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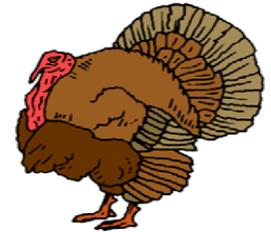
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November 2009 Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Center
315 North Price Street
November 9, 2009

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of October Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Approval of November Agenda
Introductions



7:20 Reports and Announcements

Happy Thanksgiving!

Assembly Report - Patrick Flynn
Legislative Report - Sen. Wielechowski/Rep. Gruenberg
Written Reports - Community Center, Mountain View Patrol,
Job Center, Crime Committee, Code Enforcement,
Neighborhood Plan, Other prepared by Amy Grant, ACLT

Guest Speakers for November 9, 2009:

8:00 KABATA- Amanda True
8:10 Anchorage Citizen's Coalition- Suzanne DiPietro
8:20
8:30
8:40 Old Business-
8:50 New Business

**Next Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 5:30 PM
Anchorage Community Land Trust Building
This is an open meeting - You are welcome**

Homeless Camps Removed From Veteran's Ridge

The Homeless Camps that Ed O'Neill and the Anchorage Retail Beverage Association (ARBRA) have campaigned to clean up have been brought front and center to the public's attention. Ed and his crew of staff and volunteers from Brown Jug led a city walk along the Chester Creek Greenbelt from Valley of the Moon Park recently. Through Ed's efforts, because of the deaths of a dozen men and women in camps this past year, and due to the unsanitary nature of these temporary lodgings, the Mayor has made effective coping with homeless residents a citywide priority.

As reported in the Daily News on October 20, APD gave tickets to homeless residents of the area known as "Veteran's Ridge." The area is East of Reeve Boulevard (toward the Mountains), and a bad incident had taken place in the area where an arrest was made for people setting a fire in a camp that injured a resident. After the tickets were issued, the campers had a half a week to go somewhere else. Those who didn't leave got municipal tickets of approximately \$75 each.

There is a municipal leadership team working on the problem and Anchorage has a 10 year plan to solve the homeless issue in the city. A likely option- subsidized housing- is closed to most who have committed crimes and it is also difficult for mentally unstable people to put together application packets for housing or other resources.

A concern for Mountain View residents is the proximity of this particular camp to Tyson Elementary school. A clear goal is to help people move out of that area so that they aren't mixing with students coming and going to school.

After the camps were dismantled by police, the remnants of the camps were placed in bags so that the owners could claim them later. For those who survive by working occasionally, but rely on the no-cost housing, the change wherein there will be active police intervention to prevent camping will have a significant impact right away.

FALL FEAST at Boys & Girls Club November 19

The annual dinner will begin around 5 P.M. that Thursday. Please enjoy dinner with your neighbors. Better still- help out in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed!

(continued from page 3, Director's Award)

The Municipal prosecutors were assigned to the Department of Justice office under the Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Task Force and nominated for the award by Karen Loeffler, the U.S. Attorney.

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President's Message

Don Crandall, MVCC President

The Clark Middle School Health Clinic is a big step forward for the community. First, the clinic comes as a result of our parents and residents specifically requesting it. The designers of our new middle school put it in the plans because the residents wanted it. Second, ASD officials see the Clinic as such a big time saver for students that they believe it will, by itself, materially contribute to an overall GPA average increase in a school whose principal and teachers are geared exactly toward that goal. Third, Providence Alaska is giving \$25,000 a year for three years to help the clinic begin, The Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center had recently had to close its Mountain View location, and the services the clinic can provide will benefit residents in terms of their own time and money so the clinic is a net financial gain to everyone whose child attends Clark and to the community's financial prosperity overall. Some services that will have immediate impact are shots, sports physicals (beginning in January), immunizations, nutritional counseling, acute care services (minor illness) and behavioral health (limited services in the form of counseling). This clinic is another reason for all Mountain View residents to welcome the new Clark.

Clark Middle School In-school Health Clinic

Clark is the first school with an in-school health clinic that will serve the students and some community members. As described by Principal Cessilye Williams in her report to the Community Council, the first and foremost purpose of the clinic will be the wellness of Clark students. They can get physicals, shots, simple treatments for infections or limited physical treatment such as for sprains and possibly some assistance for behavioral problems. The idea is that volunteers such as advanced nurse practitioners can provide the services. In addition, the in-school service allows the students to see medical professionals without the difficulty of leaving the school building. This will be a money saver for local families and it will also make it more likely that students will get the health care they need. That, plus the huge time saving of the student not having to leave the school building for a medical visit will save a significant amount of learning time for the students who use the service.

Later, perhaps this August, the clinic's service can expand to cover other health care needs in Mountain View. Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center had to close their office on Mountain View Drive earlier this year and is pleased to see the Clark service begin for students.

H1N1 Vaccine is available at the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic

Current supply of vaccine is targeted towards youth ages 2-18, the Municipality planning multiple free vaccine clinics in the month of November to immunize the general public.

The Municipality of Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services is partnering with the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center to deliver H1N1 vaccine. Following State of Alaska guidelines the initial shipments of H1N1 vaccine are being targeted toward youth ages 2-18 due to their higher rates of hospitalization. Once additional vaccine arrives, the Neighborhood Health Center will vaccinate members of the public of any age over six months. H1N1 vaccine will be available at the Neighborhood Health Center from 8-11am and 1-4pm, Monday through Friday. Vaccine will be administered based on availability. New shipments of vaccine are expected to arrive in Alaska on a regular basis for the next several weeks. The Municipality is planning large scale public vaccine clinics for H1N1 for the month of Nov. and Dec. At these clinics, H1N1 vaccine will be available free of charge to the general public. Dates and times of these clinics will be publicized by the Municipality as soon as the information is available. The Anchorage School District is also planning free H1N1 vaccination clinics for all students starting in November. For a list of private healthcare providers in Anchorage that are currently offering H1N1 vaccine, please visit the MOA H1N1 website linked to www.muni.org/health1/ Please check the list often as it will be updated as additional facilities receive vaccine. Once established, a schedule of public vaccine clinics will also be available on the webpage. *For more information on the H1N1 vaccine in Anchorage, please call 343-6718.*

Director's Awards for Anti-Gang Work

Erin White and Kristine Thoreson, Municipal Prosecutors, won the US Department of Justice Director's Award for putting 100 violent criminals in jail through the federal system (con't on p. 2)

September 2009 Mountain View Community Council Meeting Presentations



Claire Noll
(above);
Patrick Flynn,
Assembly
(right)



Glenn-Bragaw Interchange



Russ Oswalt, DOT, speaking on
Mountain View Drive improve-
ments



George Ascott from
Senator Wielechowski's
office

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Paul Witt, Brian Schumacher, Don
Crandall (left to right) on Glenn
Bragaw Interchange (above)



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