature. The councils are the 'eyes and ears' of the communities. Whenever an issue gets a hearing at the council level, Assembly members and legislators are quick to be informed.
4. The FCC office also acts as a clearing house for the public. Many of the concerns received by the office – phone calls, email and snail mail – are routed to the appropriate council or municipal office. One of the reasons is that the Municipality does not have an "Information" number and for many residents, it is faster and easier to call the FCC office than playing Municipal phone tag. In many cases, the FCC office not only knows who to call but that person's email address as well.
5. Even though the community councils themselves are nonpartisan, they can issue statements of positions with the vote of a majority of their members. As the councils are the 'eyes-and-ears' of the Assembly and the Anchorage Caucus, resolutions passed by the

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- community councils are considered to be the voice of the community. These grass roots statements provide guidance for Municipal and State policy and funding.
6. One of the many difficulties assembly members and legislators must weather are individuals with who want to push local issues to the top of the political food chain. Assembly members and legislators usually listen politely and quite correctly suggest that matters that affect neighborhoods should begin at the community council level. With the community councils acting as the first line of consideration for all local issues, inferior ideas are improved as they proceed up the food chain. Using the community councils as a tool, assembly members and legislators know that, at the very least, all ideas presented by the community councils have had at least one fair and equitable hearing.
 7. Just as the community councils act as the initial point of contact for ideas on their way up the political food chain, they also act as the last and most localized contact for announcements, hearings, events and meetings. When the Mayor, Assembly, Legislature, Anchorage School District or other local governmental body needs to contact community activists in a certain neighborhood, not only does the FCC know who they are, it also knows how to reach them – quickly.

Assembly Meeting
 ~ Come show your support for issues
 involving your community! ~
Meet in the Assembly Chambers on Floor 1
of the Loussac Library
November 9, 2004 @ 6:00 pm