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Legislative Link

to the Voters of District 16



May Peace, Joy, Hope and Happiness
be yours during this Holiday Season
and throughout the New Year!

NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR A NEW YEAR

by Representative Allen Kemplen

As your representative in the Alaska State Legislature, I want to wish you a happy and safe holiday season. This time of year is always special, but this year is especially unique. The scientists tell us the 21st Century does not officially begin until January 1, 2001. Most regular folks find the change from 1999 to 2000 the logical transition point. I tend to agree, welcome to the 21st Century.

We are living in transforming times. Rapid advancements in technology are radically changing the way we live and work. We have entered the age of the internet, a global technology that has taken hold amazingly quickly. Just as data flows across the net in easily digestible packets, knowledge, in the broadest sense, can now be easily tapped and exchanged by people in every corner of the earth. The result is an explosion of economic growth and increased productivity.

This information revolution is changing our world. The change is similar to the industrial revolution of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The new technologies (telecommunications, computers, etc.) require Alaskans to adapt to the realities of the New Economy. Senator Johnny Ellis and I have been working hard to make the transition easier on regular folks. Hopefully, our

work to open the One-Stop Job Centers at 4th and Gamble and at the Mountain View Com-

munity Center in January 2000 will make new transitions easier.

We are doing our part but like most things it will be up to the individual to take responsibility for learning the new ways. As the old saying goes: "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." Individual Alaskans will be challenged by the new economic transformation. This period of rapid technological change provides opportunity as well as risk and uncertainty. For those Alaskans who can see and take action where innovation is creating new opportunities, then economic prosperity will be their reward.

Each Alaskan should recognize the importance of life-long learning. Regular people must realize that a better life during this period of transformation means continually updating their understanding of the world. You can begin by becoming familiar with the internet and discover what it is and how it is changing our lives.



ALLEN SPEAKS AT THE ANCHORAGE NEIGHBORHOOD
HEALTH CENTER'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

If you do not own a computer or cannot afford personal access to the internet do not despair because easy access is available. There are community computer labs with free internet access located in the Fairview Community Recreation Center, the Mountain View Community Center and the Clark Middle School Community Library and the Loussac Public Library.

The 21st Century, and all its wonders, is just around the corner. As your State Representative, I will work hard to ensure that our state is making the necessary changes so that we, as individuals and as a community, stay competitive and prosperous in the new realities of the information age. Happy Holidays!

REP. KEMPLEN SPEAKS OUT

September 14th Advisory Vote

BY REP. ALLEN KEMPLEN

Alaskans voted on September 14th to accept or reject the issue of how to pay for state government while oil revenues decline. As part of a budget plan, the advisory vote asked whether Permanent Fund earnings should be used to pay for state government. I along with many other Alaskans voted loudly by saying “No!” Here are a few reasons why I worked in opposition to the advisory vote:

Honesty – Our state has a \$1.5 billion problem in deferred maintenance needs for schools and public facilities. Where would the money have come from to address the real capital needs of the state – by reducing dividends? Second, the Legislature exempted the advisory vote from the clear language statute. The wording was confusing to most regular folks and hides important information. As a result, inflation proofing of the Permanent Fund would not have been guaranteed.

Fairness – The vote placed most of the burden for funding state services on poor Alaskans. A single mother with three kids coming off of welfare, making poverty level wages would pay her entire dividend or 10% of her annual income. A married banker with two kids making \$100,000 a year would pay his dividend or 2% of his total income. Is that fair? All Alaskans would have paid the same from their dividends regardless of the amount of money they make.

Trust – The lack of constitutional language and the lack of a comprehensive strategic plan seriously weakened my support for the advisory vote. The lack of restrictions on the amount of Permanent Fund earnings that could be used for state government would have put the dividend at risk. Without a long-term strategic plan that was enforceable, the Permanent Fund could have become just another bank account for whimsical politicians.



ABOVE: KEMPLEN SPEAKS ON COMMUNITY ISSUES WITH SEN. ELLIS

BP/ARCO Merger and Charter

BY REP. ALLEN KEMPLEN

Why are the big oil companies merging? The BP/ARCO merger is a result of modern economic realities. As we witness new technological transformations increase productivity; the results of these transformations create less of a demand for energy consumption, most importantly oil. Increased productivity coupled with a dwindling need for energy, results in oil mergers.

Many Alaskans have been concerned about the BP/ARCO merger. One giant oil company swallowing another giant oil company within the confines of your state is certainly a little scary. Alaska receives roughly 25% of its entire budget from oil revenues and many of those dollars leverage other federal funds.

A world-wide corporation like BP has investments and oil producing facilities all over the globe. If BP’s other investments produce significant amounts of oil with less production cost than the cost of production here in Alaska, then what incentive does BP have to continue Alaskan production? While owning most of Alaska oil leases, Alaska’s budget and the state services provided to Alaskans could be suddenly crippled by one company - BP.

Alaska must ensure the interests of its citizens and the interests of the state are protected. As a member of the House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, I will advocate for aggressive legislative oversight of the charter agreement crafted by Governor Knowles and BP.

If the charter is a good deal for Alaska then it should withstand public scrutiny through the legislative committee process.



WHILE VISITING WHITTIER ON THE ALASKA STATE RAILROAD, ALLEN AND HIS WIFE JUDY SCOPE OUT THE NEW WHITTIER

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Municipality of Anchorage site
Job network site(need a job?)
State Y2K Preparedness info.

www.akdemocrats.org/bios/kemplen
www.alaska.net/~kemplen/district.htm
www.communitycouncils.org/
www.asd.k12.ak.us
www.revenue.state.ak.us/pfd/index.htm
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www.ci.anchorage.ak.us
www.jobs.state.ak.us/
www.state.ak.us/y2000.index.htm

CARE TO VOICE YOUR OPINION ON AN ISSUE? HOW ABOUT TELLING REPRESENTATIVE KEMPLEN WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND. THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS KICKING OFF AGAIN IN JANUARY; SO WHY DON’T YOU SEND US A FAX, WRITE US AN EMAIL, WRITE A LETTER OR GIVE US A CALL. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

LEGISLATIVE EMAIL NEWSLETTER

WE ARE PREPARING A LEGISLATIVE EMAIL NEWSLETTER TO KEEP VOTERS INFORMED DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. PLEASE SEND REP. KEMPLEN A MESSAGE WITH “SUBSCRIBE” AS THE SUBJECT AND WE WILL PUT YOU ON THE MAILING LIST.

MOUNTAIN VIEW NEW COMMUNITY CENTER MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Location:

315 Price Street
Anchorage, AK 99508
Phone: 297-5400 center
297-5437 Boy's & Girl's Club

Facility Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10am-10pm
Friday 10am-8pm, regular operations
8pm-10pm, Teen night
Saturday 10am-6pm, regular operations
6-8pm pre-teen night
Sunday 10am-6pm



ALLEN KEMPLER AND ELGIN JONES WITH KID'S KITCHEN IN FRONT OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER/BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB

The Mountainview Community Center has a full size gymnasium, teen center, game room, computer room with internet access, room for arts/crafts, industrial size kitchen with a connecting multi-purpose room, storage rooms, meeting rooms downstairs and opening in January, a One-Stop Job Center.



NEW MEMBERS USING THE NEW COMPUTER

Classes and Programs

Keystone Club- A teen center program, the Keystone Club builds civic participation and leadership skills in teen-age children. There are a wide variety of possibilities for teen participation in civic-minded projects.

Karate- Child and adult classes available a couple of days a week. Shotokan Karate teaches self-defense while enlightening the student about self-discipline and inner personal strength.

Nutrition Class- The center has been offering a nutrition class that teaches participants proper eating techniques and offers direct lessons in cooking and preparing food.

Lifeskills Class- The Lifeskills class has been very successful at the center-teaching young adults and teens necessary survival skills for the future. Skills like balancing a checkbook, opening an account, management of time and money, are many of issues addressed in the class.

Reading Programs are being developed at the center through newspaper searches and spellings bees. Recently, the rotary club has been volunteering time to read to the younger children.

Guitar classes have been running at the center teaching youngsters the introduction to guitar and developing guitar abilities.

Society of Young Magicians- Each month the center has been offering a workshop teaching members magic tricks and how to perform magic tricks.

Chess Club- The chess club at the center has been doing quite well with many participants learning the game of chess and elevating their game through regular competition.



BILLIARDS ANYONE?

Other programs and classes offered at the center are: *Fencing, Photography, Arts/Crafts, swimming, beading workshops, weaving, Glee club, open gym, Torch club, Alaska Native drumming, after school snack program, pre-teen programming, teen programming, and Kid's kitchen.* If you are interested in any of the programs or classes call the center at 297-5400 for more information.

****ACTION ALERT**:** Volunteers are needed to teach or offer new classes or help with existing programs. IF you are interested in volunteering or you have a special skill to offer, contact Tony Lopez at 297-5401.

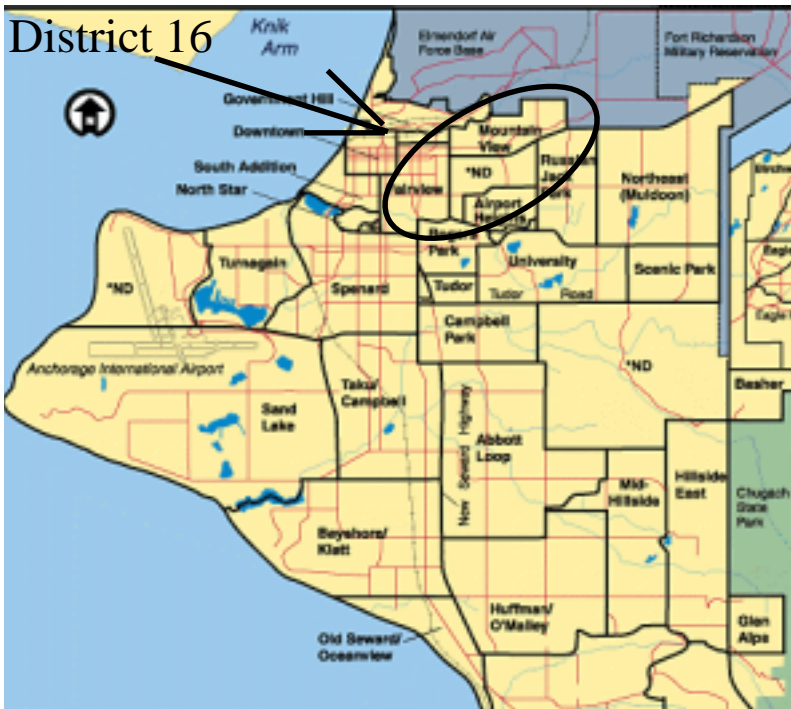
Community Council Info

Fairview

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7PM at Fairview Community Center.

Officer: **Dwight Smith** (Chair)

Home phone: 276-0042
Fax number: n/a
Email address: n/a
Address: 947 Orca St.
Zip Code: 99501



Mountain View

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7PM at Mountain View Recreation Center.

Officer: **Randy Smith** (Chair)

Work phone: n/a
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Zip Code: 99508

Russian Jack

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7PM at Williwaw Elementary School.

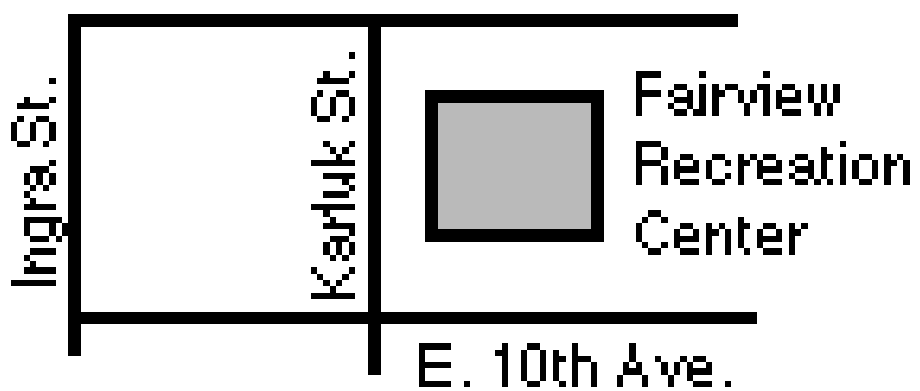
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Community Recreational Center

E. 9th Avenue



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Monday-Friday 8am-10:00pm
Saturday 8:00am-10:00pm
Sunday 11:00am-6:00pm

FAIRVIEW RECREATION CENTER INFO
The Fairview Community Recreation Center features a full sized gymnasium, smaller youth gymnasium, weight room, dance/martial arts studio, arts and crafts studio, 2 saunas, multipurpose room, industrial kitchen, nursery, teen center with games, and computer lab with internet access, 4 pottery wheels and kiln.

The Fairview Recreation Center offers activities, programs, and classes in areas such as adult education, computer instruction, drama, dance, music, legal clinics, martial arts, and pottery.

Class Instruction
Adult Education - Even Start Family Literacy Program offers free educational classes and acitivities for the whole family to improve your english or obtain your GED. Call 337-1981 for a free brochure.

Pro Bono Legal Clinics are offered every month at Fairview Rec. Center. Clinics include: immigration, divorce, landlord/tenant, custody, and child support. Call 272-9431 for info or call 343-4130 for dates and times.

Martial Arts, Drama, Dance and Music - Tai Chi Chuan martial arts emphasizes energy management for info call Warren at 263-8178. Black Arts North offers people a chance to offer a special skill or talent in group practices and plays call 333-8886 for more info

Information on room rental at Fairview Community Recreation and information concerning procedures, programs and operations of the center can be obtained by calling the center at 343- 4130 during operating hours.