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**218 EAST 23RD AVENUE
\$240,000**

3 Bedrooms | 1 Bath

1,092 apx. sf and 7,500 apx sf lot

Cute little ranch-style home in a super-convenient midtown location. Fenced backyard. Easy access to downtown, trails, shopping, public transportation.

For more info visit www.alaskarealestate.com and enter MLS #10-13856.

Directions: East on Fireweed from A Street. Turn left on Barrow, turn right on East 23rd Avenue.

Schools: North Star, Central, West

**637 GIROUX CIRCLE
\$360,000**

4 bedrooms | 2.5 baths | 2-car garage

2,491 apx sf and 10,983 apx sf lot

One bonus room above garage. Formal dining, spacious kitchen, yard is fenced on three sides. Home on cul-de-sac. Extra-wide driveway.

More information and photos at www.alaskarealestate.com. Enter MLS #10-14085.

Directions: South on C Street from Minnesota through Klatt roundabout. Turn left on Timberlane, left on Giroux.

Schools: Klatt, Goldenview, South



**ALASKANA DREAM HOME
1110 JEROME STREET
\$339,000**

3 bedrooms | 2 baths | 2-car detached garage

Wood siding, outdoor sauna, cork flooring, jetted tub

More info and pictures at www.alaskarealestate.com and enter AK MLS # 11-306.

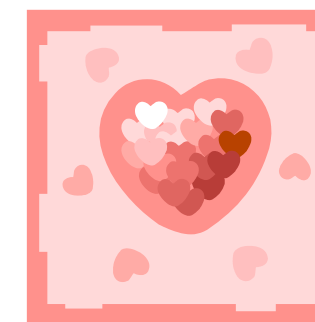
Directions: On O'Malley eastward from Lake Otis, turn right on Jerome. Home on right. Don't miss it among the mature spruce trees!

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Congratulations to the following sellers and dwellers:

- Matt
- Todd & Chantele
- Jason & Lisa
- Mike & Glenna



AROUND TOWN

Fur Rony, Feb. 25-Mar. 6, Events all over town

Iditarod Race Start, Sat, Mar 5, 10:00 am, 4th Avenue

ANCHORAGE 2011 ECONOMIC FORECAST

Larry and Paula attended the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation luncheon on January 26. Mayor Dan Sullivan spoke briefly, saying that property taxes were raised only half a percent. The keynote speaker was Peter Sheahan, author of *Flip: How to Turn Everything You Know on its Head and Succeed Beyond Your Wildest Imaginings* (William Morrow 2008). We heard a lot of good stories about innovative business practices from this dynamic speaker. He was great!

Highlights of the 2011 Economic Forecast

Our population surpassed 290,000 in 2009. Our migration growth resulted in a 2.4 percent economic gain compared to an average of 1.3 percent from 2000-2009. The likely explanation is that people were more hesitant to leave the relative economic bright spot of Anchorage, given the difficult job markets elsewhere, and people elsewhere who found themselves out of work were more likely to move to Anchorage. AEDC estimates that 2010 will be shown to have had similar dynamics.

Employment by Sectors

Oil & Gas fell by 100 jobs in 2010 and is forecasted to remain flat in 2011.

Leisure & Hospitality fell by 100 in 2010 and the forecast is to grow by 200 in 2011.

Health Care jobs increased by 500 and are forecasted to grow by 300 more in 2011.

Retail Trade did not change in 2010, but is forecasted to grow by 100 in 2011.

Transportation fell by 300 and the forecast is for it to grow by 300 this year.

Construction fell by 200 jobs and is forecasted to grow by 100 jobs in 2011.

Professional & Business Services lost 100 jobs with a forecast to gain 100 jobs.

Financial Activities stayed flat in 2010, but is forecasted to grow by 100 in 2011. 2011 is the first year that Financial Activities as a sector has been included in the AEDC Report. Its inclusion is because of its role in the recession and recovery.

Government jobs grew by 500 in 2010, however employment in this sector is forecasted to fall by 200 in 2011.

In Summary

Anchorage came close to avoiding the recession. The loss of 900 jobs in 2009 was significant, but relatively mild at 0.6 percent. 2010 surprisingly beat expectations by recovering much of the ground lost in the previous year. Anchorage's largest economic drivers (oil and gas, government, military, tourism, air cargo) are poised to produce stability or even modest growth in 2011. That will provide a positive economic climate for various support-sector industries like retail, health care, and transportation. Anchorage's dependence on the oil and gas industry, including its role as the major provider of state government revenue, was a substantial asset during a very difficult period for the country. The other key asset was the stability provided by government employment, including Anchorage's large military component.

AEDC's 2011 forecast is for growth of 1,100 jobs, an increase of 0.7 percent.

The employment data source is AK Dept of Labor & Workforce Development and the forecast was prepared for AEDC by McDowell Group.

6109 DEBARR ROAD #109

\$160,000



2 bedrooms | 2 baths | 1-car garage

Built in 2003. Apx 1,078 sf.

Dues: \$400 per month includes heat, insurance, refuse, water & sewer, snow removal, grounds maintenance, exterior maintenance.

First floor corner unit. Secure building, elevator access, nautical design, landscaped grounds with walking trail, great master suite with private bath, gas fireplace, deck, and lots of storage. Beautiful garden view from large round window. Overhead water sprinklers for added safety. Original owner has kept it clean and well-maintained.

For more info and pictures visit <http://www.alaskarealestate.com> and enter MLS #10-14077.

Thanks for your referrals!

"Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to."

~John Ed Pearce (1917-2006)



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RECIPE: JALAPEÑO BOATS

9 jalapeño peppers

8-oz. container spreadable herb and onion cream cheese

1/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1/4 cup sliced green onions

1/4 pound frozen small cooked shrimp

Cut jalapeños in half lengthwise and remove seeds. Place in an ungreased 15x10" baking pan.

In a small bowl, combine cream cheese, cheddar cheese and onions; spoon into the jalapeño halves. Top with shrimp. Bake at 400° for 18-22 minutes or until the jalapeños are tender. Yield: 1.5 dozen.

