

The following is a list of some of the more significant community issues addressed by KATB / KJLP / KAFC for the 1st Quarter of 2015. This listing is by no means complete, nor is the order in which these issues appear, intended to imply any degree of priority or significance of the issues.

Date: 1/5

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: AK Minimum Wage

Local Headline #1: In local news, while 21 states have officially raised their minimum wage as of the start of the New Year, Alaska will have to wait a while longer to see the wage hike. Because the ballot initiative was part of the November General Election, it will need 90 days to go into effect, which is how much time is needed for the election to be certified. So for those expecting the minimum wage to increase to \$8.75 per hour, they will have to wait to see that at the end of February. In the meantime, a reminder for all that the time to apply for the 2015 PFD is now, as the application window is now open.

Date: 1/7/15

Time: 5:30p

Length: 30

Title: Football stadium plans

Local Headline #1: In local news, the plan for a football stadium at South High School has finally been approved. It met approval Monday night from the Planning and Zoning Commission, after addressing some of the needs brought forth by neighboring communities about lights, sound, and crowds. Those conditions were met in the new plans, including the limiting of the stadiums lights and sound system to 10 events a year, a requirement that games end by 10pm, and the building of an 8-foot-tall wooden fence to serve as a visual buffer on the southwest portion of the field. The plans were approved by a 7-1

margin, giving the ASD the ability to move forward with the building plans.

Date: 1/8

Time: 5:30p

Length: 30

Title: Jet Blue – Seasonal Service

Local Headline #1: In local news, JetBlue Airlines has announced a new seasonal service between Anchorage and Portland, beginning on June 18th and operating through September 8th. This new flight option becomes the third city being offered by the New York based carrier on a seasonal basis. The other routes include non-stop flights from Anchorage to Seattle and also to Long Beach. JetBlue is offering deeply discounted flights to all three of their destinations from Anchorage, and in response, Alaska airlines have dropped their fares to those locations.

Date: 1/9

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: Jet Blue – Seasonal Service

Local Headline #2: In local news, the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility is offering their customers warning about scammers in town who are impersonating a utility representative. These scammers have been calling customers saying their bill is past due and that they must make payments or have their water shut off. The scammers go on to say that they must pay their bill to a cell phone number or to a white truck who will show up at the customers

residence. APD says if you get a call like that to hang up immediately and report it right away to them.

Date: 1/12

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: Energy Efficient Housing project

Local Headline #1: In local news, a new housing development is being planned that would actually produce more energy than it uses. The building is planned for 2 acres on Muldoon Rd near the Glenn Highway, replacing the old How-How restaurant. The new building would be home for 20 apartments for low-income families and residents with disabilities. According to reports, if the designers and architects have their way, the unit will produce more energy than it uses, by using solar and geothermal heat exchangers to create more heat and electricity, while using on-site water and sewer reclamation systems. It's part of a new ultra-green building program called Living Building Challenge.

Date: 1/13

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Halcro enters Mayoral Race

Local Headline #2: In local news, former Alaska Gubernatorial candidate Andrew Halcro has now thrown his name in the hat in regards to a run for Anchorage Mayor. Halcro officially made his intentions known earlier today, and said he felt he could win the race, based on two polls released in mid-December which gave that

indication. The slogan: "Trust: Halcro Mayor" was contained in a media advisory about his plans to announce his official run.

Date: 1/14/15

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: Anchorage alcohol tax proposal

Local Headline #1: In local news, Anchorage Assembly Chairman Dick Traini has officially proposed a citywide alcohol tax, calling for voters to offer approval to a city charter that would pave the way for the tax in April. The proposal, a surprise for many, does not yet say what the rate will be, however, Traini says the money raised from the new tax is intended to pay for construction bonds to build alcohol treatment facility, and for the health and public safety uses related to alcohol.

Date: 1/15

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: Icy roads

Local Headline #1: In local news, icy roads this morning causing lots of fender-benders. This due to this rain that fell overnight and froze on the roads as temps went to the freezing mark. With side roads already having a combined covering of snow and ice, the overnight rain made conditions there even more dangerous. CBI Media wants to remind everyone that with this unusual weather pattern we have been experiencing, road conditions will continue to be challenging at time and that we all should use caution and courtesy as well traverse the

roads, and also to be sure to pray for the safety of you and others before you hit the roads.

Date: 1/16

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: APD, clues to locate shooter

Local Headline #2: In local news, the Anchorage Police Department is looking for clues as to who shot at several South Anchorage Residences Thursday night. APD Dispatch confirmed bullet casings and damage to area properties near Northwood Street and Raspberry Rd just before 12:30am. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Police say if you have any information on who may be responsible for the shootings, to please call them at 786-8900.

Date: 1/19/15

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: MLK Celebration

Local Headline #2: In local news, an early celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday took place Sunday at the Alaska Airlines arena. The event honored the life and legacy of the civil rights' leader with music, dance, and cultural performances. Today, more celebrations took place at the Pacific Northern Academy, and a food drive was held in Dr. Kings'

honor at the Fairview and Spenard Rec Centers. All schools and post offices were closed today as well in honor of the civil rights leader.

Date: 1/21/15

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: Vehicle thefts

Local Headline #1: In local news, four vehicles were stolen Tuesday morning in a two-hour time span, all with one common factor: a running vehicle with keys in the ignition. The thefts spanned a stretch from downtown, East Anchorage, to South Anchorage. One suspect was captured, and a few of the vehicles were recovered. Police Spokesman Jennifer Castro says the rash of stolen vehicles do not seem to be connected, but offers a reminder that municipal code says it is illegal to leave a key in the ignition of a car parked in a public street. Anyone with information on these vehicle thefts is encouraged to call APD

Date: 1/23

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: Military cuts?

Local Headline #1: In local news, will there be future cuts at our local military bases? City officials held a meeting today with the Anchorage Assembly to discuss the planning of an Army "listening session" that could affect future cuts at JBER. The size of the Army is set to downsize,

and now military officials are faced with making decisions about where they should cut tens of thousands of positions on a national scale, and overseas. Public meetings will be held in February with Army officials addressing community members and concerned citizens, and it's being said to be a great opportunity for the Anchorage community to talk directly to Army decision-makers.

Date: 1/26

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Covenant House Building

Local Headline #2: In local news, the former building for Covenant House in downtown Anchorage will now be the home to a new commercial center and will house some longtime businesses and hopefully entice newer ones to arrive. The building on the corner of 6th and F street already is rumored to be the future home of Blues Central and Steam Dot coffee. The Pfeffer Group has already posted signs on the building and say the building soon will look a whole lot different, as their plans include stripping down the facility down to the bones and putting it back together again. Construction should be completed by June and the hope is that it will create over 100 new full-time jobs for Alaskans.

Date: 1/29

Time: 5:30 pm

Length: 30

Title: Noises from JBER

Local Headline #2: In local news, Anchorage residents can expect loud noises coming from the military base today, due to a training exercise.

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson will conduct the exercise between 7a – and 4pm, with lockdowns taking place on base, and loud announcements being made on the bases' outside PA system, all in response to a simulated situation of a suspect opening fire inside the offices of the base. A similar real-life situation took place at a VA clinic in El Paso, Texas, in which a former Army soldier shot and killed himself and a staff psychologist. The gates of the base will also close for about 5 minutes during the day, offering a minor disruption of traffic flow.

Date: 1/30

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Task Force developed to address crimes

Local Headline #2: In local news, with violent crime hitting Alaska's biggest city four days in a row, Anchorage Police say they are creating a temporary task force to combat and suppress those crimes. Four of the crimes were drug-related, and with APD suspecting a move in the drug world, they are targeting the streets, and plan on serving warrants "like crazy". So far only one person has been arrested in connection with the recent crimes.

Date: 2/3

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: ASD Budget

Local Headline #1: In local news, The Anchorage School district, for the first time in two years, has approved a budget that would not include cutting teacher positions. Monday, the ASD School board voted unanimously to advance the \$784 Million dollar budget that was placed before them by the School District administration last month. The budget now goes up for a second and final vote by the board on Feb 19,

where they will also hear public testimony and may introduce amendments to alter the budget before it goes to the Anchorage Assembly for final approval in March.

Date: 2/4

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: GCI takeover of ACS

Local Headline #1: In local news, GCI announced that it has finalized its' purchase of Alaska Communications' wireless arm for \$300 million. ACS had an estimated 109,000 customers as of September 2014, those will now become GCI customers. GCI plans on contacting those people notifying them that there will be no immediate changes to pricing or plans.

Date: 2/5

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Assembly passes on muni tax on alcohol

Local Headline #2: In local news, In a measure that needed 8 yes votes to pass, the Anchorage Assembly voted down a proposed municipal tax on alcohol sales. If passed, it would've been placed on the city ballot in April. The vote was 6-5. Assembly Chair Dick Traini originally proposed the measure with the intent that it would help solve Anchorage's

alcohol problem. The tax, likely at 5.5%, had potential to raise an additional \$7.3 million dollars annually.

Date: 2/13

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: AK Health Care

Did you sign up for the government-mandated health –care plan?

There are a lot of things Alaskans should know about that, but the more pressing thing now is that you have until Sunday to enroll, as that day is the last one of the open-enrollment period. Another thing to know is that this is the first year that the law will make an appearance on your federal income tax forms. How does that impact most Alaskans? If you have health insurance through your employer, Medicaid, Medicare, Veterans Affairs, or bought a plan outside the federal online marketplace, a simple check on your form will do, however, things are much more complicated if you bought healthcare through healthcare.gov. We have more on how this will affect Alaskans with a link to the article on our newspaper.

Date: 2/17

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Mayor pay hike?

Local Headline #1: In local news, the next mayor of Anchorage will be the beneficiary of a new pay hike. An Anchorage commission voted Thursday to increase the salary of the next Anchorage Mayor by 3%, to an annual salary of \$132,000, which is up from \$129,000. A Commission spokesman said the increase was meant to compensate for inflation. The last time they took action on the mayor's salary was in 2008, and it has stayed flat since 2011.

Date: 2/20

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Weather related warnings

Local Headline #2: In local news, with weather causing a boulder fall and accident on the Seward Highway yesterday, another weather related warning has been posted for the Turnagain Pass area this weekend. With rain and strong winds forecast for the weekend, it could trigger dangerous avalanche conditions there. The risk was considerable for areas at or above 2,000 feet, while mid mountain conditions were moderate. Rain is scheduled for most of the weekend, increasing risk of an avalanche.

Date: 2/23

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: lack of snow, budget surplus

Local Headline #2: In local news, with the lack of snow this year comes a some good news.. a budget surplus. Officials say the city has saved roughly one million dollars on snow removal and related public works services in 2014. A warmer winter means more maintenance issues can

be easily chipped away at, including pothole, roadway and guardrail repairs. So far, this year has been the 2nd least snowy winter on record, and the warmest winter in nearly 11 years.

Date: 2/24

Time: 6a, 7a, 8a, 5pm

Length: 30

Title: AK Minimum wage increase

Local Headline #1: In local news, Alaska's minimum wage increased today as per a voter initiative that was approved by voters during the November election. The minimum wage increased to \$8.75 per hour from 7.75 per hour. A second increase to \$9.75 per hour, will take place in January. The State Labor Department says about 2 percent of Alaskan jobs pay minimum wage, about 6500 jobs.

Date: 3/4/15

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Fairview area liquor store closure?

Local Headline #2: In local news, neighbors and Assembly members have increased their efforts to shut down a neighborhood liquor store in the Fairview area of Anchorage. The establishment, Spirits of Alaska Liquor store is under fire due to the fact, according to the protestors and neighborhood leaders, that it contributes to the problem of street

alcoholics and drug dealers in the area. Leaders are making moves to protest their liquor license or revoke their existing conditional use permit, either way, the goal is to shut them down so that “the hard core drunks that trash the neighborhood” can be dealt with and residents there can feel safe walking in their own neighborhood.

Date: 3/5

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: People Mover news

Local Headline #2: In local news, The Anchorage People Mover public bus transportation system has reversed a decision affecting bus service to the Spenard Neighborhood and north of Eagle River. The original plan was to reduce service to those areas, and as of Wednesday, the decision was reversed by officials, after hearing testimonies from people who live in those communities. To help increase ridership in one of those areas, People Mover says they plan to escalate marketing plans so that the issue of reductions won't need to come up again.

Date: 3/6

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Weather related

Local Headline #1: In local news, it was a rainy and unusually warm February in south central, but now March will follow the saying “in like a lion” with a winter weather front moving through this weekend. A winter weather advisory is posted for the Anchorage Bowl and Mat-Su Valley for the hillside and Talkeetna mountains – with up to 10 inches of snow – while in lower regions well see 2-3 inches. Full details of skywatch weather is coming up. In other news, our state’s Capital woke up at 11:48pm to the tune of a 3.7 magnitude earthquake Thursday night. It was centered 102 miles northwest of Juneau, and there were no reports of damage.

Date: 3/12

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: PAC Formed to stand behind Demboski

Local Headline #2: In local news, a conservative group in the Mat-Su Valley has formed a super-PAC, in support of Anchorage Mayoral candidate Amy Dembowski. The group, known as the Alaska Republican Assembly, an organization based in Palmer, says it supports smaller government and lower taxes, while standing against same-sex marriage, and has lent their endorsement to Dembowski earlier this year. Now this group is responsible for recently forming a Super PAC to raise funds to support her campaign for mayor. A recent social media post from the group has stated “Amy will protect first amendment rights. .. she WILL veto any homosexual ordinance.”

Date: 3/13

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Police arrest for cell phone usage, Message for drivers related to story

Local Headline #1: In other local news, Alaska State Troopers issued a misdemeanor citation to a Wasilla driver for using facetime while driving. Troopers made a traffic stop on 23-year old Shannon Sullivan while she was on the Parks Highway, observed by officers to be operating a screen device. It was later revealed after an investigation that she was using her face time app, one that allows a video chat with another person. Troopers released her at the scene, but she was then summoned to appear in court to face charges of operating a screen device while driving. And by the way, CBI Media reminds you, that for the safety of yourself, and others, please put your mobile devices down and in silent mode while driving so you can drive without distractions.

Date: 3/18

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Avalanche danger

Local Headline #1: In local news, with nearly two feet of fresh snow along the Turnagain Pass, officials with the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center are offering up caution for those wanting to traverse the backcountry. Conditions are dangerous right now, due to a lot of snow falling in a short amount of time, causing the snow to pack on the ground in ways that make it more prone to large and dangerous avalanches.

Date: 3/19

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Hilltop to close early, lack of snow cited

Local Headline #1: In local news, after a dismal snowfall this winter, Hilltop Ski area has decided to close down early. CEO Steve Remme said the decision was made in part due to a misconception that ski season is over. Typically the resort ends their season the last weekend of March, but this year, the season will officially end of Hilltop on Sunday

Date: 3/24

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: ANC, Police union come to agreement

Local Headline #2: In local news, Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan's administration has come to a tentative deal on a new contract with the Police Union, and this coming four months after voters rejected the divisive re-write of the city's labor law – AO37. The new contract restructures the way police employees are paid and converts union members to the health care plan offered by the city – with a less generous benefits package. With the police employees paying more for health care, it will end up equating to a savings of over \$7.7 million dollars over the contracts 3-year term. The contract also includes a 1.5 percent raise in July, with more to follow. The new deal would still need approval from the Anchorage Assembly.

Date: 3/25

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: Weather – strong winds

Local Headline #1: In local news, strong winds are forecast for the Mat-Su Valley, prompting the National Weather Service to post a red flag warning. The alert is in effect from noon to 8pm today for strong winds up to 35 MPH, which combined with temps in the mid 40's and a drop of humidity, will increase the danger of imminent fires in the area. Local Fire Departments have been notified to be ready. As of press time, no burn restrictions are in effect.

Date: 3/26

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: ANC Assembly votes to approve ASD Budget

Local Headline #2: In local news, The Anchorage Assembly voted to approve a controversial budget for the Anchorage School District, one that includes funding for programs Governor Bill Walker has already written off of his budget. The controversy surrounds \$12 million dollars of the budget going towards funding for pre-K education and third grade literacy programs, because that money is part of \$33 million statewide that Governor Walker has already written out of the budget.

Date: 3/27

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: ANC Budget surplus revealed

Local Headline #2: In local news, good reports coming out for the city of Anchorage, as it was revealed recently that Alaska's biggest city now

has between 4 – 6 million dollars of budget surplus left from 2014. One of the major reasons for the surplus is the city's lack of snow this year. Mayor Sullivan also credits good budget management as another reason for the city's budget surplus.

Date: 3/30

Time: 5:30pm

Length: 30

Title: PFD sign up deadline

Local Headline #2: In local news, the deadline is approaching... tomorrow. If you want to partake in your share of our state's oil wealth, better get in your application for this year's PFD payout. Tomorrow will be your deadline to do so. Last year, eligible Alaskans received a payout of \$1884, a payment that is based on a five-year average of the fund's statutory net income. This year's payout is said to be at or around the same as last years.