

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Federation of Community Councils, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0063045****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. - Neighborhoods USA 2011 Conference

State Funding Requested: \$70,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$220,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$150,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$70,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Neighborhood leaders, organizers, and dedicated volunteers from across the entire United States will come together to discuss common concerns, share experiences, and develop ideas and suggestions to build stronger neighborhoods and communities.

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Most importantly, NUSA 2011 also provides an opportunity to learn from one another and create the change we all need in our communities. In addition to external challenges provided by a changing economy, falling home values and higher unemployment, more and more leaders are fighting in the trenches everyday to improve community safety, to keep our youth away from the harmful, destructive rise in gang activity, and to eliminate indifference and indolence among neighbors.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures are occurring presently and these funds will go to finalizing the project which is to be held from May 25 - May 28th, 2011.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

N/A

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

10:27 AM 5/27/2011



FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS
Community Councils Center
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Abbott Loop
Airport Heights
Basher
Bayshore – Klatt
Bear Valley
Birchwood
Campbell Park
Chugiak
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Eagle River
Eagle River Valley
Fairview
Girdwood
Glen Alps
Government Hill
Hillside East
Huffman – O'Malley
Mid-Hillside
Midtown
Mountain View
North Star
Northeast
Old Seward – Oceanview
Portage Valley
Rabbit Creek
Rogers Park
Russian Jack Park
Sand Lake
Scenic Foothills
South Addition
South Fork
Spenard
Taku – Campbell
Tudor Area
Turnagain
Turnagain Arm
University Area

February 23, 2011

Senator Kevin Meyer
State Capital
MS 3100
Room 103
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Meyer:

I am writing you to request a Legislative Grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Federation of Community Councils in Anchorage.

The Federation of Councils serves and provides services to all of the 38 Community Councils in Anchorage regarding programs, mailings, State legislative and other activities. The Federation also services the Councils for Municipal legislative actions and other various services of State Departments and Municipal Departments.

The Federation was chosen as the Host City for the 2011 Neighborhoods USA conference to be held in Anchorage May 25 to May 28th 2011. There will be delegates from virtually all of the other States in Attendance which will number between 400 to 600.

The Federation Committee has a goal of around \$220,000.00 to raise for the Conference. We are respectfully asking the legislature for this one time grant to assist in our efforts for a successful event.

Very Truly Yours:

Al Tamagni Sr.
Treasurer/Federation of Community Councils

Cc: file



NEIGHBORHOODS, USA

Anchorage, Alaska

2011 Conference Registration Information



May 25th to May 28th 2011



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President's Message

Neighborhood leaders, organizers, and dedicated volunteers from across the entire United States will come together to discuss common concerns, share experiences, and develop ideas and suggestions to build stronger neighborhoods and communities. The spirit of NUSA has also stretched across our nation's borders over the past few years, and we strongly encourage and welcome participation from our counterparts from around the world.

I hope you enjoy this year's conference and are able to take advantage of the numerous educational opportunities. In addition to more than 40 workshops and 12 neighborhood tours, NUSA 2011 provides an occasion for us as neighborhood leaders to celebrate success and accomplishments. We will be honoring communities, neighborhood groups, collaborations and individuals across our nation for their work in making life better through our awards for Neighborhood of the Year, Best Neighborhood Program, Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods, as well as through our new program recognizing neighborhood newsletters.

Most importantly, NUSA 2011 also provides an opportunity to learn from one another and create the change we all need in our communities. Let there be no mistake: The challenges we tackle in our own neighborhoods are the culmination of many factors that have developed over decades. In addition to external challenges provided by a changing economy, falling home values and higher unemployment, more and more leaders are fighting in the trenches everyday to improve community safety, to keep our youth away from the harmful, destructive rise in gang activity, and to eliminate indifference and indolence among neighbors.

A city or town is only as strong as its weakest neighborhood. Neighborhood leaders and active residents are the driving forces fighting for the survival and future of our municipalities. Thank you for being at the front lines of this battle and bringing the change we need to make all of our cities, towns, states and even our nation better for the next generation. Your strength, courage and determination will make for a better tomorrow in ALL of our neighborhoods.

Thank You!



Yours in Partnership,
Tige Watts, President
NEIGHBORHOODS, USA (NUSA)

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Mayor Dan Sullivan

Welcome to Anchorage!

As Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you a warm welcome to our city. We are honored to serve as host city for the 2011 Neighborhoods USA conference. Many of you have traveled a long distance to share new information and ideas on how to improve local communities. We look forward to sharing our hospitality with each of you and sincerely hope you enjoy your stay in Anchorage.

Enjoy your time in Anchorage and sample some of our Big Wild Life. We have many things to offer while you are here for the conference. Sample our many fine restaurants, walk on our unique coastal trail, or take in Alaska culture at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center or the Alaska Native Heritage Center. You will not be disappointed in all that Anchorage has to offer. Thanks again for choosing Anchorage.

Sincerely,

Dan Sullivan
Mayor





Welcome Neighbors

On behalf of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, I'd like to welcome the delegates of the annual conference of Neighborhoods, USA. We are excited to have you in Anchorage, to experience all the wonderful things our city has to offer.

As a non-profit organization tasked with promoting economic development in Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska, we recognize the importance neighborhoods and the greater community play in the quality of life of our residents and the decision of individuals and corporations to locate their businesses here. Your organization nationally and our community councils locally are instrumental in promoting a better quality of life for all citizens and subsequently the economic vibrancy and diversity of the community.

During your stay here we hope you will be able to enjoy are unique "urban-wilderness" lifestyle as well as our many cultural and uniquely Alaska attractions. Whether you visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center Museum, Wild Berry Theater, our Alaska Zoo or just take a leisurely stroll along Ship Creek, the only metropolitan King Salmon stream in the world, I am sure you will realize the reasons we are proud to call this unique and beautiful place home.

We are honored to have you as guests in our city and sure that by the time you leave you will understand why we choose to live, work and play in Anchorage, Alaska.



Bill Popp
President & CEO
Anchorage Economic Development Corporation

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who have, and continue to contribute, to our preparation for the conference: Andrew Brewer, Susan Klein, Kathleen Liska, Lynda Billmyer, Tod Butler, Hazel Blackmore, Laurie Holland, Kep Pierce, Carole Bergerson, Mark Butler, Dick Tremaine, Jason Bergerson, Sheli Dodson, Bart Randolph, Jewel Jones, Dennis MacMillan, Matt Johnson and Lorna-Jean Souza. Many others have contributed in some way, and it is all appreciated.

**WILLIAM A. EGAN
CIVIC & CONVENTION
CENTER**

Named after Alaska’s First Governor, the Egan Center is host to a multitude of meetings and events throughout the year, ranging from small, intimate local groups to large-scale multiple-day conventions.

Convention Center rooms may be cool enough to warrant a jacket or sweater.

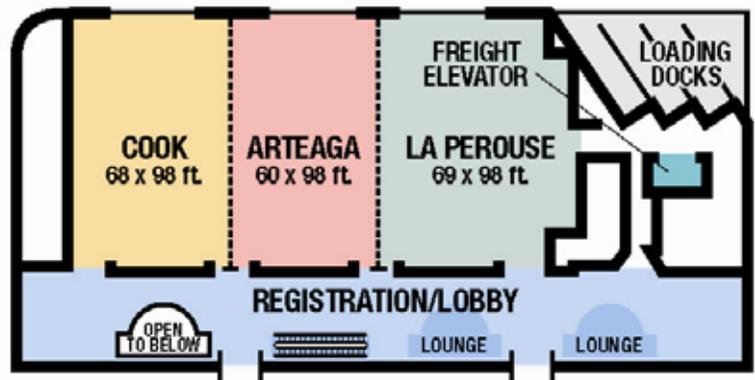
With more than 45,000 square feet of meeting, exhibit and pre-function spaces, the built-in design features provide all the necessities and conveniences necessary to produce a successful gathering.

Shuttles

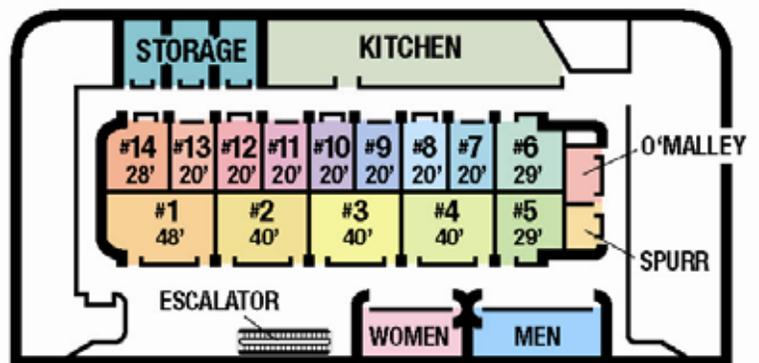
Shuttles will be provided between all of the hotels and the Egan Convention Center, except for the Hilton.

Below: The Egan Center is just off Town Square Park—The Hilton Hotel is just two blocks away, and visible on the right side of the photo.

Upper Level



Lower Level



Conference Hotels

Make your hotel Reservations early!

Plan to come early and stay the weekend. Special rates for NUSA attendees will be honored three days prior to and after the conference, based on availability.

All conference workshops will be held at the Egan Convention Center located at 555 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Our host hotel, the Anchorage Hilton, is two blocks from the Egan Convention Center. Our other affiliate hotels include Howard Johnson, Inlet Towers, Quality Suites, Clarion Suites, and Voyager.

Hilton Hotels

500 W. 3rd Ave, Anc AK 99501
Tel: (907) 272-2411

Reservations: (800) Hiltons
Room Rate: \$149/night, tax(12%)
Reservation Code: NUSA

Howard Johnson Hotel

239 W. 4th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501
Tel: (907) 793-5500
Reservations: (800) 406-1411
Room Rate: \$109/night, tax (12%)

Inlet Tower

1200 L Street, Anc AK 99501
Tel: (907) 276-0110
Reservations: (800) 544-0786
Room Rate: \$109/night, tax (12%)
Reservation Code: NUSA

Clarion Suites Hotel

1110 W. 8th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501
Room Rate: \$129/night, tax (12%)

Voyager Hotel

501 K Street, Anchorage, AK 99501
Room Rate: \$129/night, tax (12%)

Quality Suites Hotel

325 W. 8th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501
Room Rate: \$109/night, tax (12%)

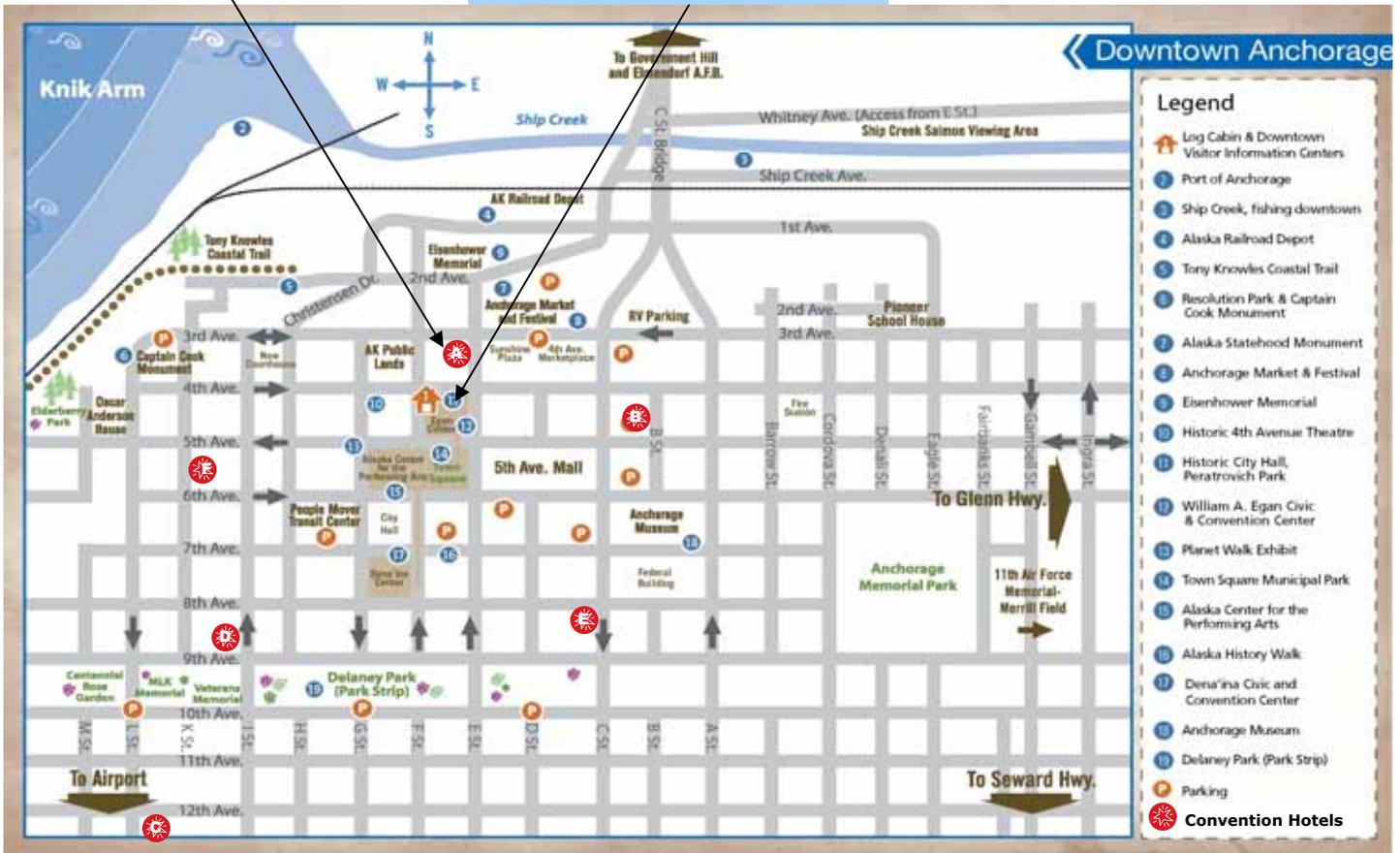
*To make reservation for the Clarion Suites, Quality Suites or Rodeway Inn/ Voyager Hotel, please Contact Evelyn at (907) 929-6461 or Barb at (907) 222-8126. Reservations can also be made by email at ClarionSales@chenegahotels.com or QualitySales@chenegahotels.com. Mention **NUSA** or **Neighborhoods, USA**.*

WEATHER

The average temperature in May is 55° with a low of 40°



Egan Center proximity to Hilton



The conference registration fee includes the Mayor’s Reception on Wednesday night, the Opening Breakfast on Thursday morning and continental breakfasts on both Friday and Saturday; all workshops attended on Thursday and Friday; a Thursday evening Neighborhood Pride Tour that includes dinner; Friday evening’s Alaska Native Heritage Center cultural event and entertainment; and Awards Luncheons on both Friday and Saturday, as well as your NUSA membership dues that allow you to vote for the NUSA Board of Directors and attend the annual NUSA membership meeting Saturday morning.

The Egan Center is the activity area of this conference, where you can visit the exhibit booths, attend Table Talk sessions, enjoy continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday, meet the NUSA board candidates and vote for your choices in Friday’s election. NUSA board members will continue last year’s new tradition of hosting tables during each of the common meals. It’s your chance to find out what more NUSA can do for you and what you can do for NUSA.

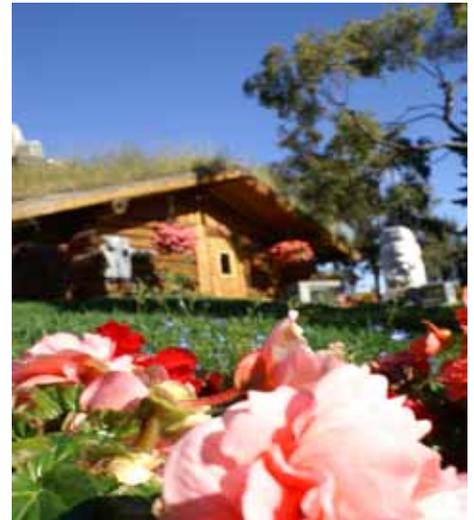


TABLE TALK

Neighbor to Neighbor

The conference in Little Rock started something new for NUSA — TABLE TALK. We will continue TABLE TALK this year in Anchorage. We heard requests for special topics last year and will offer opportunities for new and returning attendees to chance to learn about NUSA and the conference experience. **Two offerings of NUSA 101** will provide a face to face, small discussion group setting for those who want to make the most of their NUSA experience. NUSA Board members and veteran conference attendees will be available to answer questions and offer assistance. Many other opportunities exist for TABLE TALK sessions. If you have an idea or topic you would like us to consider, contact our TABLE TALK coordinator at nusa2011.org.

See what it takes to win a Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Award!

NOTY winners are announced at the Friday Awards luncheon. Judging for these prestigious awards takes place all day Thursday (10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) as selected Neighborhood of the Year finalists make their presentations before the NUSA panel of judges and interested spectators.

Best Neighborhood Program Awards winners are announced during the Saturday Awards luncheon. Judging will be held on Friday afternoon (8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Spectators are welcome.

SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

Scavenger Hunt Methodology for Education of Public Transit

Ethnic groups—where English is not the first language—are often the least likely to use public transit unless they are shown through first-hand experience. This reluctance to use public transportation results in isolation and increased costs because they often take expensive taxis or they use unsafe practices such as accepting rides from strangers. Few elected officials have experienced the transit system they fund.

Through the Scavenger Hunt method, teams (including conference attendees) will use the public transit system to: 1) view the city through transferring between routes, 2) experience a method for teaching new riders how to use the system and 3) compete in a fun learning experience. The People Mover director has partnered with the Anchorage Citizens Coalition to put this informative learning opportunity together.

The scavenger hunt method for teaching has proven to increase usage and reduce anxiety. The hunt will be conducted with teams made up of various age groups including some elected officials. Bikes can also be used.

If you’re interested, check the box on the enclosed registration form. It is included in your registration fee, but space is limited to the first twenty.

The Scavenger Hunt starts from the Egan Center, noon on Wednesday. Presented by the Anchorage Citizens Coalition. ***This event is FREE for NUSA registrants.***

Mayor's Welcome Reception Wednesday, May 25th 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Start the conference off right with a celebration of neighborhoods by joining Mayor Dan Sullivan at the Anchorage Museum. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and local entertainment as you mingle and meet old and new NUSA friends. Take the opportunity to explore the newly expanded facility which include exhibits on Alaska's history and native peoples, and much, much more. Dress is casual. Shuttle service will be available between the Egan Center, host hotels and the Museum continuously beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m.



Alaska Native Heritage Center Dinner and Entertainment Friday, May 27th 7:00—10 p.m.

The Alaska Native Heritage Center, a renowned cultural center and museum in Anchorage, is an exciting place where all people can come to expand their understanding of Alaska's first people. Here we share the rich heritage of Alaska's eleven cultural groups drawing upon the life ways of long ago, the wisdom of our elders, and the traditions that endure. Our cultural center and museum is located in Northeast Anchorage, Alaska and is designed to enhance self-esteem among Native people and to encourage cross-cultural exchanges among all people.

Join your old and new NUSA neighbors in a celebration of Alaska's people and cultural diversity. A casual buffet dinner of local favorites will be featured along with special entertainment.

Shuttle service will be available between the Egan Center, host hotels and the Museum continuously beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 10:30 p.m.



**Martin Buser, Thursday Breakfast**

Martin Buser was born in Winterthur, Switzerland in 1958 and moved to Alaska in 1979 to learn more about sled dog training and care. He ran his first Iditarod in 1980 after working with Alaskan mushers Earl and Natalie Norris.

Martin Buser is a four-time winner of the Iditarod (1992, 1994, 1997, 2002) and his 2002 team holds the record for the fastest Iditarod, completing it in 8 days, 22 hours, 46 minutes and 2 seconds. He ran the race in 1980 and 1981 as well as running it from 1986 to 2010 and holds the record for consecutive runs (27). He won the Leonhard Seppala (Humanitarian) Award four times (1988, 1993, 1995 and 1997), and the Sportsmanship and Most Inspirational Awards in 2005 after completing the race with his finger injured in a woodworking accident and amputated four days before the start of the Iditarod.

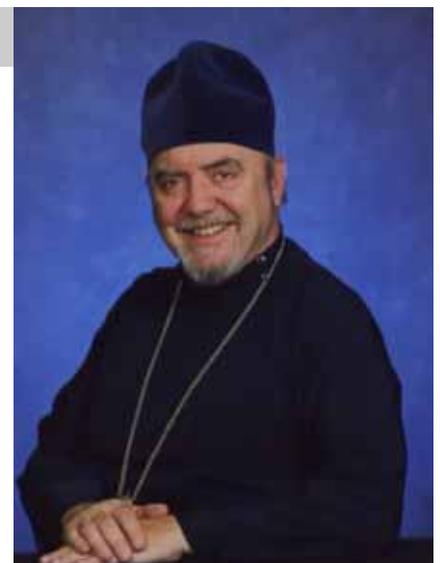
He resides in Big Lake, Alaska with his wife Katy Chapoton and two sons Nikolai and Rohn (named after two checkpoints on the Iditarod Trail). He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2002 after his Iditarod victory. He speaks to youth on the care and treatment of animals and brings

some of his dogs to his many speaking engagements. When not mushing or speaking, he spends time with his hobbies: carpentry and woodturning.

**Father Michael Oleksa, Saturday Lunch**

The Reverend Dr. Michael James Oleksa has spent the last 35 years in Alaska, serving as village priest, university professor, consultant on intercultural relations and communications, and authoring several books on Alaska Native cultures and history. A 1969 graduate of Georgetown University and of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Father Oleksa earned his doctoral degree in Presov, Slovakia, in 1988. His four-part PBS television series, *Communicating Across Cultures*, has been widely acclaimed.

The recipient of numerous awards from local, state and federal agencies, as well as the Alaska Federation of Natives, Father Michael has taught on all three main campuses of the University of Alaska system and at Alaska Pacific University. He currently resides in Anchorage with his Yup'ik wife, Xenia, his daughter Anastasia and one of his three grandsons.





Conference At-A-Glance www.NUSA2011.ORG

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	NUSA Board of Directors Meeting	Hilton Hotel
3 p.m.	NUSA Flag-Raising Ceremony	Town Square Park
4-9 p.m.	Registration/Information Booth Open	Egan Convention Center
4-5 p.m.	Table Topics – NUSA 101	Egan Convention Center
4-6 p.m.	Exhibits Open & Pin Trading	Egan Convention Center
6:30-9 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Anchorage Museum of History & Art

Thursday, May 26, 2011

7 a.m.-9 p.m.	Registration/Information Booth Open	Egan Convention Center
7-8 a.m.	Table Talk – NUSA 101	Egan Convention Center
8-5 p.m.	Exhibits open and Pin Trading	Egan Convention Center
8:30-10 a.m.	Opening Breakfast: Keynote by Four Time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser	Egan Center Ballroom
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Awards Judging	Egan Convention Center
10:30 a.m.-Noon	Workshop Session #1	Egan Convention Center
Noon-2 p.m.	NUSA Affiliates Meeting	Egan Convention Center
Noon-2 p.m.	Lunch on your own	** open **
2-3:30 p.m.	Workshop Session #2	Egan Convention Center
4-8 p.m.	Neighborhood Pride Tours	Tours depart from the Egan Convention Center

Friday, May 27, 2011

7-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Open Networking	Egan Center Ballroom
8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Registration/Information Booth Open	Egan Convention Center
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	NUSA Board of Directors Election	Egan Convention Center
8-5 p.m.	Exhibits Open and Pin Trading	Egan Convention Center
8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Best Neighborhood Program Awards Judging	Egan Convention Center
8:45-10:15 a.m.	Workshop Session #3	Egan Convention Center
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Workshop Session #4	Egan Convention Center
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Awards Luncheon	Egan Center Ballroom
3-4:30 p.m.	Workshop Session #5	Egan Center
7-10 p.m.	Dinner and Evening Entertainment	Alaska Native Heritage Center

Saturday, May 28, 2011

7:30-9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Open Networking	Egan Center Ballroom
8 a.m.-Noon	Information Booth Open	Egan Convention Center
9:30-11:30 a.m.	NUSA General Membership Meeting	Egan Center
Noon-2 p.m.	Best Neighborhood Program Awards Luncheon / Conference Wrap-Up	Egan Center Ballroom
3-5 p.m.	NUSA Board Wrap-Up Meeting	Hilton Hotel

Thursday, May 26th

Friday, May 27th

10:30am - Noon
Session #1

2 - 3:30pm
Session #2

8:45 -10:15am
Session #3

10:45am -12:15pm
Session #4

3 - 4:30pm
Session #5

CS-1 Building Community Resilience in Anchorage Through Emergency Preparedness	CS-2 IMAGINE-Nation: Creativity & Collaboration in Indianapolis Neighborhoods	CS-3 Innovative/Creative Crime Prevention & Reduction	CS-4 Reclaiming Public Spaces through CPTED and Defensible Space	CS-5 Yield "It's Worth the Wait" – A hands on approach to pedestrian safety
CS-6 Trail Watch - Keeping Trails Safe for Everyone	CHR-1 Report Card on Parks	CHR-2 Developing a Sustainable Community Garden	CHR-3 Let's Have a Community Health Fair!	CB-11 Creating Global Communities Through Globalhoods
GRO-1 Coalition Building	GRO-2 Dr. Drew's Lightning Fast Grant Writing	GRO-3 Failure to Launch	GRO-4 Grassroots Organizing for Neighborhood Improvements	GRO-5 ARBRA Dealing with Homeless Camp Cleanup
GRO-6 Improving our Community	GRO-7 Keeping a DIY-Clean Neighborhood	GRO-8 No More Shouting Into the Wind	GRO-9 Organizing for Empowerment	GRO-10 Stakeholder Buy-In
GI-1 Alaska Botanical Gardens	GI-2 Building a Non-Profit Farmers Market in Your Neighborhood	GI-3 Growing Green- Strategies to Create More Livable Neighborhoods	GI-4 Joyride: Pedaling Toward a Healthier Planet	GI-5 What happens in a watershed, stays in the watershed—not!
H-1 Affordable and Workforce Housing	H-2 Healthy Homes	H-3 Special Needs Housing	H-4 When Survey Flags Appear in your Driveway- -Land Use Planning	H-5 Beyond the Buildings: Community-based Economic Development
CB-1 Compassionate Communities	CB-2 Create Motivating Volunteer Jobs and Effectively Manage Volunteers for Success	CB-3 Getting the Word Out in the Age of New Media	CB-4 How to Effectively Communicate With City Officials	CB-5 Leadership Skills to Run an Effective Meeting
CB-6 Neighborhood Oriented Government	CB-7 Using the Internet to Strengthen Your Neighborhood	CB-8 Saving a Young Life	CB-9 Youth and Service	CB-10 Celebrating Diversity
H-6 Dealing with Vacant and Abandoned Properties	H-7 Successful Neighborhood Revitalization Provo's Pioneer Neighborhoods	FN-1 National Partners FEMA & State of Alaska	NUSA-1 Running for the NUSA Board	NUSA-2 Neighborhood of the Year Award Showcase
NUSA-3 Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Awards Judging	NUSA-3 Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Awards Judging	NUSA-4 Best Neighborhood Program Judging	NUSA-4 Best Neighborhood Program Judging	NUSA-4 Best Neighborhood Program Judging

Track Key

CB Community Building Workshop Track
CS Community Safety Workshop Track
GI Green Initiatives Workshop Track
NUSA NUSA Workshop Track

CHR Community Health & Recreation Workshop Track
GRO Grassroots Organization Workshop Track
H Housing Workshop Track

NEIGHBORHOODS, USA

SECTION I: Registrant Information

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
 Preferred Name _____ Title _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____
 Fax (_____) _____ E-mail _____

SECTION II: Registrant Fees

Please Note: Registration Fees are non-refundable and all Registrations must be postmarked no later than April 15th, 2011 to receive the discounted registration rate. On-Site Registration will not be offered.

Conference Registration
 Includes access to all conference workshops, events and meals.

Postmarked by 4/15/2011 <input type="radio"/> \$200	Postmarked after 4/15/2011 <input type="radio"/> \$350
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SECTION III: Workshop Selections

First Choice

Second Choice

Session I (Thursday a.m.)	_____	_____
Session II (Thursday p.m.)	_____	_____
Session III (Friday a.m.)	_____	_____
Session IV (Friday a.m.)	_____	_____
Session V (Friday p.m.)	_____	_____

SECTION IV: Neighborhood Pride Tour Selections

First Choice

Second Choice

Thursday, May 26th
 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Note: We reserve the right to assign you to a tour if your tour selection of choices cannot be accommodated due to the tours reaching capacity or being cancelled.

SECTION V: Travel Plans & Special Needs

In order to help us make your visit as enjoyable as possible, please provide the following information.

Arrival	Hotel	Departure
Day _____	<input type="radio"/> Hilton <input type="radio"/> Quality Inn	Day _____
Date _____	<input type="radio"/> Howard Johnson	Date _____
Time _____	<input type="radio"/> Clarion Suites	Time _____
Airline _____	<input type="radio"/> Voyager <input type="radio"/> Inlet Towers	
Flight No _____	<input type="radio"/> _____	

To help us plan, please check all conference events that you plan to attend

<i>All of the listed meals are included in the Conference Registration fee, except where noted.</i>	Meal Choices
<input type="radio"/> Wednesday Welcome Reception	
<input type="radio"/> Thursday Opening Breakfast	<input type="radio"/> Standard Breakfast <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
<input type="radio"/> Bring a guest to the Thursday Opening Breakfast \$30 additional cost	<input type="radio"/> Standard Breakfast <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
<input type="radio"/> Friday Continental Breakfast	<input type="radio"/> Continental Breakfast
<input type="radio"/> Friday Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Awards Luncheon	<input type="radio"/> Standard Lunch <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
<input type="radio"/> Friday Dinner Alaska Native Heritage Center	<input type="radio"/> Standard Dinner
<input type="radio"/> Saturday Continental Breakfast	<input type="radio"/> Continental Breakfast
<input type="radio"/> Saturday Best Neighborhood Program Awards Luncheon	<input type="radio"/> Standard Lunch <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
<input type="radio"/> Bring a guest to the Saturday Luncheon \$30 additional cost	<input type="radio"/> Standard Lunch <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian

I require special services List special services required: _____
Note: Efforts will be made to reasonably accommodate dietary and special needs

I am a: Workshop Presenter Exhibitor Sponsor
 (Check all that apply)

Is this your first time attending the conference?: Yes No
 How did you hear about this conference? _____

Pre-Conference Event: Scavenger Hunt Methodology for Education of Public Transit

I would like to participate in the scavenger hunt, **see Page 8 for Details.**

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Community Safety Workshop Track**CS-1****Session 1****Building Community Resilience in Anchorage Through Emergency Preparedness**

In an emergency, prepared citizens are safer, recover more quickly and easily, and reduce the burden on city services, improving the efficiency of the city's emergency response operations. This workshop will look at the community preparedness efforts of the Anchorage Office of Emergency Management, best practices, success rates, and how to implement or modify these programs to improve your own community's preparedness.

Presenter: Dawn Brantley—Anchorage Office of Emergency Management

CS-2...**Session 2****IMAGINE-Nation: Creativity & Collaboration in Indianapolis Neighborhoods**

Imagination resides in Indianapolis neighborhoods. Some of the most powerful examples of this emerge from Indianapolis neighborhoods and community efforts that build on the gifts and assets of residents and resident-led collaborations. The neighborhood pre-senters at IMAGINE-nation represent creative collaborations between the grassroots leaders, the arts, and faith-based communities - all poised to enhance all aspects of life in Indianapolis.

Presenter: Val Tate-Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center

CS-3**Session 3****Innovative/Creative Crime Prevention and Reduction**

Most community group/police collaborations have had success in closing down drug HOUSES/specific locations thru collaboration and reporting detailed information (always remember that effective crime reporting is IN THE DETAILS). This has resulted in creating mobile drug dealers, etc. who have moved out of locations and onto public property. This workshop will show you how to impact that mobile drug/prostitution/etc. activity and how to employ innovative ideas to these & other neighborhood issues.

Presenter: Jeanie Peterson, Hilltop Action Coalition, Tacoma, WA

CS-4**Session 4****Reclaiming Public Spaces Through CPTED and Defensible Space**

This workshop focuses on crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) and defensible space. During a tour of the Anchorage neighborhood of Fairview, participants will see examples of everyday application of these concepts in fencing, traffic calming, and landscaping, and learn how these design elements are helping Fairview reclaim its public spaces.

Presenter: Sharon Chamard—UAA Justice Center, Anchorage

CS-5**Session 5****Yield "It's Worth the Wait" – A Hands On Approach To Pedestrian Safety**

This workshop introduces the Virginia State award winning public safety campaign conducted on Virginia Tech's University and mirrored across the Town of Blacksburg. Initiated in 2006, this sustainable campaign yields a 57% reduction in pedestrian casualties.

Presenter: Kim Kirk, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Blacksburg, VA

CS-6**Session 1****Trail Watch - Keeping Trails Safe for Everyone**

The Anchorage trail system includes over 134 miles of paved trails and some 160 miles of non paved trails that spread throughout the city. Anchorage residents rank the award winning trail system as the city's number one recreational asset. Trail Watch taps into the community passion for trails by recruiting trail users to help promote safety and prevent crime. This session will provide guidance on how to establish a similar program; to show how the program is organized to maximize the use of volunteers and attract sponsorship partners; and examine the economic value of Trail Watch to communities strapped by budgetary constraints.

Presenter: Gene Storm—Anchorage



**Green Community Initiatives
Workshop Track**

**Community Health & Recreation
Workshop Track**

GI-1 Session 1

Alaska Botanical Gardens

The Alaska Botanical Garden is a grass roots organization that serves Anchorage and outlying communities. The Gardens provide educational opportunities, programs and activities for children and residents to promote the value of plant materials through education, preservation and research. Learn and exchange ideas about neighborhoods and gardens. If you are interested in seeing the Alaska Botanical Gardens, please consider signing up for the "I Love Muldoon" Neighborhood Pride tour, which includes a stop at the Gardens.

Presenter: Elise Huggins- Alaska Botanical Garden, Anchorage, AK

GI-2 Session 2

Building a Non-Profit Farmers Market in Your Neighborhood

Learn how two adjacent neighborhoods in Anchorage worked together to create a farmers market that quickly became an important community asset.

Presenter: Mark Butler —Spenard Farmers Market, Anchorage, AK

GI-3 Session 3

Growing Green-Strategies to Create More Livable Neighborhoods

Permaculture is a tool for designing sustainable communities that benefit people and the environment. Come find out how we used it to design three projects: a community bicycle center, a community garden, and an urban homestead business. Our projects have helped strengthen our neighborhoods and make our communities more resilient. We hope to share our experiences and inspire you to help grow your neighborhood, sustainably.

Presenter: Ron McCorkle, The Urbiculture Center, Roanoke, VA

GI-4 Session 4

Joyride: Pedaling Toward a Healthier Planet

Mia Birk is the CEO of Alta Planning & Design, Founder of the Institute for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation, and former City of Portland Bicycle Program Manager. Her recently published book, Joyride: Pedaling Towards a Healthier Planet, tells the dramatic and enlightening behind-the-scenes story of how a group of determined visionaries transformed Portland into a cycling mecca and has inspired the nation.

Presenter: Mia Birk—Alta Planning & Design, Portland, OR

GI-5 Session 5

What Happens In A Watershed, Stays In The Watershed—Not!

Did you know that absolutely everyone in the world lives in a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that is drained by a single stream network. Human actions impact watersheds, which, in turn, affect our drainageways and waterbodies and ultimately the associated habitat. Find out how you can make Anchorage's watersheds and waterways healthier.

Presenter: Cherie Northon Ph.D.—Anchorage Waterways Council, Anchorage, AK

CHR-1 Session 2

**Report Card on Parks:
Is Your Park an A or an F?
Community Based Asset Management**

The Anchorage Park Report Card project engaged over 700 citizens and raised almost \$1 million to improve 16 parks in 2010. Learn the basic tools necessary to develop and conduct a community based park evaluation process to identify problems, create fix it lists, raise funding and increase public awareness in neighborhood parks.

Presenter: Jeff Dillon—Park Planner, Anchorage, AK

CHR-2 Session 3

Developing a Sustainable Community Garden

For a garden to be a sustainable community resource, it must grow from and reflect the desires of the local community. Using examples from Alaska, this workshop will explore the many shapes and forms of community gardens, provide guidelines for developing a community garden and offer participants a chance to share their experiences. Participants will learn how to start and manage a community garden and become cognizant of potential pitfalls. They will have an opportunity to share their community gardening experiences with others in the workshop and take home a 24-page publication which supports workshop content.

Presenter: Julie Riley—Cooperative Extension, Anchorage, AK

CHR-3 Session 4

Let's Have a Community Health Fair!

The 2009 Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Grand Prize Award Winner, Sylvan Old Auburn Road Neighborhood Association (SOAR) of Citrus Heights, California, will present a step-by-step recipe for a successful community health fair. How to create multi-partnerships, anticipate glitches, do some creative planning and promote the event in your community.

Presenter: Jayna Karpinski Costa, Sylvan Old Auburn Road Neighborhood Association, Citrus Heights, CA

Grassroots Organization Workshop Track

GRO-1

Session 1

Coalition Building

Coalition building ... sounds simple enough. But is it really? How easy is it when potential partners see one another as competitors for increasingly limited funds? How easy is it when racial, cultural, and socio-economic prejudices rear their ugly heads in attempts to bring your community together? This workshop will provide you with tools to break through such barriers.

Presenter: Robert Holt—LOVE, Little Rock, AR

GRO-2

Session 2

Dr. Drew's Lightning Fast Grant Writing Techniques – Best Practices for Winning More Grants from Corporate, Foundation and Government Sources

Dr. Drew's grant writing workshop uses PowerPoint presentations, humor, role play exercises, the Internet, and other tools to create a vivid and memorable experience for workshop participants. At the root of Dr. Drew's presentation is the bold vision that grant writing must change to embrace the latest technology needed to speed up the grant writing process.

Presenter: John C. Drew Ph.D.—Laguna Niguel, CA

GRO-3

Session 3

Failure to Launch

We can have great programs and people who need to access our resources...so how do we design a process that keeps the clients involved? This workshop will provide you with the structure you need to instill self-sufficiency principles for the community you serve.

Presenter: Terry Carlile, TLC Youth Services, Fort Worth, TX

GRO-4

Session 4

Grassroots Organizing for Neighborhood Improvements

The workshop will provide an interactive and participatory approach to mobilizing and organizing neighborhood organizations, and to offer simple steps for making neighborhood improvements.

Presenter: Elton Gatewood—Tacoma, WA

GRO-5

Session 5

Dealing With Homeless Camp Cleanup

ARBRA (Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association) is an Anchorage organization that addresses the issue of homeless and chronic inebriates and the areas they inhabit. ARBRA provides solutions for a cleaner, safer city by addressing the issue of basic amenities and safety for visitors who choose outdoor camping as a housing option. ARBRA's workshop will teach you how to identify areas that are inhabited illegally by long-term campers, and organize clean-up campaigns of these "hot spots". Participants will learn to implement solutions for cleaner, safer camps with compassionate outreach for the homeless.

Presenters: Ed O'Neil and Silvia Villamides—Anchorage ARBRA

GRO-6

Session 1

**Improving our Community:
How Individuals, Associations and Agencies
Can Work Better Together**

Individuals, associations, and agencies may share a passion for making a community better, but often times we stumble over each or even work at cross purposes. What can citizens and agencies learn about each other in order to better use the strengths of each to improve our community?

Presenter: June Sobocinski—United Way, Anchorage

GRO-7

Session 2

**Keeping a DIY-Clean Neighborhood:
Sweeping Around Your Own Front Door**

DIY is "Doing It Yourself". Identifying neighborhood issues; Preparing a plan of action; Working well with others; Evaluating measures of success.

Presenters: Linda M. Allen and Anita Abrams-Birmingham, AL

GRO-8

Session 3

No More Shouting Into the Wind

Lessons on how to have an effective voice on mega-projects in your community. A few stakeholders CAN have a powerful voice when a well-funded mega-project rolls into town, even when there are prominent people and a pile of money behind it. The key is strategy: identifying the points at which ordinary citizens can use their modest resources to maximum influence.

Presenter: Nancy Pease—Anchorage, AK

GRO-9

Session 4

Organizing for Empowerment

Congregation-based community organizing (CBCO) is the predominant model of organizing used by major networks in the United States to empower people at the neighborhood, city, state and national levels. This workshop will explore the model through the experience and impact of AFACT, a congregation-based community organization in Anchorage.

Presenter: Angela Liston—Anchorage Faith & Action—Congregations Together, Anchorage, AK

GRO-10

Session 5

Stakeholder Buy-In

This presentation will describe multiple techniques, lessons learned, and new approaches for soliciting public and other stakeholder input into project development. The presenter's experience conducting multiple public participation efforts on a myriad of surface transportation projects will be discussed.

Presenter: Anne Brooks—Brooks and Assoc., Anchorage, AK

Housing Workshop Track

H-1 Session 1

Affordable and Workforce Housing: Meeting Community Objectives in Affordability, Design, and Neighborhood Revitalization

The workshop will explore the need for affordable and workforce housing in our communities, how neighborhoods can partner with developers and housing providers, and the importance of good design. Carol Gore is the President/CEO of Cook Inlet Housing Authority and Chair of the Anchorage Assembly Committee on Workforce Housing and will be joined by a panel of stakeholders.

Presenter: Carol Gore—Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Anchorage, AK

H-2 Session 2

Healthy Homes

Discussion of healthy homes related issues commonly found in homes that impact health. Discussion will specifically focus on radon hazards, lead poisoning risks, asthma triggers, mold and moisture intrusion and unintentional injuries. The session will provide homeowners common low cost avenues for addressing concerns or what agencies may be able to assist. The Marion County Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Department activities will be highlighted as a possible solution for other jurisdictions to follow.

Presenter: Karla Johnson— Marion County Health Dept., Indianapolis, IN

H-3 Session 3

Special Needs Housing: Balancing The Needs Of Neighborhoods And The Homeless

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is part of a collaborative network of agencies providing housing and other services to homeless individuals and families in Anchorage. The needs of the homeless and the neighborhoods where the services are offered sometimes differ. This workshop will present lessons learned and ideas for improving relationships between social service agencies and community councils.

Presenter: Susan Bomalaski—Catholic Social Services, Anchorage, AK

H-4 Session 4

When Survey Flags Appear In Your Driveway --Land Use Planning in Anchorage

People don't beat a path to Land Use Planning meetings unless survey flags appear in their yard. A Comprehensive Plan and its supporting sub-plans--zoning codes, neighborhood development, traffic, and parks plans--remain a mystery to the general population until a key event sparks interest. What has Anchorage and your city done to draw residents into the unsexy realm of land use planning?

Presenter: Dianne Holmes— Anchorage Citizens Coalition, Anchorage, AK

H-5 Session 5

Beyond the Buildings: Community-Based Economic Development

This workshop will discuss the advantages, challenges and achievements of community-based economic development primarily by highlighting the activities of the Anchorage Community Land Trust in the Mountain View neighborhood of Anchorage. ACLT's experience, and the experience of many others, has taught that progress ultimately must come from within the community. The workshop will:

- Highlight strategies to focus development toward community needs, such as job creation, empty commercial space and underserved populations.
- Discuss methods of changing community perceptions of at-risk neighborhoods and attracting positive attention from government officials and business people.
- Address means of forming and growing partnerships with other agencies, organizations and individuals to address the entire scope of need in a neighborhood.
- Identify ways to organize and sustain community involvement and participation in development and revitalization efforts.

Presenter: Jewel Jones—Anchorage Community Land Trust, Anchorage, AK

H-6 Session 1

Dealing with Vacant and Abandoned Properties Through a Land Bank

This workshop is designed to outline a citizen engagement process established to create a municipal land bank. Examples will be cited to show the role of public education in addressing a growing community concern of neglect, blights and crime. Through educational forums, an implementation strategy was developed and implemented. The workshop will give an example of working through the legislative process to change state law and local ordinances.

Presenter: Dan Kildee—Center for Community Progress, Detroit, MI

H-7 Session 2

Successful Neighborhood Revitalization- Provo's Pioneer Neighborhoods

In the past 10 years, Provo, Utah, a college town of 120,000 has been able to successfully stimulate revitalization of its five Pioneer neighborhoods, by combining the forces of Grassroots efforts, city staff and legislative choices. Combined with the work of NeighborWorks Provo, a local non-profit, they have been able to increase owner occupancy, decrease crime and create neighborhoods where people want to live and invest their time and money.

Presenter: Kurt Peterson—NeighborWorks Provo, Provo, UT

Multi-Generational Community Building Workshop Track

CB-1 Session 1

Compassionate Communities

This workshop will present current information on the impact of complex trauma on health, safety and human interactions including a trans-generational perspective. A review of brain plasticity and how adverse childhood experiences (ACE's) significantly impacts our behavior will be provided. This is important in that many people in the communities in which we live have experienced ACE's that have impacted how well they get along with others. How we respond often determines the reaction of those affected by ACE's. Learn how to be effective with reactive and unsafe behaviors, which could include rudeness, aggression, isolation, etc. This workshop will provide tools, strategies and interventions to help create a more compassionate community.

Presenter: Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark, MSW—RiverPlace Assoc. , Vancouver, WA



CB-4 Session 4

How to Effectively Communicate With City Officials

Learn from experienced Toastmasters the effective way to communicate with city officials. Prepare your thoughts for paper and convey those ideas to decision makers. Learn to organize your presentation, practice time management, and learn other tips to effectively have your opinions heard by city officials.

Presenters: Dawn Williams and Duane Epton-Yukon-Alaska Council of Toastmasters

CB-2 Session 2

Create Motivating Volunteer Jobs and Effectively Manage Volunteers for Success

This session will focus on how to design volunteer jobs for results. Participants will learn how to create a volunteer job description, prepare a recruitment statement and brain storm ways to attract a wide-range of people into your program. This workshop will also cover the basics of volunteer management. At the end of the session, participants will understand how to ready their programs to use volunteers, and ways to recruit, place and train volunteers. Participants will also gain tools to use for supervision of volunteers and program evaluation.

Presenter: Susan Brogan—United Way Anchorage, AK

CB-5 Session 5

Leadership Skills to Run an Effective Meeting

Learn from experienced Toastmasters how to hold an effective meeting with city officials. Learn the basics of Robert's Rule of Order, time management skills during a meeting, how to moderate a meeting and how to have a positive conclusion to your meeting.

Presenter: Dawn Williams-Yukon-Alaska Council of Toastmasters

CB-3 Session 3

Getting the Word Out in the Age of New Media

Communicating with one's neighbors used to be a matter of getting an article in the local daily. With the changing media landscape, neighborhood advocates have to look to new vehicles for disseminating information. This session discusses how a group selects the right media to get the word out and inform neighbors about events and critical issues facing their neighborhoods. Joette Storm, APR, is a long time journalist and public relations practitioner who has been advising clients about how to communicate with their stakeholders and achieve the results they want.

Presenter: Joette Storm—Wordwright LLC, Anchorage, AK

CB-6 Session 1

Neighborhood Oriented Government: City of Houston Super Neighborhood Program

The City of Houston Super Neighborhood Program has been around for over 10 years. Learn how the neighborhood oriented government approach is a useful tool for solving problems at the neighborhood level and involving citizen participation in advisory policymaking, budgeting, and neighborhood planning initiatives. This session will demonstrate Houston's successful effort toward helping communities organize and work more effectively, and to be more engaged with their city and other outside partners.

Presenter: Donald Perkins and Wanda Adams— Houston, TX

CB-7 Session 2

Using the Internet to Strengthen Your Neighborhood

Bridge the generation gap by using technology to your advantage. We will survey a few online applications that are free, easy to use, and help neighbors meet one another, stop crime, and share resources.

Presenter: Rebecca Van Wyck—TurnagainNeighbors.com, Anchorage, AK



**Multi-generational Community Building
Workshop Track****National Partners Workshop
Track****CB-8****Session 3****Saving a Young Life**

We say we want to reach out to troubled youth. But troubled youth can be difficult, offensive, rebellious, and potentially dangerous. How does one actually reach out and engage in meaningful relationship with such a youth? One person CAN completely change the course of a wayward youth currently bent on destruction. We can help equip you to be that person. Presenter: Robert Holt - LOVE, Little Rock, AR

CB-9**Session 4****Youth and Service**

After 15 years working with youth, experience has proven that true character and self-worth are best cultivated through learning to give of oneself for the good of others. Young people who engage in positive, pro-social behaviors are less likely to engage in risky behaviors, and community service projects provide great opportunities to develop leadership skills. You can create such a program. Presenter: Robert Holt-LOVE, Little Rock, AR

CB-10**Session 5****Celebrating Diversity**

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is the Refugee Resettlement agency in Alaska, working with individuals and families from many cultures. These different cultures add a richness to a community such as Anchorage where close to 100 languages are spoken in the school system. This workshop will discuss how neighborhoods can benefit by celebrating the diversity, entrepreneurship, and work ethic of these new arrivals. Presenter: Susan Bomalaski- Catholic Social Services, Anchorage, AK

CB-11**Session 5****Creating Global Communities Through
Globalhoods**

This workshop is intended to share information on a global/ neighborhood perspective, and to provide an opportunity for open dialogue to look at deeper relationships between neighborhoods, that goes beyond the oppositional thinking of dependence and independence. The central theme will focus on neighborhood governance as something that is applicable across time, place and culture. Presenter: Elton Gatewood, Tacoma, WA

FN-1**Session 2**

FEMA and the State of Alaska will provide a workshop—the details are still being resolved.

Watch the NUSA2011.ORG website for up to date news.

NUSA-1**Session 4****All about NUSA: Running for the NUSA
Board.**

Ever wonder how the spirit and magic of Neighborhoods, USA stays alive? This workshop will present an overview of the NUSA organization and what is involved in joining the volunteer board. If you have ever thought of being involved in the neighborhood movement on a national level, this is your invitation. This workshop is a prerequisite to running for the Board in May 2011. Presenters: Mike Gibson- York, PA

NUSA-2**Session 5****Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Award
Showcase.**

NOTY Award winners will be showcased—See what it takes to make your Neighborhood outstanding. Facilitator: Robert Gibbons—Madison, WI

NUSA-3**Session 1 & 2****Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Award
Judging.**

Invited neighborhoods from across the nation will be judged during these sessions. Judging will be based on the extent of self-help, innovation, grassroots participation and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization and the NOTY will be announced at Friday's luncheon. Facilitator: Robert Gibbons-Madison, WI

NUSA-4**Session 3, 4 and 5****Best Neighborhood Program Judging.**

Invited neighborhoods, municipalities and other organizations from across the nation will be judged during these sessions. Awards will be presented in two categories, Social Revitalization and Physical Revitalization. Award winners will be announced at the Saturday luncheon. Facilitator: Robert Gibbons-Madison, WI

Thursday, May 26th 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tour buses will depart from and return to the front entrance of the Egan Center



**Mountain View
1989 NUSA
Neighborhood of the
Year!**

Come and visit our 1989 NOTY award winner and see how far they have come since the neighborhood began taking the first steps out of the turmoil that started with a zoning change in 1964. The change allowed 1940's era single-family homes to be demolished and replaced by multi-family units. In 1965 Glenn highway construction separated the community from the rest of the city, greatly reducing it's value as a retail center.

You will see first hand how the Mountain View Community Council has worked closely with our Municipality, the Anchorage Community Land Trust, private businesses and other non profits to bring about a new beginning. The tour will highlight new affordable homes by Cook Inlet Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity and renovated existing houses by NeighborWorks Anchorage. You'll see the retail center that is coming to life with new retail space, local businesses, and the opening of a bank branch for the first time in 20 years. Continue on to see the new schools that have been built, community gardens established and parks that have been renovated. Have dinner at the new Community Center/Boys & Girls Club facility.

You can discuss with Community Council members ways they've brought neighbors together through the annual Clean Up, 4th of July Picnic and Annual Street Fair; their active Community Patrol; and how they work with the Municipality of Anchorage to get rid of junk cars and other code violations. Experience the multi-cultural neighborhood (92 languages spoken in middle school) that is working toward a better tomorrow for everyone.

Hosted By: *Mountain View Community Council and Anchorage Community Land Trust*

Anchorage Gardens

Growing Green under the Midnight Sun

Alaska gardeners don't get much sleep from May through September trying to keep up with the long hours of daylight and a short growing season. Your tour hosts, the Master Gardeners, will put down their hoes and take you on a colorful and diverse tour of the City's many gardens. The tour starts with a stroll from the conference center to Town Square. Along the way you'll admire the hanging flower baskets made possible by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership and the City's horticulture division through their beautification program and volunteers. You'll see the City's annual flower beds taking shape as you walk through the Square to the waiting bus. Stop to appreciate gardens in the downtown area that boast of blooming spring bulbs, early blooming wildflowers and rock gardens. On to the C Street Community Gardens, one of three in the City to promote access to land, education and resources for growing food in environmentally sustainable ways, and to create a food system where locally produced, affordable, and nutritious food is available to all. Walk through the gardens with Alaska Center for the Environment sustainable community experts to discuss community involvement and projects, the local food movement, and organic food production as a diverse array of busy gardeners prepare plots for spring planting. Join the Master Gardeners at dinner for an opportunity for questions and answers on food safety, food security, vegetable and flower gardening.



Hosted by: *UAF Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardeners, Anchorage*



Community and Problem Oriented Policing in Anchorage

This bus tour of two older neighborhoods in Anchorage-Fairview and Spenard-focuses on the activities of the Anchorage Police Department's Community Action Policing (CAP) Team. The CAP team was formed four years ago in response to community demand in Fairview for the police to deal with the problems of chronic public inebriates, street prostitution, and open-air drug sales. The tour includes presentations by community leaders from Fairview and Spenard and members of the CAP Team concerning the interaction between the police department and community groups. Strategies and tactics employed by the CAP Team will be discussed while key locations or "hot spots" in both neighborhoods will be visited. The Fairview portion of the tour will also include many of the sites presented in the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and Defensible Space workshop. The tour concludes with a community pot luck meal at the Spenard Recreation Center.

Hosted by: *Anchorage Police Department, Fairview and Spenard Community Councils*

Tour Ratings



Minimal walking



Moderate Walking



Considerable Walking



Bicycle only Tour



Wheelchair accessible



Thursday, May 26th 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

North Star

A Creek Runs Through It

Conveniently located between Anchorage’s thriving downtown and midtown commercial area, North Star is an oasis of green in a mix of single family homes, condos, duplex and apartment buildings. Our population tends to be younger and enjoys the physically active side of life. Many move here for access to the Chester Creek greenbelt and trail that runs the length of the neighborhood to the Westchester Lagoon and Tony Knowles Coastal Trail recreational areas. Residents walk in the summer, cross country ski in the winter and play disc golf year round. Our tour will include stops at the Lagoon, Coastal Trail, and Chester Creek greenbelts where you will meet long-time residents who helped save the greenbelts and advocate for additional recreational facilities. Visit the Valley of the Moon Park and learn how local residents formed a task force to raise funds and develop a plan for renovating the extremely popular park. Share our pride in how our community came together to advocate for the construction of a pathway down Romig Hill that connects the neighborhood with the hip Spenard shopping district. We will tour a local artist’s metal working studio and have an Alaska seafood dinner and potluck. Hosted by: *North Star Community Council*



South Addition and Turnagain Coastal Gems

From the Park Strip downtown to Anchorage International Airport these council areas share a coast line, a coastal trail, and a commitment to make their communities a great place to live. Your tour begins with South Addition at the Delaney Park Strip, the oldest park in the City. Originally a fire break, it later became Anchorage's first landing strip evidenced by historic FAA housing and Bush Pilots Row. Continue through the mix of upscale older homes and small local businesses to Westchester Lagoon, created by an urban renewal program in 1963. The Lagoon and adjoining park provide waterfowl habitat, access to healthy outdoor activities, the first ADA accessible trail in Alaska, and is headquarters to the volunteer Trail Watch Program. Across the lagoon we'll arrive in Turnagain, a neighborhood of mid 20th century homes. Located along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail we'll stop at Lyn Ary Park to view Cook Inlet, Denali and the downtown skyline. At Earthquake Park observe interpretive displays where huge tracks of land opened up during the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake, and 75 homes slid into the Cook Inlet. Experience the sight and sounds at Lake Hood, the largest and busiest seaplane base in the world. Learn how the community is active in Lake Hood and International Airport issues that affect the nearby neighborhoods and parks.



Hosted By: *South Addition Community Council and Turnagain Community Council*



I Love Muldoon

No Longer Wilderness, But You Can Still See It From Here.

In the winter of '40, Muldoon Road was a muddy trail through a spruce forest inhabited by moose and bears, bisected by a thriving salmon stream. Seventy years later, Muldoon is still home to moose, bears, salmon, beavers, eagles and at least 50,000 people. Catch a glimpse of the beaver dam that regulates the flow of Chester Creek where residents hope to create a town square park. You'll learn how the creek once channeled through culverts is being restored to flow freely through natural topography. Visit Creekside Town Center as it takes shape with pedestrian friendly, mixed-income housing, community-based retail stores, and a new school. See Cook Inlet Housing Authority's new Centennial Village which provides housing for low to middle income seniors on 20 beautiful acres. Learn how volunteers support parks and green spaces through projects to update playground equipment, increase security, beautify, and defend against encroaching development. From the Botanical Garden to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Muldoon is a work in progress as community council members endeavor to guide growth, redevelopment and work with our military neighbors.

Hosted by: *Northeast and Scenic Foothills Community Councils*



Wild About Anchorage

Fish, and Birds, and Moose! Oh, My

When it comes to urban wildlife, there's no place like Anchorage where more than 1,900 moose, 250 black bears and 65 brown bears call home. Wildlife viewing is at nature's discretion, but this tour will provide guaranteed viewing of some of Alaska's native birds and salmon. Your tour will take you to Ship Creek, Alaska's most productive king salmon sport fishery – located right in downtown! Participants will visit the nearby Hatchery, which rears juvenile salmon to be released into the creek each year to begin their journey to the ocean. At the nearby salmon viewing area you'll see wild King salmon struggle upstream as they return to spawn. Next stop is the Bird Treatment and Learning Center which is dedicated to rehabilitating sick, injured or orphaned wild birds and encourages preservation of their habitat. You'll be treated to an exclusive tour of the facility and be able to get up close and personal with its residents. The tour continues to Potter's Marsh which hosts a large variety of migrant and nesting birds you'll view as you walk along the boardwalk. Muskrats and moose also frequent the marsh year-round; look for them as they forage on the new green growth of spring.

Hosted By: *Wild About Anchorage*



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Healthy Parks Healthy People

Anchorage is a community with an amazing system of parks and trails including almost 10,000 acres of municipal parkland; 223 parks, 82 playgrounds and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. Join the Anchorage Parks Foundation on a tour of community led and volunteer based projects throughout the City. You will visit sites of completed and planned park improvement projects developed through the Community Based Asset Management or "Report Card" process which engaged citizens to evaluate and rate their neighborhood parks, raise funds, and construct repairs and improvements. Meet with park advocates who provided the labor, materials and equipment for many projects while the Youth Employment in the Parks program constructed others.

Hosted by: *Anchorage Parks Foundation*



**Government Hill
Threatened Microcosm of
Anchorage's History**

Anchorage's first neighborhood, Government Hill, lies just across Ship Creek from downtown overlooking the

waters of Knik Arm and views of Denali to the Northwest and the military bases to the East. Here you will experience all of the various phases of growth, development and diversity that the City has undergone since being founded on the banks of Ship Creek in 1915. This walking tour will take you to the City's first houses, grocery and strip mall, and remnants of a fox farm from pioneer days. Visit the first completed urban renewal project on the US west coast that required the old Quonset Hut be torn down. Reflect on the Good Friday earthquake of 1964 at the neighborhood park in the hole where the elementary school once stood. Walk through revitalization sites throughout the community.

Experience the economic diversity with the mix of expensive view homes and the largest concentration of low income rental housing in the City; and see cultural diversity evidenced at the Community Gardens and Spanish immersion program at the elementary school. The biggest threat to the Government Hill Community today is the Knik Arm Crossing, infamously called the "Bridge to Nowhere". See firsthand the view of nowhere from the bluff neighborhood at ground zero of bridge and road construction. The neighborhood symbol is a rooster, because we love to crow about Government Hill.

Hosted by: *Government Hill Community Council*



**The Hillside
On the Slopes of Development**

Hillside neighborhoods are built on the slopes of the Chugach Mountains just minutes from city amenities to the west and back country access to Chugach

State Park to the east. Tour the southeast Hillside area which was mostly rural homesteads in the 1950s. As Anchorage grew it has developed into a mosaic of large wooded lots, large lot subdivisions and upscale smaller neighborhoods. Residents value the natural setting and darkness of the winter night sky. You'll see housing ranging from rural log cabins and owner built homes to newer masterpieces which are the highest priced in town. Enjoy for yourself the world class views that stretch from Cook Inlet to the Alaska Range. Discuss with residents the challenges of living on Alaskan mountain slopes including high winds, drainage issues, and treacherous driving conditions. Learn about citizens roles in guiding development of the largest remaining private land in Anchorage including preserving wildlife corridors and creek greenbelts. See community volunteer projects of all shapes. Visit a Chugach State Park trailhead and see the potential for conflict between homeowners and park access advocates and what is being done to balance the needs of both. You may even spot moose and bear wandering through the neighborhoods that can create problems with garbage, landscaping, and vehicle accidents.

Hosted by: *Rabbit Creek Community Council*



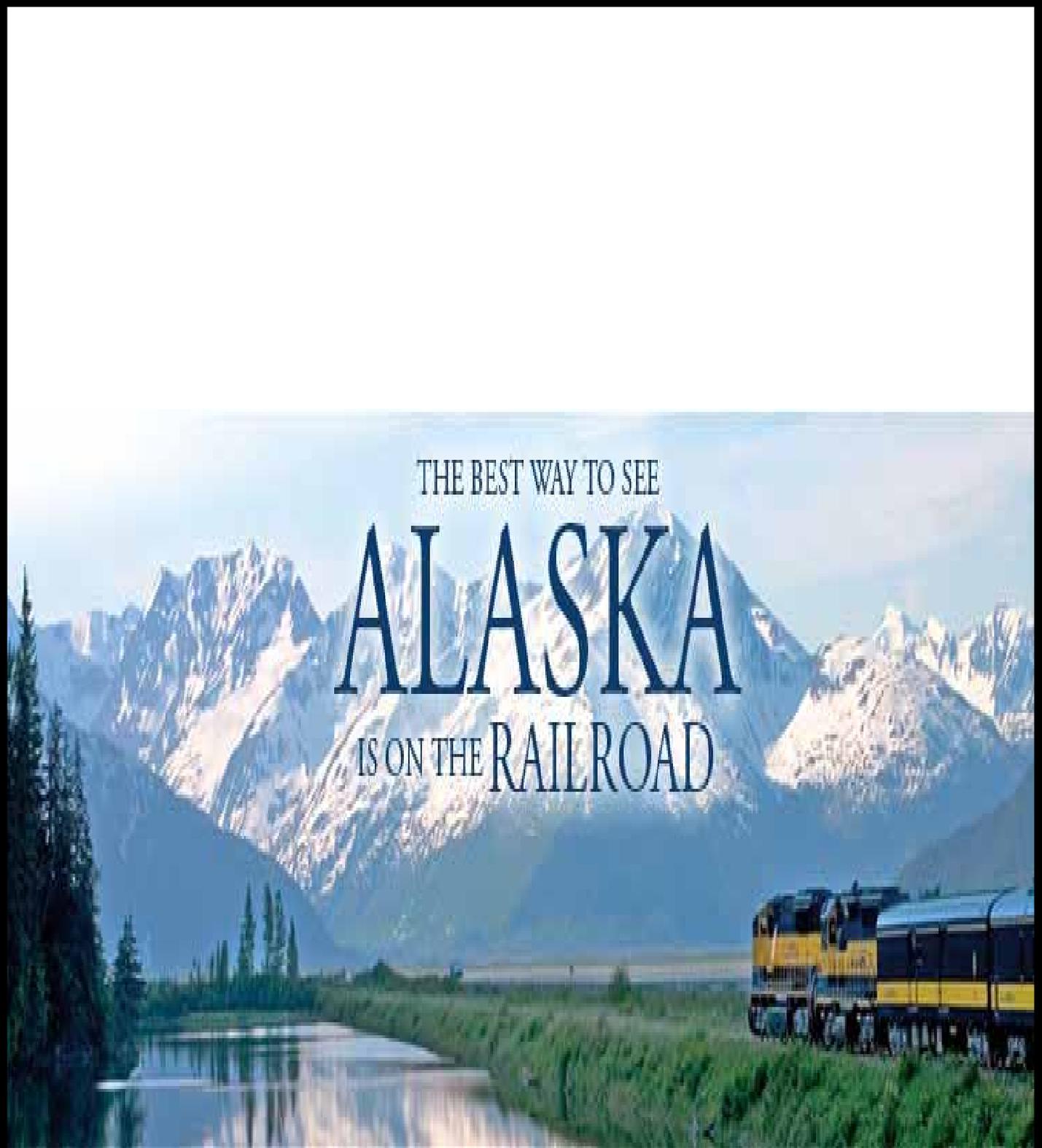
Anchorage by Bicycle

Bicycling is one of the most popular outdoor activities enjoyed in Anchorage, a city with a world-class trail system boasting more than 214 miles of trails. Join the Bicycle Commuters of Anchorage as they lead a tour highlighting completed and planned improvements that will support healthy lifestyles, reduce damage to the environment and cultivate communities. Learn how bicycle facilities create a safer, more comfortable and convenient atmosphere for biking and walking. Also learn about the role the Bicycle Commuters of Anchorage played in the development of the newly adopted Anchorage Bicycle Plan that will expand bicycle infrastructure and their use for transportation.

This tour is open to those who are generally comfortable riding a bike on residential streets and sidewalks or multiuse paths along busier roads. The tour will be led by certified bicycling instructors. Bicycles and helmets will be provided.

Hosted by: *Bicycle Commuters of Anchorage*



A scenic landscape featuring snow-capped mountains, a river, and a train. The text "THE BEST WAY TO SEE ALASKA IS ON THE RAILROAD" is overlaid on the image.

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A special drawing, for conference attendees only, will be held for two tickets to Denali National Park donated by the Alaska Railroad. Drawing to be held on Thursday morning during the Opening Breakfast. Must be present to win.

All Paid Registrants are eligible