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## Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council  
Mountain View Community Recreation Center  
315 North Price Street  
Monday, September 12, 2005 @ 7:00 PM

### Council Meeting Agenda

**7:00 Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of August Minutes  
Approval of Treasurer's Report  
Approval of September 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 Schriner  
APD Report- Sgt. Cindy Stanton

**Guest Speakers:**

**8:00 Mountain View Postal Box- Joshua McCoy**  
**8:15 Office of Childrens' Services- Dara Lively**  
**8:30 Elections- Joyce Hines and Sol Gerstenfeld**  
**8:45 P. O'B Montgomery Development- David Irwin**  
**9:00 Cook Inlet Housing Association- Courtney Larson**  
**9:15 Arts and Culture District- Carolyn Kinneen**  
**9:30 Mountain View Planning- Carma Reed**  
**9:45 Weed 'n Seed- Michael Evans**  
**9:50 New Business- Assembly- Adult Businesses**  
**10:00 Adjournment**

**Next Council Executive Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 5:30 PM**  
**Mountain View Community Recreation Center**  
**This is an open meeting - You are welcome**

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ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

### Community Council News in Brief

**Dinosaurs of Darkness ending after Labor Day:** DINOSAURS OF DARKNESS at the Alaska Museum of Natural History, 201 N. Bragaw, will feature displays of unusual DINOSAURS OF ALASKA, ANTARCTICA, and AUSTRALIA. Dinosaurs of Darkness is a riveting international touring exhibit featuring recently discovered dinosaurs that lived in the extreme polar regions of the globe, where darkness reigned in winter and temperatures plunged below freezing. See complete skeletons, models, skulls, fossil bones and teeth, eggs, nests, and mummies. The exhibit is also supported with interactive computer games, videos, and puzzles. The Museum is open Tue. - Sat. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun noon to 6 p.m. Admission during this special exhibit is \$3 for students under age 18 and \$5 for adults. For more information visit [www.alaskamuseum.org](http://www.alaskamuseum.org) or call 274-2400.

**Will Wal-Mart and Other Stores Help Us?** - Thanks to Ed O'Neil's continuous campaign, city trails look better and old camps are cleaned up. In order to help ARBRA and make Anchorage Parks and Trails safer and cleaner for our kids and ourselves, Wal-Mart and other large stores can monitor the sale of mouthwash. That product is an inexpensive way to get alcohol, and mouthwash bottles are evident in most of the areas ARBRA volunteers clean up. With a budget of almost \$40,000 this year, Ed O'Neil and his group are making a difference in how our parks and trails are policed for litter. They are still available for reports of needed clean-ups. Please call Brown Jug to identify clean-up locations, and lend a hand to the litter problem yourself. If you see it, pick it up. Please.

This year, over 26 tons of trash has been removed from the city parks and trails. Thanks to you, ARBRA is doing a better job finding and cleaning areas in a timely fashion. The annual budget for this work is now approaching \$40,000, and more volunteers are helping make a clean trail system a reality for us all.  
-David Alexander

**The Woods Off the Glenn-** Discussion continues on the property west of Bragaw, bordered by the Glenn, and behind the businesses on Mountain View Drive. The Heritage Land Bank is passing the land to the Development Authority. A bid from the P.O'B Montgomery Company is being considered for a mall type development. The developers are continuing to seek community input.

**New Year For Students-** Please be careful driving. We have a lot of neighborhood kids who walk to Tyson, Mountain View and Clark. These precious lives are the heart and soul of Mountain View. Take care of them when you drive-  
Kerry Hawkins

## FROM THE GRASS ROOTS 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!**

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## Price Busters Gives Car

Price Busters Pawn has a modern green awning hanging over it, and a reputation as an excellent store for tools. Mechanics and just plain do-it-yourselfers in Mountain View have been coming to Price Busters since 1991. The range of possible purchases in the store include bicycles, chain saws, socket wrenches. Some shops specialize in electronic equipment or entertainment such as DVDs, but Ron Pickles' shop is known for its variety on tools. A lot of residents work on their cars, and a lot of mechanics have need of pieces in a set without having to buy the entire set. Ron says the convenience of this store is one factor in bringing back regular neighborhood customers. Of course, Ron helps customers find items they need, too. He feels that any retail establishment has to find a way to cater to customers because there is always competition. For example, there are three pawn shops in the neighborhood and they share information when practical. One area is in software information, and Ron says he found the guy who maintains his programs from one of the other shops. Information trading can be good business for competitors.

Recently, Ron, a 48 year Mountain View resident, had the opportunity to donate a patrol car to the Mountain View group under Fred Schriener. Both Kerry Hawkins and Fred were delighted with the contribution. The patrol car was highlighted at this month's Weed 'n Seed announcement and represents the best in community cooperation in which a long time businessman and merchant contributes something of real value to the council. Ron says he's made contributions to the Lions Club in the past and was pleased with their contributions, but that recently they've not had as great a financial need so Price Busters is supporting the community council in this way.

The store itself is somewhat new, and it looks new, because he moved over here in April, 2000 after nine years in Gene Longaker's building and rehabbed this location at 4231 Mountain View Drive. Residents and neighbors come in to talk about projects and discuss local issues. Price Busters is the essence of a neighborhood store.

Its been a good year for the store financially, and Ron is looking forward to more of the same next year.

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**More First Friday on September 2-** The Mountain View Arts and Culture District Steering Committee invites you to enjoy the community's art. The Walking Hall of Art Gallery at Success by Six exhibit "Mountain View in Pictures" has just closed, but there are more events including the Friday night performances at Noble's. Call Sherre Dueno at 563-1958 to get the latest or Carolyn Kineen (770-3811).

**Cook Inlet Housing New Homes Available in Mountain View-** The units available from Cook Inlet Housing (CIHA) began to be available for sale in May. They will be available for occupancy in August. Prices range from \$189,000 to \$203,000 with 3 and 4 bedroom models and 1 3/4-2 bathrooms. The homes have 1324-1750 square feet of living space with two car garages. Monthly payments range from \$940 to \$1,313 including tax and insurance. There are income requirements with a range between \$40,600 and \$76,550 based on family size. While minimum income requirements apply, the hope is that many Mountain View families can qualify. Call CIHA at 276-8822 to get more complete information on the homes. -Jeff Judd

**Location Needed:** Don Peters, II is the President of the Alaska Disabled Veteran Sports Program, Inc. They are looking for a location to build a facility. Located currently at 3340 Mountain View Drive, Don's organization is considering a variety of options including a residential facility. There are many ideas for recreation for disabled vets, and one is wheelchair basketball. In the next few years, this sporting event may be taking place in our community.

Don is also working with the Land Trust on keeping the neighborhood clean. After talking to Merten Bangemann-Johnson, Don's crew cleaned up the adjacent lot to his LFJ Manufacturing. LFJ is in the old Castleton's building on Mt. View Drive.

**Hungry? Well, try T.C.'s for Breakfast!** For the first time in more than three years, we have a restaurant serving breakfast in our community. Show support and stop in. Hmmmmm, good!  
-Kerry Hawkins

**Business Contributions -** You may not be one of the business owners in our neighborhood, but perhaps you can help us by noting that the Community Council charges no dues and supervises many community functions that make Mountain View a good place. In particular, the fun-day account, the patrol, and the clean-up require some financial support. If you own a business- or if you know someone who owns a business- can you ask if a check could be written to the Mountain View Community Council? It takes a lot of volunteers and lot of time to run this council (it takes a few dollars, too).  
-Barbara Hogan, Treasurer

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**Neighborhood Policing-** I just wanted to remind everyone that I am available for concerns that may arise in Mountain View. Please call 786-2668 or 317-0985 (cell) to reach me. I'm available, and I appreciate your efforts to make the keep the neighborhood monitored so that we have a safer and healthier environment.

-Sgt. Cindi K. Stanton

**Weed 'n Seed Recognition on August 15-** Led by Mountain View resident Joyce Hines, the Mountain View Community was recognized officially as a Weed 'n Seed site in a ceremony arranged by U.S. Attorney Tim Burgess. Senator Lisa Murkowski joined Mayor Mark Begich, Police Chief Walt Monegan, Superintendent of Schools Carol Comeau, Community Council Secretary David Alexander, Father Fred Bugarin, and Joyce Hines representing the community. With appropriate resolve expressed by each speaker, the recognition marks another step forward for the community council's efforts to make the neighborhood a safer place with more activities for kids and adults. TV coverage included information on Ron Pickles' donation of a second MVP car. The great work of the Mountain View Patrol under Randy and now Fred Schriener has made a difference. This grant got a huge head start from Angela Liston and the organizers at St. Anthony's with AFACT. The award also owes much to Michael Evans, the general chairman of the development committee, and the sensible organizational work of grant writer Sativa Quinn. More help is needed on the funding portion of the application, and Sativa is still taking names for the three committees working on funding.

**Coming up Next Month!** The Mountain View Halloween Benefit. This is going to be a Spaghetti Feed and costume celebration at the VFW on Mountain View Drive. There are going to be prizes and handouts and the very best costumes on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> will bring in some nice door prizes for you. We want your ideas for this event, and look forward to seeing you there.

Barbara Hogan

**Elections are Coming this September-** Every year the Mountain View Community Council elects new officers. Joyce Hines and Sol Gerstenfeld are the nominating committee for the community council. You have to have been at a couple of meetings in the last six months to be an eligible voter. Please let Joyce or Sol know if you want to be a candidate for office.

Kerry Hawkins

**Unity Team Moving Forward-** The Mountain View Unity Team is still taking members from the neighborhood. If you live in the community, call Anchorage Neighborhood Housing and join the team!

Lisa Mills

## Mountain View Art Walk a Success

Bruce Farnsworth and the Mountain View Arts and Culture District Steering Committee that includes Carolyn Kinneen, Niki Burrows, and Mary Hertert organized the Art Walk on Friday, August 12 in the evening. It was a success beyond expectations as artists and residents enjoyed an evening at the forthcoming arts center in the old Mobile Trailer Supply building. People are increasingly seeing signs of what the District represents. Don Peters, next door at his LFJ Manufacturing jewelry studio, was enthused that so many people wanted to see and hear about art in our community. A lot of people ask the question "what is it?" when they hear about the Arts and Culture District. The Steering Committee is helping answer that question and showing that the community is "doing" a lot of art. From the shows at Success by Six staged by Sherre Dueno to the murals being put up in the neighborhood to the smashing success enjoyed by Tom Bennett and the staff at the Natural History Museum, the district is a living, active amalgamation of new business, artists and their work. Coming up on September 7th from 2 to 4 P.M. is a presentation organized by Steering Committee at the BP Energy Center. This showing will present Mountain View in Art- past and present. The film and slide show presentation is a volunteer effort of the people named above, and they have an impressive story to tell. Its clear from the new art businesses in the community that the Art and Culture District is going to help Mountain View financially. It is happening in a real grass roots way, and its being done by Mountain View residents themselves.

-Price Busters (continued from page 6)-

Ron has been active lately in the Mountain View in Motion Community Development effort. Besides Community Council meetings, he has attended development meetings on the road design and on the Heritage Land Bank area between Mountain View Drie and the Glenn. His feelings are summarized this way. First, don't close down any more streets because traffic has to flow for businesses. Second, make sure the curb cuts are available for small retailers with parking lots. Third, sidewalks will help the neighborhood, though 8 feet is a better width than 12 feet.