



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TONIGHT! Thursday, June 10: Borough Assembly Meeting - New Air Quality Ordinance

6pm @ Borough Administrative Building (809 Pioneer Road). FNSB Mayor Hopkins introduces a new ordinance that establishes an Air Quality Control program. Visit www.northern.org to get more information on the ordinance and PM 2.5.

TONIGHT! Thursday, June 10: "Food, Inc."

7pm @ Schaible Auditorium, UAF. Free showing of documentary, released in 2006, that called attention to farming practices, such as feeding feedlot cattle waste from hog slaughterhouses, exploiting vulnerable populations with low paying and dangerous jobs, and using an advertising strategy that feed(s) off the young. After the 2001 release of his book, *Fast Food Nation*, Eric Schlosser became a lead spokesman for a new food movement: a turn away from fast food and mass-produced products in favor of more natural products and local food production. The movie is a continuation of ideas presented in the book. For more information, contact Erica Franich at 907-474-7588 or email elfranich@alaska.edu.



Saturday, June 12: Early registration deadline for the 1st Annual Weed Smackdown

Event will be on Saturday, June 26 from 10am - 1pm at the Tanana Lakes in South Fairbanks. Hosted by the Fairbanks Cooperative Weed Management Area along with other community partners, the Weed Smackdown is a competitive weed pull and there will be prizes and lunch for all participants! This event will be a fun way to help reduce invasive plant infestations in the borough's newest recreations area: Tanana Lakes in South Fairbanks. For more information visit <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/ParksandRecreation> under "upcoming events" or call Darcy at 474-5702.

Saturday, June 12: Fairbanks Rescue Mission Recycling Center



11am - 5pm @ 27th Ave off Cushman. Recycle newspaper, aluminum and cardboard. For more information, you may email Mary Walker at mary@akipl.org or click the link below:

[Click to learn more about Fairbanks Rescue Mission Recycling Center](#)

Saturday, June 12: Camp Habitat 20th Anniversary Celebration



12 - 4pm @ Creamer's Field (1300 College Road, Fairbanks). Alumni, campers, directors, staff, parents, and everyone is welcome! Hike, sing, and explore to get a taste of the "Camp Habitat Experience." Drinks and light refreshments served. Adults: \$10, Children 5-18: \$5, Children under 5: Free. Visit www.creamersfield.org for more information.

Sunday, June 13: TOTE Family Fun Fest

12 - 4pm @ the University of Alaska Museum of the North. Step into the big top tent on the museum's east lawn for fun filled day of activities and entertainment.

Activities:

- Dissect owl pellets
- Make an Aleut visor
- Investigate insects
- Create your own masterpiece
- Build a plant press
- Construct a fossil timeline
- Run a salmon migration obstacle course
- Learn Eskimo dances with the Pavva Inupiaq dancers
- Take your photo with the UAF mascot Bear



Admission is just \$3 per child!

Free parking available between the museum and UAF's Reichardt Building.
Call (907) 474-7505 for more information.

Tuesday, June 15: Free Summer Movies: *Alaska Far Away: The New Deal Pioneers of the Matanuska Colony*

7pm @ Schaible Auditorium (UAF campus). (2008) Directed by Paul Hill and Joan Juster. A little known element of FDR's New Deal allowed more than 200 struggling farm families the opportunity to be part of one of the last pioneer movements in the country: A massive move to the Alaska frontier. Learn about this controversial federally funded social experiment and the role the Matanuska Colony played in this fascinating element of Alaska's history. (91 minutes) <http://alaskafaraway.com/>

More information on free summer movies: <http://www.uaf.edu/summer/special-events/free-movie-nights/>

Wednesday & Thursday, June 16 & 17: Habitat Restoration Workshops

Day 1 (mostly inside) of this workshop will be in the classroom with presentations on various techniques for restoring riparian habitat including: construction materials, hydraulics, plant materials, and construction techniques. Case histories will be discussed in the afternoon, followed by a field trip to view projects in the area. Day 2 (outside) will involve the hands-on installation of a restoration project with workshop participants. Information on fish habitat, fish research and restoration techniques will be disseminated to the participants. Be prepared to be outside both days. The first day will mostly be inside and the second will be outside all day. Bring Hip or knee boots, Warm clothes: recommend layers, Rain gear, and Work gloves (leather is best). LUNCH: Please bring approximately \$25 to pay for lunch, which will cover both days. Lunch will be delivered on site. If you prefer please bring your lunch with you, but we would like to you to stay on site.

Registration is on a first come basis. These classes fill quickly and there is no cost for the class. To register contact: Amber Bethe at (907)267-2403 or email amber.bethe@alaska.gov.

Wednesday, June 16: Composting Workshop



@ Effie Kokrine School Garden. Calypso Farm and Ecology Center will provide step-by-step guidelines for successful home composting using a large, free-standing pile method. They will also cover the basic principles of making good compost using any method. Come prepared to get first-hand experience building compost. 3 hours. \$30 members/\$45 non-calypso members. [For more information visit the Calypso Farm and Ecology Center on the web](#), call (907) 451 0691 or email:

calypsoinformation@gmail.com

[More composting workshop dates!](#)

Wednesday, July 14 @ Hunter School Garden

Saturday, August 21 @ Woodriver School Garden

Wednesday, June 16: Discover Sustainable Alaska Lecture - Rich Seifert "Is Alaska Sustainable?"

7pm @ Schaible Auditorium, UAF. Free. Rich Seifert is a Fulbright scholar, UAF professor, and has been an Energy and Housing Specialist with Alaska Cooperative Extension Service for more than 30 years. He poses the question, *Is Alaska Sustainable?* He will consider the status of oil production and other resource limitations, including food security and Alaska's stance with regard to food import dependence. The lecture will cover what sustainability demands are and how the communities in Alaska are approaching this crucial issue. More info: <http://www.uaf.edu/summer/special-events/lectures/discovering-alaska/>

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Saturday, June 19: Golden Heart-Green Stewards BBQ, Potluck & Garage Sale

11:30am-1:30pm @ St Matthew's Church (1030 Second Avenue). Enjoy FREE locally grown BBQ (bring a side dish to share), peruse the garage sale (or donate an item) AND learn how YOU can help place Alaska and the nation on a stewardship path to greater energy efficiency, clean and local energy, less pollution and green jobs.

What: Community BBQ, potluck, fabulous conversation and garage sale (proceeds benefit St. Matthew's)

Why: Celebrate environmental stewardship in the Golden Heart City and be a part of the local and national communities calling for clean, sustainable and American energy.

Check it out on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=133469113332107>

Saturday, June 19: Summer Solstice Walk



10am - Noon (Walk begins at 10:15 am) @ Creamer's Field (1300 College Rd).

Enjoy a summer walk on the refuge trails to celebrate the changing of the seasons. Learn about local wildflowers, trees, and what the animals are doing during the summer. All events and programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. Donations are always welcome. For more info: http://www.fairnet.org/agencies/creamers/Events_Schedule.html

Saturday, June 19: 3rd Annual Dragonfly Day



10am - 4pm @ Creamer's Field (1300 College Rd). Enjoy a day of celebrating our colorful invertebrate flyers. Local entomologists and scientists will gather to educate the public about dragonflies and their kin and train visitors on how to properly collect and record data on these amazing insects. This event is co-sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. All events and programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. Donations are always welcome. For more info: http://www.fairnet.org/agencies/creamers/Events_Schedule.html

Tuesday, June 22: Community Energy Lecture Series "Wind Powering Alaska"

6 - 7:30pm @ The Blue Loon (2999 Parks Hwy). Find out more: <http://www.uaf.edu/acep/>



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Alaska Center for Energy and Power

Tuesday, June 22: Free Summer Movies: *The Governors, April 30, 1993*

7pm @ Schaible Auditorium (UAF campus). (1993) Presented by KUAC. On April 30, 1993, local public radio station KUAC brought together five of Alaska's governors — Keith Miller, Jay Hammond, Bill Sheffield, Steve Cowper and Walter Hickel — to discuss Alaska's future. Relive the weighty gathering, which brought these figures of Alaska's political history together to look at problems, economy and policy as Alaska prepared to move into the 21st century. (90 minutes)

More information on free summer movies: <http://www.uaf.edu/summer/special-events/free-movie-nights/>

Wednesday, June 23: Discover Sustainable Alaska Lecture - Larry Landry "Striving for a Sustainable Life in Interior Alaska"

7pm @ Schaible Auditorium, UAF. Free. Larry Landry, an environmental activist, will present the lecture *Striving for A Sustainable Life in Interior Alaska*, focusing on the need to "slow down and learn to live with less." Landry worked for the Northern Alaska Environmental Center from 1989-1996. Now semi-retired, he focuses on living a simple hands-on life with the hope of developing a harmonious relationship with the natural world. More info: <http://www.uaf.edu/summer/special-events/lectures/discovering-alaska/>

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Tuesday, June 29: Free Summer Movies: *Normal for Us: The Miller Twins*

7pm @ Schaible Auditorium (UAF campus). (2002) Directed by Eric Cain. Weaving home video and professional footage, this film is an expose of the "normal" lives of 14-year-old twins Mariya and Michelle Miller. Born with spinal muscular atrophy, the two were blessed with determined and committed parents who helped ensure their daughters would have the same opportunities as other children. With the help of custom wheelchairs, they now live a unique and active lifestyle that includes horses, dogs, livestock and frequent forays in the landscape of their Soldotna, Alaska home. (58 minutes) www.opb.org/programs/millertwins/

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COMING UP! Wednesday, June 30: Discover Sustainable Alaska Lecture - Pat Holloway, Katherine DiCristina and Jenny Day "Sustainability in Garden Systems"

7pm @ Schaible Auditorium, UAF. Free. **Pat Holloway**, director of the Georgeson Botanical Garden and professor in the UAF Natural Resources department, **Katherine DiCristina**, a research technician at Georgeson Botanical Gardens, and **Jenny Day**, landscape supervisor at UAF, will tackle the topic of *Sustainability in Garden Systems*. The trio will discuss companion planting, composting, integrated pest management and recycled art in a garden setting. More info: <http://www.uaf.edu/summer/special-events/lectures/discovering-alaska/>

Special Exhibit through Jan.8, 2011: "Then & Now: The Changing Arctic Landscape"



@ University of Alaska Museum of the North (907 Yukon Drive). This exhibition presents compelling, visual evidence of climate change in the North. By comparing early 20th Century photos with contemporary views from the same vantage points, visitors can see for themselves the nature and extent of changes to this remote landscape. Personal narratives complement the photos to help visitors understand what these changes mean for the world in which we live. More info: PH: (907)474-7505; E: museum@uaf.edu; and www.uaf.edu/museum

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