



Our Vision  
*To make Anchorage the first city  
without prejudice as the first step  
to eliminate racism in Alaska*

Bridge Builders Newsletter

June 2009



Dear Paula:

This month brings the official start to summer, though we were fortunate to have an unusually pleasant May give us a head start on all the giddiness of this season of long days.

We hope you'll plan to march with us in the

4th of July parade. This year's parade theme is North to the Future, envisioning what the next 50 years will bring to Alaska. We invite you to bring your friends and family and join us! We encourage you to show off your traditional cultural attire, play portable musical instruments as you walk, and there will even be brief opportunities to show traditional dance steps. There's a lot to do in these bright, busy months, but it's an important tradition. Look for details later this month in a special email invitation.

See you outdoors -- take advantage of the fresh opportunities to chat with your



## David S. Alexander

David is the Vice President of Board Development. He is also President of Nine Star Education and Employment Services with ESL, job placement (youth-adult-senior), high school completion, and technology training as core program areas. Dr. Alexander is working with the national adult education association in its merger plans with ProLiteracy America, and is a board member of Bridge Builders since 2006. He is the Literacy Task Force Chair for Rotary, and a board member for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Mountain View Weed 'n Seed, Champion Sports Camp, Inc., and the Mountain View Community Council. He is Chair of the Operators' Consortium for Anchorage/Mat-Su Job Centers, newsletter editor for the Mountain View Community Council, and member and past Chair of the Northwest (Job Center) Board of Governors Consortium. He is on the U.S. Technical Working group for adult education improvements and Technology Chair for the national Commission on Adult Basic Education. In addition to administrative work, he teaches English and Human Relations at the University of Alaska Anchorage, he is a published author, and he has produced a number of commercial television programs.

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## Bridge Builders is on Facebook

Come join and visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Bridge-Builders/1761601918>

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## Bridge Builders PSAs

Our Public Service Announcements will be available on our website soon. In the meantime, please view the PSAs from Bridge Builders and Alaska Common Ground at:

[http://www.akcommonground.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=6&Itemid=8](http://www.akcommonground.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=6&Itemid=8)

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## Cultural Events Calendar

Now available online at:

<http://www.bridgebuildersak.com/BridgeBuilders2009Calendar.pdf>

Please check back often for updates!

### Upcoming Bridge Builders Events:

**March in the 4th of July Parade:**

July 4, 2009

*Anchorage Parkstrip*

***Interested in sponsoring and creating a parade float? Please call 277-1882.***

**Gala Banquet & Ball 2009 Honoring Excellence in Community Service:**

September 12, 2009

*West High School*

*If you would like to volunteer on a committee for Bridge Builders, please call: 277-1882*

### **The Pledge of Mutual Respect:**

"We the people of Anchorage, Alaska, pledge to respect one another, celebrating the differences that make us unique: our customs, spiritual beliefs, cultures, colors, dreams and ancestral traditions. Standing together, hand in

# Diversity Luau

*BREAKING OUT OF WINTER & VOLCANIC ASHES TO A  
SUMMER ALOHA!*

**MAY 29, 2009**  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
WENDLER JR. HIGH SCHOOL  
2905 Lake Otis Pkwy,

Entrance Fee:  
\$20.00 (12 yrs - older), \$10.00 (6yr - 11yr)  
Free (5 yr & under)

Includes Entertainment and Food

D.J. Island Music

Tickets will be available at the door and through PAOA & OPAG;  
call : 907-229-7244 & 907-276-1059 for more information.

*Support by  
PAOA (Polynesian Association. Of Alaska) & OPAG (Older Person  
Action Group)  
Non-Profit Agencies of Anchorage*

*Funding for this event will help PAOA and OPAG with their  
community and non-profit programs.*

hand, young and old, we affirm that through mutual respect we can build a stronger, more harmonious community, a more unified nation and a better, safer world."

*Bridge Builders is membership-based and is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.*

Our **2008 Annual Report** and membership forms can be found on our website: [www.bridgebuildersak.org](http://www.bridgebuildersak.org)

**Core Purpose:**  
To promote and celebrate harmony and respect among all cultures.

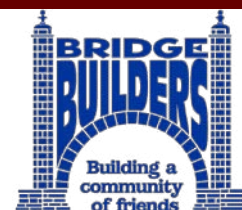
**Core Values:**  
Dignity/Respect/ Personal Trust/Openness/ Personal Commitment/Activism

Join us and discover a whole new world!

## The Anchorage Museum reopens with a bang!

**OPENING DAY 2009**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 30**  
9AM - 11AM MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW  
**NOON - 1PM** OPENING CEREMONIES  
**1PM - MIDNIGHT** OPENING DAY PARTY

FREE admission to museum and Gold exhibit May 30 thanks to major underwriting by Wells Fargo.



Drum roll, please...

It's almost time to see what lies beyond the striped glass of the new museum building. Mark your calendars for May 30, a free day of celebration for a long-awaited debut. Public opening ceremonies begin at noon, including a ribbon cutting and traditional blessing of the building. From noon until midnight, visitors can examine the building's design, immerse themselves in the Gold exhibit, sample the menu at the new café and browse the new, expanded museum store. All of the new addition will be open except the second floor.

Enjoy live entertainment throughout the day, including musicians, dancers, storytellers, food vendors and family activities.

OPENING DAY HEADLINERS:

Gabriel Ayala, classical guitar  
Nancy Cassidy, children's music  
Dayan Kai, folk and jazz  
Diane Ferlatte, storytelling

Alaska performers include Pamyua, Medicine Dream, H-3 and Libby Roderick, as well as Alaska Native drumming and dancing groups.

MAY 31

The fun continues May 31, when an admission ticket includes a day of music, dance and demonstrations by Alaska cultural groups.

More Info: [www.anchoragemuseum.org](http://www.anchoragemuseum.org)  
Contact Information: 907-343-4326  
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center  
121 W. 7th Ave; Anchorage, AK 99501

## Anchorage Public Library Events

### Live @ the Library Free weekly summer concerts

Live @ the Library, Anchorage Public Library's free, weekly, summer concert series, kicks off its sixth season June 2. This year, the series, made possible by generous donations from ACS and Friends of the Library, moves from Loussac's terrace to the lawn. So pack a lunch and bring a blanket for the best outdoor music series in the city this summer. If it rains, the concerts will be in the Wilda Marston Theatre, level 1.

#### LIVE @ THE LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF CONCERTS

June 2 Back Alley Banned-Irish Music  
June 9 Tomodachi Daiko Japanese Taiko Drummers  
June 16 Dixie Express-US Air Force Band of the Pacific

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of Anchorage

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June 23 John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet  
June 30 Alaska Brass-US Air Force Band of the Pacific

The library's online newsletter has details and more events:  
[http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/events/calendar/2009/Current\\_Calendar.pdf](http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/events/calendar/2009/Current_Calendar.pdf)

## Juneteenth Alaska 2009 "Back to Our Roots"

Delaney Park Strip (block of I and L Streets)

**June 19-21**

beginning 1:00pm Friday, June 19

Saturday 11am-10pm

Sunday 2pm-8pm

All nationalities are welcome to come out and celebrate FREEDOM with us, and to learn a little more about African American history! Please join us for a special tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement on June 19th, all day.

Learn our history after leaving Africa and coming here, learn how we escaped and attained our freedom. Hear and see some of our ancestors travel here from Africa, learn some of our African history. Receive brochures, pamphlets and other means of sharing knowledge of the African American culture.

*Booths and spaces are available for \$200 if you are selling and \$150 for informational spots (\$395 after 4/15). Auditions for all entertainment call 744-3094 or 441-8755 to make an appointment. Choirs, singers, dancers, bands, spoken word, talent exhibitions, all are welcome to audition. This is a diverse event open to the entire public and our entertainment should be as diverse as the people attending.*

**Sponsors and volunteers are needed!** This is a community event that has been hosted by the African American Historical Society of Alaska from 1995-2005 and in 2007.

For full event details and more information, please call 884-6860 or go to [www.juneteenth.alaska.com](http://www.juneteenth.alaska.com)

ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY EVENTS:

Through Our Eyes Tour

**Jim La Belle**

*Inupiaq*

**Gabrielle LeDoux**

*Eastern European*

**Modou E. Manneh**

*Gambian*

**Barbara Niziol**

*Polish American*

**Mabel Pike**

*Tlingit*

**Melvin Williams**

*African American*

**Arthur Yang**

*Hmong*

**Paula Pawlowski**

*German Welsh*

Director

**Denée Dubeau Zah**

*Finnish Irish*

*French-Canadian*

Administrative Assistant

Please join us in thanking  
**our partners and sponsors**  
for their support:

Alaska AFL-CIO

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Anchorage Daily News

Anchorage East Rotary

Date: Jun 4, 2009  
Time: Noon - 1:15 PM

**Volleyball & Basketball game**

Date: Jun 4, 2009  
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Cricket Game**

Date: Jun 8, 2009  
Time: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Canoe Race**

Date: Jun 12, 2009  
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**

Date: Jun 15, 2009  
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Diversity Advisory Commission**

Date: Jun 17, 2009  
Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Polynesian Fire Knife Dance**

Date: Jun 19, 2009  
Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Polynesian Flag Day Celebration**

Date: Jun 27, 2009  
Time: all day

For more events and details, go to MUNI's Multicultural & Diversity Calendar at <http://www.muni.org/contents1/events.cfm>

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Anchorage Youth Development Coalition news highlights:

**NeighborWorks Week 2009**

June 6, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NeighborWorks Week 2009: June 6, 10-3 PM. One day kick-off of National NeighborhoodWorks Week 2009. Flowers and shrubbery will be planted in public places that provide services for seniors and youth. For more info about being one of the organizations that have flowers planted on their curb or to nominate an organization contact Hazel Blackmore at 677-8412 or email [hblackmore@nwanchorage.org](mailto:hblackmore@nwanchorage.org).

**Bike Safety Day**

June 6, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Spennard Rec Center

Grab your bike and join us for an afternoon of games, activities, and fun as you learn about bike safety! The first 20 kids will receive a free bike helmet! Contact Abbey Harding at 343-4121 or [HardingAS@muni.org](mailto:HardingAS@muni.org) for more info.

For more events and details, go to <http://www.aydc.org/>

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## Recreation Program Highlights

June:

### **Kids Urban Mountain Biking** \$60

Experience the joy of trail riding in this beginning mountain bike class for kids. You'll learn the basics of bikes and how to get around town on your bike to destinations you want via trails and the bus system! Provide your own bike, helmet, water bottle and spare tube. For ages 10-15 yrs. Min 6/Max 12, Wednesday June 3-4, 4:30-6:30p Kincaid Outdoor Center, Call SW Park District, 343-6397

### **Kincaid Hikes** \$3/drop-in

Parents are you tired of your kids zoning into T.V. and video games all summer long? Bring them out to Kincaid Park to experience our trails on guided walks. Meet at Kincaid Chalet. Come dressed accordingly for the weather, for ages 12-15. Min 3/Max 10, Monday June 1-Aug 3, 2-3p Kincaid Outdoor Center, Call SW Park District, 343-6397

Volunteer in your Parks this summer:

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are partnering to plan volunteer activities for this summer. From neighborhood park fix-it to invasive weed pulls, it's time to get involved!  
[www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/ReportCard.htm](http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/ReportCard.htm)

Join us this summer to get outdoors and make a difference in our community.  
[www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/events/index.htm](http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/events/index.htm)

For a full list of upcoming activities, please check out the Quarterly Activity Guide at <http://www.muni.org/parks/activities.cfm>.

Thanks, and we hope to see you all soon!  
-Anchorage Parks and Recreation

If you would like to receive this newsletter every other Thursday, please send an email request to: [RecPrograms@Muni.org](mailto:RecPrograms@Muni.org)  
To ensure delivery of our newsletter to your email inbox, rather than your junk-mail folder, please add [RecPrograms@Muni.org](mailto:RecPrograms@Muni.org) to your email contacts list.

Visit our Parks & Recreation Homepage: <http://www.muni.org/parks/> with all kinds of information about park amenities, recreation centers, rentals, and much, much more.

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## National Kidney Foundation Serving Alaska to Offer Free Health Screening

The National Kidney Foundation Serving Alaska will offer a free health screening for people at increased risk for kidney disease on Saturday, June 13th at ChangePoint Church in South Anchorage. If you have high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of these conditions or kidney failure, you are at risk for kidney disease. Appointments are available between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To pre- register, call 223-1562 or email [Kristie.lemmon@kidney.org](mailto:Kristie.lemmon@kidney.org). Walk ins are also welcome and parking is available.

"We know that if we start early with education, detection and if necessary, medical intervention, we can often postpone the onset of kidney disease or kidney failure," says Kristie Lemmon, KEEP Program Manager. Twenty six million Americans have chronic kidney disease and most don't know it. Early detection and treatment of chronic kidney disease, including lifestyle changes and medications, may SLOW or PREVENT its progression to kidney failure and lessen the risk of cardiovascular disease.

If you have questions, would like to volunteer, or register for a KEEP screening contact Kristie Lemmon at 907.223.1562 or Kristie.lemmon@kidney.org.

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## *YOU BE THE JUDGE!*

# Color of Justice

## Encouraging Diversity in the Judiciary

Wednesday-Friday, **June 17-19, 2009**  
University of Alaska Anchorage & the Alaska Court System

*Workshops on Law & Legal Careers Taught by NorthwestLaw School Professors and Alaskan Judges and Attorneys*

The Color of Justice program seeks to promote diversity in the legal profession and judiciary through law-related education and career guidance. Now in its 7th year, Color of Justice has offered hundreds of diverse Alaskan youth an opportunity to learn first-hand about law and legal careers, through participation in workshops presented by law school professors and admissions officials and presentation of their own mock trials. Recently, the program expanded to include a special "Advisors Track" for teachers, counselors and others who work with diverse young people as they pursue their education and career goals. Color of Justice 2009 promises to be an exciting and worthwhile event and we hope you will consider attending. Also, we would greatly appreciate it if you could share information about the program with any students or colleagues who may be interested.

Registration (including meals) is FREE; **Space is limited, so please REGISTER EARLY.**

For more information, to obtain a registration form, or to apply for travel assistance, please see our website: <http://www.state.ak.us/courts/outreach.htm#coj>

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*You are invited!*

Color of Justice 2009

# Kick-Off Mentoring Reception

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

SNOW CITY CAFE

1034 West 4th Avenue, Anchorage

Featuring Welcoming Remarks by:

**Judge Stephanie Joannides**

Chair, Color of Justice-Anchorage, Alaska

**Cassandra Sneed Ogden**

Executive Director, CLEO, Washington, D.C.

Please RSVP by **June 10** to:

Margaret Newman

mnewman@appellate.courts.state.ak.us 907-264-0864

We would be delighted if you could join us, and hope you will share the invitation with other educators or career counselors who might be interested.

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## Youth Fun Programs

Organizations who are interested in starting Venturing units for boys and girls ages 14 through 20 should get in touch with Clarence Renfroe or Dave Counts at the Boy Scouts of America office at 3117 Patterson St. or call 337-9547. Venturing is a high adventure outdoors program that does canoeing, hiking, camping. We have a new facility at Talkeetna from which hiking and camping trips into the Denali National and State parks are staged.

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## Employment Opportunity

### Energy Project Coordinator

Anchorage-based position coordinates residential energy efficiency upgrades and education projects in rural Alaska communities. Responsible for hiring and training temporary project employees to conduct energy efficiency home visits. Conducts site visits to participating communities. Purchases and tracks supply distribution and installation. Conducts project evaluation to measure impact. Required: BA + 1 yr or 5 yrs equivalent experience in related field. Frequent travel to rural AK. Salary: \$20.20 + DOE per/hr + full benefits. Application & job description available at

[www.ruralcap.com](http://www.ruralcap.com) or 731 E 8th AVE, Anchorage. A completed RurAL CAP application form must be received by noon on 6/12/09. EOE

**Applications are due June 12.**

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.  
731 East 8th Avenue  
PO BOX 200908  
Anchorage, AK 99520-0908  
907-865-7358

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## **Employment Opportunities: Construction/Extraction Industry**

This list includes the construction/extraction industry job openings currently posted on ALEXsys for the Anchorage, Eagle River and Matsu areas.

### Job Title / Job Order Number / Location Salary /Salary Unit

Asphalt Crew Leader 98999 Anchorage N/A Hour  
Blaster 101046 Anchorage N/A Other  
Blaster Lead 101048 Anchorage N/A Other  
Boiler Mechanic 101051 Anchorage N/A Other  
Crane Operator, Mobile 101062 Anchorage N/A Other  
Electrician Apprentice 101193 Anchorage N/A Other  
Fence Installer - Eagle River 100761 Chugiak \$12.00 - \$17.00 Hour  
Foreman - Fence Company - Eagle River 100763 Chugiak N/A Hour  
Heavy Construction Equipment Operators 97495 Anchorage \$400.00 - \$600.00  
Week  
Heavy Equipment Operator 101011 Anchorage N/A Other  
Installer/Window Replacement-Anchorage 282 99364 Anchorage N/A Other  
Laborer/Carpenter 101305 Anchorage \$12.00 - \$14.00 Hour  
Lead/ Finish Carpenter 100354 Anchorage \$18.00 - \$28.00 Hour  
Pipe Welder (Fab Shop) (5875) - Anchorage 101420 Anchorage N/A Month  
Plumber 101023 Anchorage N/A Other  
Process Engineer 29311BR - Anchorage 101308 Anchorage N/A Hour  
Process/Safety Engineer 29312BR - Anchorage 101310 Anchorage N/A Hour  
Quality Control/Safety Manager - Ft Richardson 99686 Anchorage N/A Other  
Remodeler, Journeyman 100914 Anchorage N/A Hour  
Roofer 101466 Anchorage \$15.00 - \$22.00 Hour  
Roofer (Journeyman-Level)-Anchorage 98046 Anchorage \$22.00 - \$28.00 Hour  
Roofer/Helper 101465 Anchorage \$10.00 - \$15.00 Hour  
Roofing Laborer-Anchorage 99542 Anchorage \$13.00 - \$15.00 Hour  
Backhoe/Dozer Operator 100935 Willow N/A Hour  
Electrician, Journeyman 101203 Palmer \$27.00 - \$58.00 Hour

Journeyman Plumber 95919 Palmer \$26.00 Hour  
Modular Bldg./Camp Facility Lead Service Technician 100544 Wasilla \$17.00 -  
\$20.00 Hour

If you would like to view and/or apply for any of the positions that appear on this list,  
go to:

<http://alexsys.labor.state.ak.us/>

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## **Employment Opportunities: National Park Service**

Human Resources Specialist (Employee Relations) position for the Alaska Region.

This vacancy is posted on USAJOBS® from 05/11/09 to 06/01/09. You can find the announcement on <http://www.usajobs.gov>, the vacancy number is: FS-252637-KB-09.

The National Park Service has many professional, volunteer, and trade opportunities across the country. From parks to regional offices, the Park service employs over 20,000 individuals in permanent and temporary positions.

In Alaska alone, the NPS serves over 2.5 million visitors to the Alaska parks each year, and employs 1,000 employees at the peak period. The NPS strives to ensure our workforce demographics are a mirror image of the visitor population we serve, the Nation, one of most diverse in the world.

More information about seasonal, internship, and volunteer opportunities at the Alaska Region National Park Service can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/akso/>.

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## **Employment Opportunity**

AES Administrative Assistant / University of Alaska

AES Administrative Assistant - Administrative Generalist 3  
PCN: 500216, Posting #: 0057516.  
Fulltime, Regular appointment, 12 months a year.  
Location: University Center, Kenai Peninsula College's Anchorage Extension Site -  
Process Technology (PRT) and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Programs.  
Salary: Grade 76 - Minimum hourly range: \$15.90 - \$16.87.  
Review date: June 5, 2009.

This position will perform a variety of clerical office assignments and services in support of the OSH and PRT programs at the UAA/Anchorage Extension Site of Kenai Peninsula College. This position requires knowledge and experience to perform various office tasks.

For more information or to apply for the AES Administrative Assistant position go to [www.uakjobs.com](http://www.uakjobs.com), posting # 0057516; or [www.kpc.alaska.edu](http://www.kpc.alaska.edu) and click on KPC Employment.

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## **Emergency Preparedness Fair Sept. 12, 2009**

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. This is your opportunity to help prepare your family, friends and neighbors by providing necessary resources to make this collaborative effort possible.

If you would like to participate by providing promotional support, prizes, services or capital, please contact Toni McPherson, Anchorage Loussac Library, 343-2981.

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### **Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) UPDATE**

Dear Friend of RAIS:

You are one of the best friends the Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) program has. Thank you for the interest that you have taken in helping refugees settle into a new life in Alaska! Through these emails you are also aware of some of the immediate material needs that these individuals and families have upon arrival. I would like to tell you of two other needs that are so important as the refugees become a part of our community.

"Help someone help themselves," or "a hand up, not a hand out." If that is how you like to help your community - then read on! You can help the refugees in our RAIS program by supporting the Garden Project or the Transportation Fund. The goals for both projects are for refugees to become self-sustaining and successful. Please join us in making that happen!

### RAIS Garden Project

**\$1000.** That's all it will take. **Will you help with your gift? Your gift to the RAIS Garden Project will purchase starter plants, seeds and supplies for the garden.**

The Garden Project began in 2007 as a way for refugees to use their talents as growers/farmers and then to earn money for their goods by selling them at the local Farmer's Markets. With the city donating a 1/4 acre of land in Mt. View, Evergreen Nursery providing work and materials to prepare it for planting, and the Cooperative Extension Service's advice, the Garden began. These organizations continue to donate services and time, **but there still remains a need for funding. You can help!**

Your gift to Catholic Social Services RAIS Garden Project will help more refugees add to the success of their new life by using a skill they already have to earn money to help support their family. Starter plants and you are the best way to ensure a successful summer crop! The Garden Project would not exist without the generous donations from Evergreen Nursery, and you. Please click on the link below to make your gift to the CSS RAIS Garden Project!

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CatholicSocialServic/27e87b7b01/fc22673105/a69754aec4>

### RAIS Transportation Fund

Do you remember completing your last job application? Do you remember that you were asked if you had a valid AK driver's license, or asked how you would get to work? Most of us are fortunate enough to take that answer for granted, or to use our bike or the bus system as alternative transportation. The refugees who come to Alaska are not so fortunate. Our RAIS staff works very hard in preparing the refugees with language skills, job seeking skills, even interviewing skills. But what good are those if you cannot get to the job interview? Or if the bus doesn't run at 11:30 when you have to be at work? Or the cost of a cab eats up most of the pay you earn for the day's work? Access to necessary transportation will help these families become more independent and minimize the feeling of isolation in their new home.

We have a goal of raising **\$10,000** for the RAIS Transportation Fund. If \$10,000 sounds like a lot, **imagine** the difference you will make in the lives of the families who get this help. How will your gift be used? These funds will be used for bus passes, cab fare, and driver's education - the transportation that helps individuals and families be successful. **Please click on the link below to make your gift to the CSS RAIS Transportation Fund!**

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CatholicSocialServic/27e87b7b01/fc22673105/2027f41be9>

For more information please contact Adele Alderman, Development Director at Catholic Social Services at 222-7355 or [aalderman@cssalaska.org](mailto:aalderman@cssalaska.org).

Thank you for your help!

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## What's happening with the H2H project? You are invited to come and see!

Hello Community Leaders,

Please share the Highway to Highway (H2H) community picnic information with community members and friends, and help shape Anchorage's future!

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities invites you to come see our ideas and share your ideas during our community picnic! The focus is on developing preliminary alternatives to improve transportation for all modes of travel between the Seward and Glenn Highways. These include routes and transportation choices (a.k.a. alternatives), and how different transportation modes (transit, highways, rail, vanpools, and carpools) and travel management strategies might solve congestion problems.

\*\*\*ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY PICNIC\*\*\*

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Noon-3 p.m.

Mountain View W.B. Lyons Park, Peterkin Ave./Price St., Anchorage (next to Community Center)

People Mover Bus Route 45 stops at Price & Mt. View Drive or Peterkin & North Bragaw

Picnic fare for lunch! We will be serving BBQ chicken, green salad, brownies, and soda.

Interpretation will be provided for Spanish, Samoan, Hmong, and Tagalog speakers. Please visit [www.highway2highway.com](http://www.highway2highway.com) for more details. Upon request, we are able to offer reasonable accommodations for special needs such as hearing impairment or the need for language interpretation. Please call 865-2202 to make arrangements. Persons with a hearing impairment may contact Relay Alaska at (800) 770-8973 (TDD number) for assistance contacting the project team.

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## HUD Announcements

New competitive Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds from HUD announced May 4; grant applications are due July 17, 2009. Here's a direct link to the notice: [http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/pdf/nsp2\\_nofa.pdf](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/pdf/nsp2_nofa.pdf).

26th annual Alaska Rural Providers Conference in Kodiak, June 1st to 5th.

For more, visit

[www.ruralcap.com/aboutrc/cutenews/admin.php?subaction=showfull&id=1236304602&archive=&start\\_from=&ucat=1&go=headlines](http://www.ruralcap.com/aboutrc/cutenews/admin.php?subaction=showfull&id=1236304602&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&go=headlines)

National Energy & Utility Affordability Conference in Portland, June 15th to 17th.

For more, visit [www.energyandutilityconference.org/](http://www.energyandutilityconference.org/)

Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period

Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan 2008-2012, Annual 2009 Action Plan Amendment #1

Written comments accepted through 4:00 pm, June 22, 2009. Comments accepted in person during HAND Commission Public Hearing, June 10, 2009 at 4:00pm, Mayor's Conference Room 632 W. 6th Ave, 8th Floor Room 830.

For more information, contact Corrine O'Neill at 343-4182.

Comments may be presented in person to the Housing and Neighborhood Development Commission during the public hearing scheduled for 4:00pm on **June 10th**, at 632 W. 6th Ave, in the Mayor's Conference Room (8th Floor).

Written comments received by 4:00 pm June 23rd will be accepted by fax, email, mail or delivery to the following location:

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