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Forbes Puts Focus on Anchorage, Youth Support Military

Quote of the Week

"If it weren't so icy out here I'd be doing a tap dance."

-Mountain View resident Kelly McDonald, 11/29/06, talking to Channel 2 News reporter Rebecca Palsha during the demolition of the condemned properties on Price Street.

Coming Up...

Mayor Begich at 11 a.m. Friday in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall presents the four charities who were recipients of the 2006 Mayor's Charity Ball with their checks from this year's event.

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Forbes Highlights Anchorage Transportation and Logistics. The advantages of Anchorage's strategic location as a business hub are highlighted in a recent story published on Forbes.com. The article on the site last week notes that Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is first in the U.S. for cargo delivery and second in the world. It also handles 90 percent of all air cargo from Asia and is a major hub for both FedEx and UPS. "Part of Anchorage's advantage comes from its being two to five hours faster in package handling and turnaround than U.S. West Coast cities like Los Angeles and Seattle," the article states.

Public Invited to Delaney Park Planning Meeting. A public open house designed to get the community's ideas and discuss improvements for the Delaney Park Strip will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at Denali Elementary School. The ideas discussed will come from the draft Delaney Park Master Plan, which incorporates the work of the Delaney Park Community Advisory Group as well as comments gathered from a two-day public workshop in 2005. As other plans within Downtown Anchorage progress, it is important to ensure that all of the projects work together to make the heart of the city vibrant and diverse. Delaney Park is currently without an approved master plan. To view the Draft Master Plan please visit <http://www.muni.org/parks/DPSDraftMP.cfm>.

Youth Commission Supports the Troops. Members of the Municipal Youth Advisory Commission are learning about the history of the military from Municipal Veterans Affairs Coordinator, CW Floyd, as part of their "Support the Troops" project. The Youth Advisory Commission has adopted the Army's Delta Company working out of Forward Operating Base Summerall in Bayji, Iraq (Bayji is 150 miles north of Baghdad). They have collected care package items and letters of support for the Delta Company and will ship the items to Iraq next week.

Urban Renewal - Mayor Begich stands with Anchorage Police Lt. Dave Koch (left) and Mike Waddell of AK Demolition as two condemned properties are demolished in Mountain View last week. The properties at 222 and 234 Price Street have been a haven for criminal activity in recent months. Cook Inlet Housing Authority is building two new single-family homes on the site.



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