

Community Councils Center
Mountain View Community Council
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Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street
April 9, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of March Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Approval of April Agenda
Introductions



7:20 Reports and Announcements

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



Guest Speakers for April 9, 2007:

8:00 Mountain View Road Project - Jacques Boutet
8:10 Youth Job Fair on April 20- Andi Nations
8:20 Glenn Square Development- Hugh Wade
8:30 Glenn-Bragaw Intersection- Claire Noll
8:40 Mountain View Clean-Up April 28-May 5- Scott Kohlhaas
8:50 ACLT- Suzanne Little
9:00 Old and New Business



Next Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 5:30 PM
Mobile Trailer Supply Building
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

Community Council News in Brief

MVCC Financial Report
Niki Burrows, Treasurer

April 2007

- 184.09 Office Supplies
- 285.28 Computer Supplies
- 171.29 Telephone
- 75.47 Awards
- 197.50 Machine Maintenance/Repair
- 139.90 Sunshine Account
- 124.60 Neighborhood Plan
- 138.00 New Copier
- 194.21 Fundraising
- 481.65 Patrol
- 230.00 Patrol State Grant (2005)
- 44.79 Fun Day
- 4.17 CleanUp

- 199.87 Total



Please Request Donations for MVCC, if you can

Please contribute, or request donations, to MVCC's activities (like the Mountain View clean-up below!). All of our accounts are short as you can see (above). Thank you for thinking of your hard working, volunteer council.

Mountain View Clean-Up is Coming Last Week of April/First Week of May

Scott Kohlhaas and his clean-up committee members need money. The clean-up costs and the clean-up gets results. If you don't have money, how about your dump truck? Scott needs four of them. A front loader? Boy, would that be good. Volunteer labor? It takes a lot of time and energy! We had great support from the Latino Lions and from our residents. Please volunteer your valuable time again. Committee meetings are Wednesdays at the ACLT (Mobile Trailer Supply). Please call for times (usually 6 p.m.). Call Scott at 337-3171 to sign up. Clean-up is April 29 to May 4, 2007 (Sunday to Friday).

Please Give MVCC Your E-Mail Address

Please send your email address to the FCC at info@communitycouncils.org, (note that you want to be put on the Mountain View Community Council email list) or Niki Burrows at nburrows@alaska.net. (You will receive the newsletter sooner by email, and there are Municipal and State notices that you can receive by email that are not available by postal mail.) Thank you!

**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!

Send to:
Mountain View Community Council
P.O. Box 142824
Anchorage AK 99514

President: Hugh Wade
272-2697
Treasurer: Niki Burrows
274-1179
Mountain View Patrol: 223-9524

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Community Councils News In Brief

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Mountain View Boys and Girls Club Gets New Director

Fred Young was introduced at the March MVCC meeting as the new director of the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club and the Mountain View Community Recreation center which is operated under contract with the Municipality of Anchorage Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Young will be located in Muldoon in the new Boys and Girls Club facility there which recently opened in the former East 40 bowling alley. He replaces Rick Henderson who had been at Mountain View.

Parks Bond Also on Ballot April 3

Teri Peters, the Northeast Park District Director, presented information on park improvements and maintenance at the March meeting including the conversion of the old golf course at Russian Jack Springs to a First Tee Learning Center and a nine hole par three course for all ages. Further information on the bond is available at www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org.

Youth Job Fair Coming April 20

Mayor Mark Begich will greet businesses and youth at the Mountain View Youth Job Fair on Friday, April 20 sponsored by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Nine Star Education and Employment Services, and the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club. The event will be held in the MV Community Recreation Center gym and organized by the MV Job Center. Last year's fair drew over 500 high school age and young adult job seekers. A number were offered jobs at the Fair by employers. For further information, please call Andi Nations at 743-6074.

Spring Quarter Classes Start April 2

Barbara Taylor is the new instructor for out of school youth and adults at the Mountain View Job Center. Assessment, instruction, and assistance with job search are available at the Mountain View Job Center. GED and ESL classes are scheduled for the spring quarter, and Math for the Trades classes begin on April 18.

Representative Don Young at RIF Book Distribution at Tyson on April 9

The public is welcome at the free Book Distribution at Tyson April 9 at 10 A.M. Carol Comeau will join Rep Young and John Kito for the celebration & refreshments

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Summer Parks Jobs for Youth

Up to 20 Anchorage youth ages 16-18 will be hired to work in city parks this summer in an innovative program in which they will also receive education relevant to their work. The new Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program was launched last week by Mayor Begich. Under the program, a partnership with the city Parks & Rec and the Alaska Youth for Environmental Action, each work week will have a theme. Mondays will be education days, Tuesdays-Thursdays will be spent working in parks, and Fridays will be outdoor recreation days. Applications for the 20 youth crew positions are available online at www.ayea.org, and are due April 26. Orientation is scheduled for May 30-31, with jobs ending in mid August. (from Mayor Mark Begich's Weekly Update)

Jacques Boutet- the Mountain View Road Project Summer 2007

Jacques presented the (Phase 3) summer work at the March MVCC meeting. The work should be bid in 6-7 weeks. There might be some delays due to coloration of cross walks, but there won't be interruptions of the length that occurred last summer. A landscape architect will come up with some ideas for themes and alterations along the drive. Streetscaping will provide non-organic beautification with benches, trash cans, and other amenities which will pull the street together and make it more attractive. There will be some major pieces of public art such as archways over the street and some sculpted pieces. Bruce Farnsworth has worked with residents to identify some designs and his four options for the Drive were included in the March newsletter. Jacques noted that this is probably the most extensive road attraction project ever tried in the Municipality. He expected that there will be a Business Improvement District in the area, an idea supported by M.L.&P's Jim Posey whose offices will be built on the Drive. At the March Council Meeting, Paul Palinski and other neighborhood residents expressed concern about the fact that businesses had previously not done their part in maintaining road amenities. The Business Improvement District formation could do more to formalize the process of maintaining the streetscape.



Moving Ahead in Our Neighborhood



Please vote for School Bonds April 3

Vote on April 3, Tuesday, for Propositions 4 and 5. Proposition 4 is for the replacement of Clark Middle School.

Why should we replace Clark? Why should voters approve the replacement?

Here are ten good reasons:

1. Inadequate Storage.
2. Low Ceiling Heights
3. Structural Problems.
4. Inadequate Ventilation
5. Making Do With Damaged Facilities
6. Patched Together Infrastructure
7. Roof Leaks
8. Hazardous Materials To Which Kids Are Exposed
9. Program Deficiencies
 - β Classrooms/ESL/Special Programs
 - β Physical Education
 - β Multipurpose/Music
 - β Administration
 - β Career Ed
 - β Make Shift Technology Labs
10. Dark, Crowded Hallways



The Clark Middle School replacement will cost homeowners \$7.57 of assessed valuation, and the operating costs will be reduced because the new school will eliminate the 10 portables currently located on the grounds, improve heat circulation, reduce illumination costs, and reduce expense for operation of equipment such as portable computers. Mary Cary

explains these facts here at the March MVCC meeting. One serious concern is that only 20% of the building is equipped with fire sprinklers. Commercial tests show that srpinklers virtually eliminate fire fatalites of persons in burning

buildings. Suzanne Little, at right, presented information from School Bonds Yes! One of the important values for Anchorage taxpayers was the proposed legislative reimbursement of 60 to 70% of the school bond debt. Because the debt from Proposition 4 to replace the school is equal to the debt



recently retired by the District, the total impact of the Clark replacement on Anchorage homeowners' property taxes would be very small. In recent years, the School District has proposed bonds which will not add significantly to individual real estate tax bills. Senator Bill Wielechowshi was quoted in the Anchorage Daily News on March 18 describing the debt reimbursement process as a igreat deal for taxpayers' (in Anchorage). He was one of 12 Anchorage legislators in a bi-partisan effort to support the school bonds this year.

The Clark replacement allows Clark area students to receive the same benefits provided to those students attending the new Begich Middle School as well as those enjoying the new south Anchorage Goldenview Middle School. Good facilities lead to good performance on the part of students, and Anchorage taxpayers want Anchorage students to perform well so those students are prepared to enter the world of work and successfully repair cars, build houses, join the North Slope oil field workforce, deliver essential services to Anchorage residents and be productive citizens and family members in the years ahead.

Clark is an investment in the economic future of Anchorage. The students who will attend this school will work on the new Alaska gasline as well as fill the jobs in Anchorage's steadily expanding economy which has seen 18 consecutive years of growth. The new school makes sense for the future of everyone who lives in the city because each person living here depends on the competence of those who learn in city schools at the time those students enter the workforce and provide essential services such as plumbing, heating, and electrical maintenance.

The total debt retired since the last bonds passed is a million and a half dollars greater than the amount currently requested. Responding to the concern of taxpayers, the school district has incorporated cost savings in their stewardship of our valuable public assets throughout the city. A new Clark is one of those cost savings and the school replacement is a benefit to all Anchorage residents.