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“Serving Fairview, Where People Make The Difference”

Block Party a Big Hit

The annual Fairview block party was held on Saturday, July 18 at Fairview Lions Park. About 300 people enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by council leadership. Children (and some adults) enjoyed having their faces painted or balloon animals made for them by Ruffles D Clown. Rohan Stevens of Nature Island Productions entertained the crowd with his disc jockey skills. The Council would like to thank the following business supporters for their cash and in-kind donations: First National Bank Alaska, King's X Lounge, Crossroads Lounge, Webb Management and Consulting, Carrs-Gambell, the Alaska Aces, and the Parks and Recreation Department, HDR and the Highway-to-Highway project, and the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation. Lots of people pitched in to make the day a success. Paul Benson and the Membership Development Committee got the ball rolling with the thankless job of fundraising. Harry Deuber, as usual, was instrumental in getting the park ready and helping

to set up on Saturday morning. Also pitching in on Saturday morning, to guard the grill, pick up bread, get ice, bring over all the food from Carrs-Gambell, fetch tables and chairs from the Rec. Ctr. (it's a long list!), etc., were Debbie Stojak, Jeff Humphreys, Michael Howard, and Karen Larsen. Lots of people helped out with the cooking. Darrel Hess deserves a special mention as he is the one who finally got the coals hot enough. Lee Ross was there to take a bunch of great photos. Benita White helped with crowd control. Regina Manteufel manned the t-shirt table most of the day before running all the kids' games. Mirna Howard cut the cake and handed pieces out to people. After the party was over, thanks to the people who helped clean up, in particular Jim Jordan and Hilda Llamas who shuttled a bunch of stuff back to Sharon Chamard's house for storage, and then took all the garbage over to the Rec. Ctr. dumpster.

Also on hand was Mayor Dan Sullivan, who read a proclamation declaring July 18 “Fairview Community Pride and Diversity Day.” State Senator Johnny Ellis

presented the *Johnny Ellis Fairview Citizenship Award* to Nine Star Enterprises. State House Representative Les Gara and Assemblyman Patrick Flynn presented the *Beautification Award* to the Fairview Flower Patrol, who was represented by Debbie Stojak. Our elected officials each said a few words in remembrance of Allan Tesche, Fairview's Assemblyman for nine years, and everyone recognized a moment of silence in Allan's memory.



Mayor Sullivan Declares July 18th “Fairview Community Pride & Diversity Day”

Mayor Dan Sullivan read the following at the Fairview block party:

Whereas, Fairview is one of Anchorage's Historic Four Neighborhoods, with a rich and storied past; and

Whereas, the Fairview Community Council was established and recognized under the Anchorage

Municipal Charter in 1976; and
Whereas, the residents, property owners and businesses in Fairview continually strive to improve Fairview in thoughtful and innovative ways, including public/private partnerships; and

Whereas, the ethnic diversity of Fairview contributes vibrancy to the wonderful multicultural mosaic of Anchorage; and

Whereas, Fairview's motto, “People Make the Difference” exemplifies the neighborhood's positive attitude and passion for making good things happen in Fairview and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Now, therefore, I, Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 18, 2009, as “FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIDE AND DIVERSITY DAY” and encourage all Anchorage residents to participate in activities scheduled for today.

Nine Star Summer Schedule

Our GED classes in Fairview at the AHFC Gateway center run from 9:30 to 12:30 Tuesday through Thursday from July 7 to September 3. After the semester break, they will operate from September 21 to December 11 from 9:30 to 12:30 Tuesday-Thursday. Barbara Taylor is the teacher and the Fairview Area Coordinator for our services at 222-2925 barbt@ninestar.com and Maria Carter (277-2450) mkcarter@ahfc.state.ak.us is the AHFC office director.

New Bus Schedule

People Mover has published its new service schedule effective July 20, 2009. You may download it at <http://www.muni.org/iceimages/transit1/ACFF279.pdf>. Or you can buy them when you get on the bus and at the Downtown Transit Center they are just \$1.

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“The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with.”

—Eleanor Holmes Norton

Alpha Kappa Alpha Cleans Ups Fairview Lions Park

On Tuesday, July 14, more than 200 women from the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority spent the morning at Fairview Lions Park pull weeds, plant flowers, and paint benches and fences. The overall project was planned and coordinated by the Sorority's International Program Committee in partnership with the Anchorage Department of Parks and Recreation. It was the service component of the Sorority's biennial Leadership Conference, held July 13-19 in Anchorage. In keeping with its commitment to the environment, the theme of the conference was "Environment Sustainability Paradigm." Nancy Beardsley, volunteer coordinator with the Parks and Recreation Department, said that while they are accustomed to getting help from volunteers, Alpha Kappa Alpha is different. "Typically, we have help

from church groups. This is the first sorority to do this type of project." Harry Deuber of the Fairview Flower Patrol and Beautification Committee was there all day and helped a small group of Sorority members from California and Florida plant flowers. He said "We're tremendously grateful and excited to have the folks here. We appreciate the time they're taking out of their conference to help us out."

A barbecue lunch was provided by the Fairview Community Council and some generous members of the community. At the height of the event, Anchorage Dan Sullivan stopped by to praise Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members for their service. It was the first public function he'd attended since being sworn in as mayor on July 1. In presenting the sorority's International President McKinzie with a proclamation, Sullivan reminded the crowd, which included members



from the Anchorage Chapter, that one of his major platforms was community service. "This is the type of noble effort that mirrors the spirit of my administration," he said. The mayor was so uplifted by the occasion that he lingered to thank member/workers. Assemblyman Patrick Flynn and FVCC President Sharon Chamard also spoke to the volunteers as a group and spent time talking individually with some of the women.

August Around Town

Fairview Rec. Center

• **Anchortown Jugglers Weekly Drop-In Juggling Club** Join other recreational jugglers for some quality time with gravity. All levels of jugglers are welcome even beginners! Time: 7:00pm

• **Scholastic Chess Club** Join the club every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00pm Contact Charles at 343-4130

Alaska Center for the Blind and the Visually Impaired

• **Through Our Eyes Tour —August 27th. 3903 Taft Dr.** Join us for a hand-on, fast paced look at the work we do to help people with vision loss meet their goals for life and work. Learn how you can get involved! A Light lunch is provided.

Anchorage Public Libraries

• **Third Annual Book Party in the**

Park @ Mountain View —Friday,

Aug. 7, 4-7pm Storytelling, music, crafts, snacks and free books! What a way to spend a summer evening! Wander through the Garden Art Park, stop for a story with APL librarians and join in the singing & dancing with Fiddle De Dee. Garden Art Park 3350 Commercial Drive.

• **Live @ the Library**—This free weekly Summer concert series wraps up its season with free performances in August. Hundreds are enjoying our concerts on the lawn at Loussac. Pack a lunch, bring a blanket and come enjoy the city's best outdoor music series Tuesday's at noon. The rain location is the Wilda Martson Theatre.

***Aug. 4** Hula Hui—Celebrate Hawaii's 50th anniversary

***Aug. 11** West High International Club—Culturally diverse

***Aug. 18** Cool Opera Chicks Live! Feminine take on opera

Loussac Summer Schedule

All branches all closed Saturdays Sundays, and Mondays until September 28 due to budget cuts.

Z.J Loussac Public Library will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 10am to 9pm and Friday from 10am to 6pm. **Phone: 343-0975**



Recognizing Fairview's BEST

At the 31st annual NAACP Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics competition, **MADLINE JAMES**, a rising 11th grader at West High School, was awarded the **GOLD** medal in Humanities (Playwriting) for her play entitled "The Session". Madeline scored the highest out of all other competitors in her category to win this prestigious honor, making her the first gold medalist for Alaska! Additionally, local high school students: **Michael Walker** (Visual Arts-Sculpture); **Matthew Chenery** (Performing Arts-Musical Instrument-Contemporary); **Sharai Mason** (Humanities-Poetry); **Patricia Avery** (Performing Arts-Dramatics); and **Jordan Scott** (Humanities-Original Essay) competed and received high marks at the national ACT-SO competition in New York City, July 8 - 12.

Next Council Meetings:

All meetings are held at the Fairview Community Recreation Center at 1121 E. 10th Avenue.

- Executive Board meets **August 6th. & September 3rd.** 7:00 to 9:00 pm (open to public)
- General Membership meets **August 13th & September 10th.** 7:00 to 9:00 pm (open to the public)