

Mountain View Community Council Written Reports

Clark Middle School Renewal

1302 Labar Street

The Clark Middle School Renewal project has shut down for the winter. All of the ground floor slabs are in and the Contractor and Engineers are busy reviewing the structural steel drawings. Construction will start again in early spring, once the steel arrives and the weather permits. This will be an exciting time when the form of the building starts to take shape.

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Internal Revenue Service

949 E. 36th Avenue M/S A180

For the past several years, the volunteer site at First Free Methodist Church on 6th and Pine has been a Spanish-language site. Sadly, our main Spanish-speaking volunteer is moving to the Kenai.

We are looking for at least one Spanish speaker who would be interested in volunteering as an interpreter for this site, which should be open on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm, from February through April 15.

The interpreter would not need to know technical tax terms, but would be needed to ask questions like, "Did your children live with you all year?" No tax training is necessary to serve as an interpreter, although it would be wonderful to have more Spanish-speakers certified to prepare taxes.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass on my name and phone number or email and I will put them in touch with the Tax-Aide coordinator.

Thanks for your help!

Contact: Kris Ashley, Sr. Stakeholder Relationship Tax Consultant, SPEC

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Kids' Corps, Inc./Head Start

3350 Commercial Drive (in the Success by Six Bldg.)

Mission Statement: "We provide a Head Start to families with children who need it most."

During the month of December the children will focus on "The Arts." The children will be putting on puppet shows for creative thinking. Letters this month are J, P, and M. Our volunteer day will feature parents and their traditions. We hope to see a nice variety of family traditions that mean a lot to the children. They will be making edible "things" to share with their parents at the Book Fair/cookie exchange. They continue to learn self help skills (getting in and out of winter gear).

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We have one opening for a 4 year old living preferably in the Mountain View area. Parents must be in training or working.

Our Mountain View Center, along with all of our centers will be closed from December 21st through January 4th. All centers will reopen on January 7th. Happy Holidays to All.

Contact: Ronnie Brown
Phone: 279-2021

Contact: Nancy Schjenken
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Mountain View Community Patrol

3142 Mountain View Drive

With the newer members of the Community Patrol, we are now out patrolling Mountain View streets almost every night and weekends. Crime is down, compared to some areas of town. Also, just a reminder that since winter is here, allow more time to get where you need to go.

Fred Schriener
Mountain View Community Patrol

Mountain View Job Center - *a satellite center of the Anchorage Job Center Network*

315 N. Price Street

People in job search in November were successful finding a job with the assistance of a job counselor 54% of the time. Vet Rep and DVR counselors available by appointment.

There were 409 clients using the Resource Room at the Mountain View Job Center in November [326 adults (22 and over) and 83 youth (16-21)].

Math Prep for the Trades Class: *Math Prep for the Trades* class will have a new class Monday evenings beginning in January. Please call Jan Nichols (375-3714) if you want to improve your math skills in preparation for an apprenticeship or a building trades job. Job assistance is available for seeking and getting work in the building trades. No cost for the classes.

Retail Trades Federation Certification: A new class will start later in the year. Call Jeff Randolph at 375-3732 to join. NO COST. At Charter College.

GED Preparation: For assistance with GED preparation or English as a Second Language class, please contact Mountain View Teacher Barbara Taylor at 297-5415. Please note that this is a new phone number.

Job Search Assistance: For general job search assistance, please call the main number (297-5422) or come to the Job Center between 9:00 and 6:00 M-Th and between 9:00 and 4:00 F.

Glenn Square Employment: Sharon Patterson is featuring application preparation for Glenn Square Mall Jobs Tuesdays and Thursdays. Walk-ins for resume and interviewing preparation are welcome in the Resource Room at any time, M-F, 9 to 6 P.M. Glenn Square stores are hiring now. Most stores are open.

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Resource Room: All Mountain View residents coming to the Resource Room can go on-line looking for jobs, review recommended websites such as Alaska's Job Bank, and write resumes. Residents can also complete job applications, schedule an appointment with job center partners, attend classes, visit work search counselors, and obtain vocational counseling. The Mountain View Job Center is staffed by personnel from Nine Star Education and Employment Services, and it is a service of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

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