

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGES DURING THE 1ST QUARTER OF 2016 DEALT WITH A WIDE ARRAY OF TOPICS AFFECTING MANY OF OUR LISTENING AUDIENCE.

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDED FREE AIR TIME INCLUDED:

***American Legion Service Officer ... available at the Homer Job Center to answer questions about VA Entitlements and provide free assistance filling out forms.

***AMSEA – Alaska Marine Safety Education Association conducting free, fishing vessel drill conductor workshops in Homer and in Kenai.

***Anchor Point Library. Hosting a Permaculture Meeting with Site Design as the monthly subject.

***Central Emergency Services actively recruited for Resident Volunteer Firefighters at the Soldotna Station.

***Central Peninsula Garden Club. Information provided for their monthly meetings which are free and open to the public in Kenai including their annual meeting, “How to Grow a Farm” and “Bees, Beekeeping, and attracting other Pollinators to your garden”.

***Church events: Great Land Worship Center is once again sponsoring the Christian Sportsman’s Banquet. Families are welcome to attend.

***CIRCAC Memorial Scholarship application period was announced. Graduating high school students and students heading to college, vocational schools or maritime academies who claim residency in the Cook Inlet Region qualify for the annual scholarships.

***Connections home school program announced a free ice skating party for all home schooling families and those interested in home schooling.

***Cooperative Extension Service, National Resource Conservation Society and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts are teaching a 4 part Soils Workshop.

***Homer Electric Association – power outages, maintenance work creating power interruptions and safety tips. Announcing nomination period for open seats for the Board of Directors.

***Homer WIC – information on the program that provides child and infant nutrition , pregnancy health information, and breastfeeding support.

***Independent Living Center. Medicare Counselor providing assistance at the Anchor Point Senior Center. Services for people with low vision.

***Kachemak Bay Research Reserve special events and regular meetings. We provided information on their Discover Lab's. and events that take place in the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and Lake Clark National Park.

***Kachemak Crane Watch once again asks listeners to call and report Sandhill Crane sightings.

***Kenai Peninsula Borough: A representative from Stroudwater Associates, the consultant hire by the Borough's Healthcare Task Force to conduct a healthcare study for the borough, discussed some preliminary options identified in the their work at City of Homer Council Chambers. The Borough conducted a test of the coastal siren system, referred to as the All Hazard Alert Broadcast system.

***Kenai Peninsula Farm Bureau with a presentation from Pam Voeller from the Soil and Water Conservation office to help understand and manage our soils to get the best results.

***Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. Annual Super Bowl Sunday drive to help with needed donations.

***Kevin Bell Ice Arena – Icebreakers Hockey program. Free public skate day.

***NOAA's National Weather Service, Alaska's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the

Alaska Broadcasters Association present the March tsunami warning “Chill, It’s a Drill!”

***North Peninsula Recreation Service Area ... Nikiski Community Recreation Center – multiple events including swim lessons and American Red Cross Lifeguard Classes at the Nikiski pool. Various recreation events including coed volleyball; Bicycle Spin classes; open gym; full swing golf; Spring Clean Community Garage Sale and much more.

***Safe Surrender Law. Allows parents to safely surrender their newborn child without the threat of prosecution, as long as there is no evidence of abuse or neglect.

***School Events: McNeil Canyon Elementary Family Talent Show. West Homer elementary invited parents, staff and community members to join Superintendent Sean Dusek and discuss characteristics they would like to see in the new West Homer principal and learn about the interview process.

Principal interviews followed. West Homer also presented The Scholastic Book Fair offering books, science kits, art kits, notebooks, posters and more. We provided information regarding National School Choice Week, an independent public awareness effort spotlighting effective education options and children, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online learning and home schooling.

***Snomads announced their general membership meeting.

***South Peninsula Hospital: Safe sitter classes plus other community meetings focused on improving health.

***State of Alaska Department of Transportation provided notices of avalanche hazard reduction work and subsequent traffic delays.

***State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Children’s Services. Monthly Resource Family Orientations to learn more about foster care and adoption on the Kenai Peninsula.

***State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meetings. Kenai/Soldotna/Seward/Homer and Central Peninsula Fish and game advisory committee information. The Department of Natural Resources announced applications being accepted for upcoming vacancies on the Kenai River Special Management Area Citizens Advisory Board.

***United States Department of the Interior, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, announced a public meeting on a proposed rule which would amend the non-subsistence take of wildlife and public participation and closure procedures on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska.