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MIND THE GAP

Planner Discusses Discrepancy Between Affordable Housing and Market Prices

JUNEAU – Alaska prides itself on “hands-off” government—but what happens when it applies this mentality to affordable housing?

According to Scott Ciambor, H&SS planner for the Alaska Mental Health Board/Advisory Board on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, this sets up a gap between affordable housing and actual market prices, which can, in turn, negatively impact the community’s ability to provide shelter for each of its residents.

Join Ciambor on March 28 at noon at the Alaska State Museum as he presents “Alaska’s Inadequate Housing Stock: Gaps that Impact the Homeless, Low-income, and Middle Class.” In this hour-long lecture, he will discuss the importance of monitoring and managing housing stock, as well as the health of the rental and single-family home market in Juneau, pinpointing current deficiencies and explaining how they negatively impact the homeless, low-income, and next generation of Juneau residents.

Scott Ciambor appears as part of a lecture series inspired by the current ASM exhibit “Out of the Rain,” focusing on the impact of homelessness in our community. In conjunction with the Juneau Homeless Coalition, the State Museum has been hosting a free lecture every Wednesday in March, featuring a different speaker each week. Admission to the lectures is free; visitors are invited to bring a bag lunch and encouraged to make a canned food donation to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. **Free admission to the exhibit that will run through April 21 is available to those who make a donation of canned food.** Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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