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Dear Friends and Neighbors:



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Kind regards,
Cathy

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ISER Forum on Ballot Measure 1

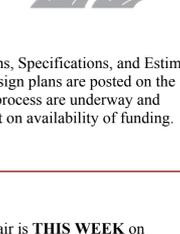
The Institute for Social and Economic Research held a forum on Monday, October 12, on Ballot Measure 1. If you missed this virtual forum, you can watch a recording at the link below.

[Click here to view a recording of the forum.](#)

Census Deadline Decisions

Last week, a panel of three appellate judges upheld a lower court order allowing the 2020 head count of every U.S. resident to continue through October.

The census determines how many congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets and how \$1.5 trillion in federal funding is distributed each year.



As of Tuesday, 99.7% of households nationwide had been counted, a figure that surpassed the completion rate in 2010, according to the Census Bureau.

[Click here if you have not yet been counted in the Census.](#) It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey. You can also see how Alaska compares with other states.

[Click here to read an article from Alaska Public Media.](#)
[Click here to read an article from the Associated Press.](#)

Alaska Economic Trends Magazine - October 2020

Alaska Economic *Trends* is a monthly magazine produced by the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development that covers a broad range of economic issues.

The October issue focuses on industry and occupational projections for Alaska, and gauging the economy.

[Click here to view the October 2020 Trends magazine.](#)



Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Blvd Fall Update

Starting October 13, survey and utility locate crews will be gathering additional information in the project corridor. Please slow down and use caution when driving around work crews operating near the roadway.



The project team recently completed the Review Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (also known as the 95% design plans) and current design plans are posted on the website. The right-of-way appraisal and acquisition process are underway and construction is anticipated to start in 2023, dependent on availability of funding.

[Click here to visit the project website.](#)

ADN Virtual Career Fair

The Anchorage Daily News (ADN) Virtual Career Fair is **THIS WEEK** on Wednesday and Thursday, **October 14 and 15**. You can participate from the comfort of your own home and connect with employers across the state.



Browse through companies currently hiring, submit resumes, and live chat with job recruiters. **This is a free opportunity!** All you have to do is get registered.

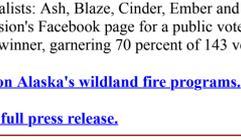
Job Postings and Resume Submission: October 14 & 15, 8am-5pm
Live Chat with Recruiters: October 14, 9am-12pm and October 15, 1pm-4pm

[Click here for more information and to sign up.](#)

South Anchorage Farmers Market Extended!

Stop by the extended Farmers Market Season at **Bell's Nursery Greenhouse** this **Saturday, October 17 from 10:00am-4:00pm** off of Specking Ave. Get all your fresh Alaska Grown food and support local!

Shop your favorite Alaska Grown SAFM vendors at Bell's Nursery in October!



SAFM Market Dates at Bell's Nursery:
Saturday, October 10th
Saturday, October 17th
Saturday, October 24th
Saturday, October 31st
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

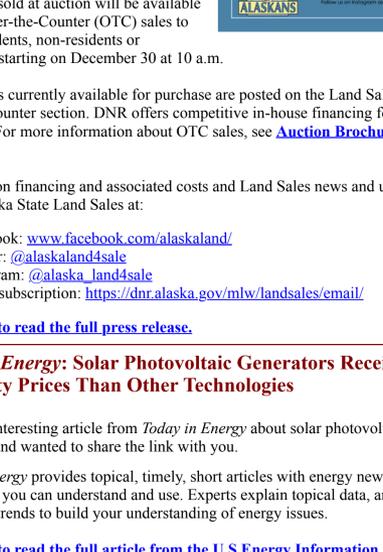
Market Season Extended!

Join your favorite South Anchorage Farmers Market Vendors for an extended Farmers Market Season at Bell's Nursery every Saturday from October 10-31st

from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: 13700 Specking Ave, Anchorage, AK

AFN Virtual Convention

As a reminder, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention will be held **this week on October 15-16**. The theme of the 2020 Convention is "Good Government, Alaskans Decide" and will be virtual.



[Click here to visit the AFN website.](#)

Spruce the Moose Is State Forestry's New Wildfire Prevention Mascot

The votes have been tallied and the winner is - **Spruce the Moose!**



That's the name of the Alaska Division of Forestry's new wildland fire prevention mascot as decided by a recent public vote. Spruce will be the official "spokesmoose" of DOF's "Take Time to LEARN Before You Burn" campaign, aimed at reducing the number of human-caused wildfires in wildland-urban interfaces by 10 percent annually in Alaska.

The "Take Time to Learn Before You Burn" campaign was created by House Bill 355 in 2018, which also directed updates to state wildland fire protection laws including new penalties for burning offenses committed on state, municipal, and private lands in Alaska. The new wildland fire statutes and regulations took effect in June 2019.

The division received over 500 emails suggesting 360 different names during a more than two-month long submission period that ended Sept. 1. After they were whittled down to the 14 most popular and original names, a vote by division staff narrowed the list down to five finalists: Ash, Blaze, Cinder, Ember and Spruce. The finalists were posted on the division's Facebook page for a public vote through email. Spruce was the overwhelming winner, garnering 70 percent of 143 votes received.

[Click here for details on Alaska's wildland fire programs.](#)

[Click here to read the full press release.](#)

Alaskans Invited to Bid on 110 State Land Parcels In Fall Auction

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is inviting Alaskans interested in owning a piece of the Last Frontier to participate in the Fall 2020 Alaska State Land Auction, Offering #491, which includes 110 road-accessible and remote parcels throughout the state.



Alaska residents may submit sealed bids in person, by mail, or online **between October 7 and December 2 at 4:30 p.m.**

Apparent high bids will be announced December 16. Bidders may purchase up to two parcels. [Free auction brochures](#) can be downloaded from the DNR Land Sales website.

Parcels not sold at auction will be available through Over-the-Counter (OTC) sales to Alaska residents, non-residents or businesses, starting on December 30 at 10 a.m.

OTC parcels currently available for purchase are posted on the Land Sales website's Over-the-Counter section. DNR offers competitive in-house financing for land purchases. For more information about OTC sales, see [Auction Brochure #491](#), page 23.

For details on financing and associated costs and Land Sales news and updates, follow Alaska State Land Sales at:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/alaskaland/
- Twitter: [@alaskaland4sale](https://twitter.com/alaskaland4sale)
- Instagram: [@alaska_land4sale](https://www.instagram.com/alaska_land4sale)
- Email subscription: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/email/>

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Today in Energy: Solar Photovoltaic Generators Receive Higher Electricity Prices Than Other Technologies

I read this interesting article from *Today in Energy* about solar photovoltaic generators and wanted to share the link with you.

Today in Energy provides topical, timely, short articles with energy news and information you can understand and use. Experts explain topical data, analysis, issues, and trends to build your understanding of energy issues.

[Click here to read the full article from the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Today in Energy.](#)

Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub

The Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub provides information, maps, and resources about the COVID-19 response.



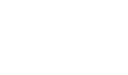
[Click here](#) to visit the hub and explore the latest COVID-19 data for Alaska.

It's a pleasure to serve and represent the wonderful people of District N!



I look forward to hearing your ideas, suggestions and comments.

[To email me, click here.](#)



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