



Greetings,

My name is Megan Murphy and I've been a year-round resident of Homer since 2004. I came up here with one backpack for what was supposed to be a three-month internship. However, within the first week of being here, I had never before felt so at ease in a place and wanted to stay longer. Turns out wherever you are, life can be difficult. I suppose this is why I eagerly listen to other people's stories and reasons for being here so to continually remind myself of my choice and gratitude for living here.

Homer is a web of relationships. The diversity of this web can be seen sitting at the Sav U More deli, the Gear Shed, visiting in the Post Office line, running around Karen Hornaday park, working in the Harbor, the boatyard, church, hanging out at Bishop's Beach, the fishing hole, KBay Caffé, Fritz Creek general store, and more. By exploring the connections of this web we strengthen them.

For the past 3 years, I have been the coordinator for MAPP – a grassroots, local coalition of 40+ organizations and community members that started in 2008 with the goal of improving community health (see MAPP brochure within for more info). Recently, a group of community members developed this packet to explore the questions: **“What connects us to this community? What connects us to others? What connects us to our selves?”**

We invite you to check out this packet in hopes to stimulate a conversation – be it in your own head, with a friend, or in a community forum. Through this discussion, we hope to be able to learn from and support one another.

Best,

Megan Murphy

MAPP Coordinator



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Well-being has many different parts. The broad and interrelated categories below offer different ways to find connection and support in Homer. Many of the resources listed provide

volunteer opportunities as well which is a great way to learn about and contribute to the community. This list is just a start - check out the websites below for additional opportunities.

CIVIC

Alaska State Troopers.....	235-8239
American Legion.....	235-8864
City of Homer/City Hall.....	235-8121
Elks Club.....	235-2127
Homer Police Department.....	235-3150
Homer Volunteer Fire Department.....	235-3155
Kachemak Bay Lions Club.....	235-1999
Legislative Information Office.....	235-7878
Rotary Clubs of Homer.....	Visit Pop411.org

COLLABORATIVES

Connecting Community Resources.....	235-0397
Green Dot.....	399-1848
Homer Climate Adaptation.....	226-4657
Homer Early Childhood Coalition.....	399-1567
Homer Safe Routes.....	235-2662
Kachemak Advocates for Recycling.....	399-9477
Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnerships (MAPP).....	235-0570
Resiliency Coalition.....	235-7712
Woodard Creek Coalition.....	435-3333

CULTURAL

Bunnell Street Arts Center.....	235-2662
Homer Council on the Arts.....	235-4288
Kenai Peninsula Orchestra.....	235-4899
Pier One Theatre.....	235-7333
Pratt Museum.....	235-8635

EDUCATIONAL

Big Brothers Big Sisters.....	235-8391
City of Homer Community Recreation.....	235-6090
Head Start.....	235-4322
Homer Public Library.....	235-3180
Kachemak Bay Campus (KBC).....	235-7743
KBC/GED/Adult Basic Education.....	235-1602
MASST/Senior Employment Program.....	907-776-7583
R.E.C. ROOM.....	235-3436
School Youth Homelessness Liaison.....	226-1890
Sprout Family Services.....	235-6044

EMOTIONAL

Alcoholics Anonymous.....	235-6822
Cook Inlet Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse (CICADA).....	235-8001
South Peninsula Behavioral Health Center (The Center).....	235-7701
South Peninsula Haven House.....	235-7712

ENVIRONMENTAL

Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.....	235-6546
Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies.....	235-6667
Cook Inlet Keeper.....	235-4068 x27
HoWL (Homer Outdoor Wilderness Leaders).....	399-4695
Kachemak Bay Research Reserve.....	235-4799
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust.....	235-5263
Sustainable Homer.....	299-4920

FINANCIAL

Homer Chamber of Commerce.....	235-7740
Homer Community Food Pantry.....	235-1968
Homer Foundation.....	235-0541
Homer Thrift.....	235-7712
Salvation Army Thrift Store.....	235-8923
WIC.....	235-5495

PHYSICAL

Homer Medical Clinic.....	235-8586
Homer Public Health Center.....	235-8857
Homer Senior Citizens Center.....	235-7655
Hospice of Homer.....	235-6899
Independent Living Center.....	235-7911
Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic.....	235-3436
Kachemak Bay Medical Clinic.....	235-7000
South Peninsula Hospital.....	235-8101
SVT Health and Wellness Center.....	226-2228

SPIRITUAL

Churches.....	Visit Pop411.org
Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program.....	299-4142
Many Rivers.....	435-7538

TRANSPORTATION

Discounted Taxi Fares (Through Independent Living Center).....	235-7911
Kachekab.....	235-1950
Kostas.....	399-8008
Ryder Transport- Accessible (Van Available).....	399-8888

WEBSITES

Local News & Events

Homer News.....	homernews.com
Homer Tribune.....	homertribune.com
KBBI.....	kbbi.org

Resources

Youth Resource Guide.....	homeryrg.org
Community Resource Guide.....	pop411.org