

KODIAK



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May 2008

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US COAST GUARD

Kodiak, Alaska

CGC MUNRO on patrol in the Bearing



Laura Kelly is a “city” engineer with the U.S. Coast Guard



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The U.S. Coast Guard base in Kodiak, AK is the largest in the U.S. Taking care of it is like running a small town, explains CE Laura Kelly. “We’re in the midst of upgrading all the underground utilities. I’m like a city engineer.”

Her job with the Coast Guard is in a multi-faceted design office. “We have a lot of former WWII Navy base infrastructure,” she explains.

She recently finished a major water/sewer project that goes under the major highway linking the base to the city of Kodiak and to the airport. “I reworked the entire design and located new utilities within legal easement boundaries,” she says. “We had subtenants who built over the sewer, so we can’t locate new lines in exactly the same place.”

Kelly is proud to be a governor’s appointee and vice chair on the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission. She’s initiated action to make sure the state’s schools are designed to withstand earthquakes. Thanks to her efforts, five schools are now scheduled for seismic retrofits.

Kelly always wanted to live in Alaska. She grew up in Wyoming, and was working as a staff engineer for Aqua Terra Consultants there when she and her husband decided to make the move. “He’s a teacher, so we knew we were flexible to move almost anywhere,” she says. He found a job at a school in Kodiak, and Kelly followed him with their six-week-old baby. “I stayed home for about six months after we moved but I put in applications,” she says. A job opened up with the Coast Guard and she applied and got it. She’s been with the Coast Guard since the beginning of 2000.

Kelly has her 1995 BSCE from the University of Utah, but CE wasn’t her first career choice. She began with a BA in American studies with a minor in physics from Smith College (Northampton, MA).

She interned at the Smithsonian Institute (Washington, DC) and was offered a job as an assistant researcher, but the country was in a recession, and she thought engineering would be a better field. “I wanted a job where I could earn a paycheck without having to live in a big city.”

Kelly says the transition from attending a women’s college to studying and working in a male-dominated field wasn’t difficult. “There’s at least one major advantage,” she says with a laugh. “I never have to wait in line at the restroom.”



For most of us who live in Kodiak the ownership and use of firearms is very common. Often we use or carry guns so frequently that our respect for safety may be taken for granted too much. DON'T LET IT BE! The NRA has three fundamental rules for firearm safety:

1. ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
2. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.
3. ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE.

A few short weeks ago, a young Coastie returning home from a four wheeling trip, and began to clean his Smith & Wesson 45 auto. The young Coastie extracted the magazine and pulled the pistol out of the holster. Although he was careful to not put his finger on the trigger, something else caught and depressed the trigger and the gun discharged a round into the floor. So what went wrong? First, he assumed! He assumed that since the weapon had not been cocked, chambered, or fired that day that the chamber was empty. Second he was careless and depended that the routine of removing it from the holster would not depress the trigger.

Guns alone are perfectly safe, PEOPLE make guns dangerous, use every precaution to improve your odds, always check and never assume anything, even when you may think you're a safe gun owner!

ESPC ROAD CLOSURES FOR SUMMER

There will be road construction throughout Lower Government Hill and on Polaris and Albatross Avenue from May 12th through June 27th. The following areas will experience disruptions during the following timeframes:

Polaris Avenue (in between the admin building and the softball field) will have active construction between May 12th and June 4th for the installation of a new steam line. This installation will also close the eastern parking lot of the admin building and the parking on the western side of the softball field. Parking for the softball field is available behind the gas station.

Polaris Avenue (between the clinic and the MEMQs) will have active construction between May 12th and June 9th for new steam line installation. This will result in a portion of the eastern clinic parking lot to be closed during construction.

The intersection of Polaris Ave and Eldred Rock Way will have active construction from June 16th through June 27th.

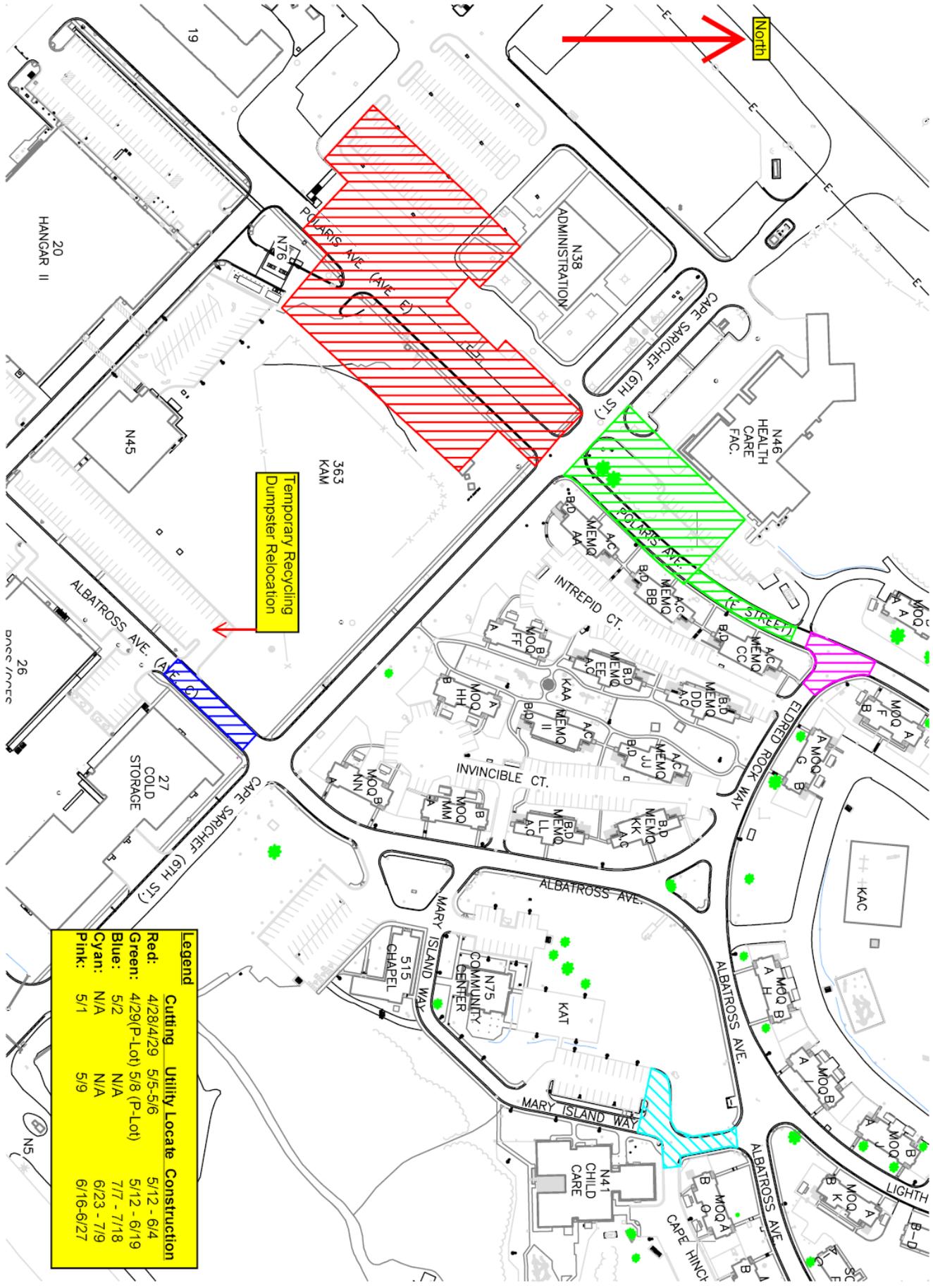
Cape Hichinbrook Alley and Mary Island Way will be closed from June 23rd to July 9th for steam line repairs. Facilities Engineering will work with housing to accommodate residents that will not be able to use the Cape Hichinbrook Alley parking during active construction. Also, the traffic flow to the Child Development Center will use Mary Island Way/Albatross Avenue intersection by the Chapel.

Albatross Avenue by the Eastern edge of the softball field will be closed from July 7th through July 18th for steam repairs.

The construction contractors will only close down roads when it is required to perform their work. Please use caution when transiting these areas and be aware that a road may be open one day and closed the next.

The recycling dumpsters that were located on the western edge of the softball field have been temporarily relocated to the eastern edge of the softball field.

For questions contact LT Eric Para at 487-5320x262 or eric.g.para@uscg.mil.



Legend	Cutting	Utility Locate	Construction
Red:	4/28/4/29	5/5-5/6	5/12 - 6/4
Green:	4/29(P-Lot)	5/8 (P-Lot)	5/12 - 6/19
Blue:	5/2	N/A	7/7 - 7/18
Cyan:	N/A	N/A	6/23 - 7/9
Pink:	5/1	5/9	6/16-6/27

ISC Kodiak - Teen Center Move

ISC Kodiak's MWR Branch will be moving teen center operations from its current location to the Northern Lights Recreational Facility (room currently called the "gym training room") during the last week of May. Teen Center operations (youth ages 10-17) at the new location will officially start on June 2 with a grand opening party to celebrate the onset of the summer school break and the centers' new location.

The new location features the same elements as the old (open space, kitchen, and multi-purpose use) but also allows incorporation of the gym facilities (basketball/racquetball courts, climbing wall, swimming pool) as additional activity options for the youth and MWR youth program staff. The new centers' close proximity to other activities such as the Pizza Parlor, DECA and Billiken Theater also make the new location a better fit for programming purposes.

The final disposition of the existing Community Center is still undetermined, but in the short term, MWR will open the facility up to general use with rental guidelines mirroring that of the Nemetz Gazebo.

For additional information on Youth Programs, please contact Brenda Cullen at 487-5271. For requests to use the Community Center after June 2, please contact the MWR Office at 487-5108; Monica will take your reservation.

KODIAK TEENS...ARE YOU READY TO DANCE?



COME AND JOIN KODIAKS HIP HOP TROUPE

FOR WHO: GIRLS 13 – 17

**WHERE: COAST GUARD BASE GYM IN THE
AEROBICS ROOM**

**TIME: THURSDAYS STARTING MAY 15 FROM 4 –
5 PM**



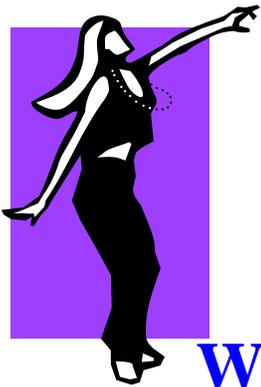
**WHAT TO WEAR: COMFORTABLE WORKOUT
CLOTHES AND TENNIS SHOES**

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Are You Interested In



Hip Hop Dancing?



Who? Teen Girls Ages 13-17

What? Learn The Art of Hip Hop

Where? Rec Center Aerobics Room

When? Thursday, May 1st @ 4:00 pm

How? Attend first class and check it out!

**Regular Classes to Start
May 15**

**For More Information and
To Guarantee a Spot,
Call Brenda @487-5271
or Kristin @487-5250.**

Class Size Is Limited!

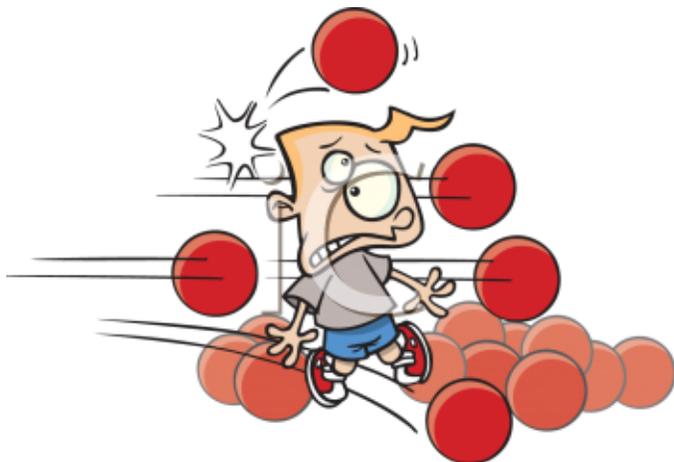
**MWR Eligible
Dependents Only!**

Free! Free! Free!

**Wear Tennis Shoes
and Comfy Clothes.**

Youth Activities

At the Gym



Dodge Ball
May 14th 4-5 pm
Ages 10 and up

Inner Tube Water Polo
May 29th 3-4 pm
Ages 10 and up



Rockin' Roller
Skate Night
May 30th 5:30-7:00 pm

All Activities for MWR eligible youth only.
For more information call 487-5250 or 5271.

Flag Football Registration

**MWR Eligible Youth Only
Boys and Girls Ages 9-13**



We need
coaches and
referees!
Please call
Brenda if you
can assist.
487-5271

Cost:
\$20 Per Child
Registration Deadline
May 31

Registration forms available at
Gear Issue and Teen Center

Skills/Draft Day
June 7

Practice and Games
Will Happen During Week

Season Will End Before
July 18

Registration Deadline May 31st

This new program being offered with assistance of BGCA and NFL Grant.



**ANNUAL PURCHASE LIMIT FOR SAVINGS BOND REDUCED TO
\$5,000:**

The annual limitation on purchases of United States Savings Bonds is \$5,000 per Social Security Number, effective January 1, 2008. The limit applies separately to Series EE and Series I savings bonds, and separately to bonds issued in paper or electronic form. Under the new rules, an individual can buy a maximum of \$5,000 worth of electronic and paper bonds of each series in a single calendar year, or a total of \$20,000, in single ownership form. If paper bonds are issued in co-ownership form, the limit applies to the first-named co-owner. All limits are based on the issue price of the securities. Members should be advised of this annual limit change. Our pay system will not track and stop bond allotments when the limit is reached for more information about the change in the purchase limit for savings bonds, contact the ISC Kodiak Admin office at (907) 487-5170 Ext 153, or visit the Treasury Department's frequently asked questions page at:



www.savingsbonds.gov/indiv/research/faq/annualpurchaselimitchangeqa.htm

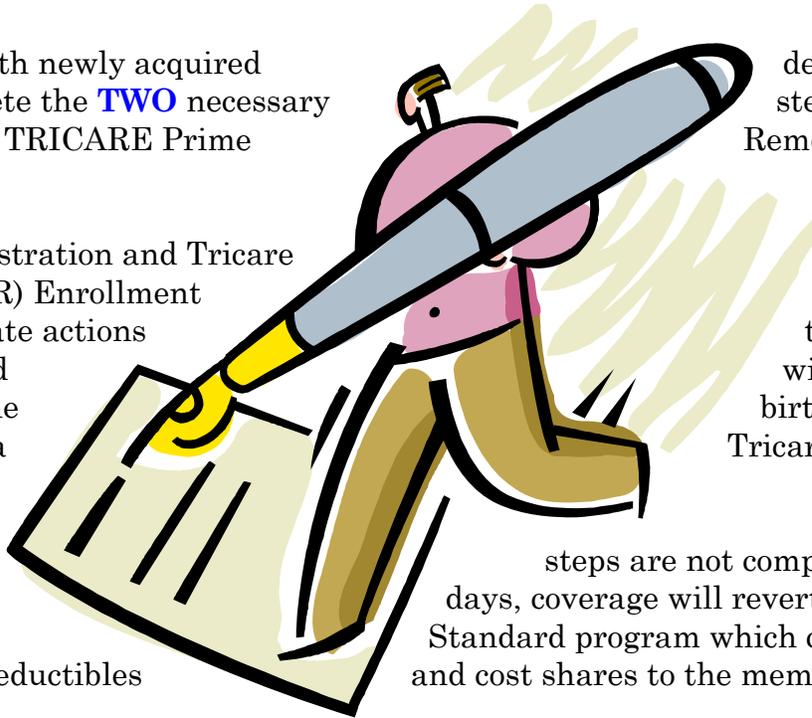
ENROLLING AN ELIGIBLE CHILD IN DEERS/TRICARE - A TWO STEP PROCESS:

Members with newly acquired dependents must complete the **TWO** necessary steps for Remote DEERS and TRICARE Prime Enrollment.

DEERS registration and Tricare Remote (TPR) Enrollment are **TWO** separate actions that must be completed within 60 days from the adoption of a child.

If both steps are not completed within 60 days, coverage will revert to the Standard program which carries additional deductibles and cost shares to the member.

DEERS enrollment is completed at the ISC Kodiak ID Card Office. Tricare Prime Enrollment is completed at ISC Kodiak Rockmore-King Clinic.



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For more information please call 1-888-TRIWEST.

SKILLSOFT TRAINING FOR SPOUSES **IT'S FREE**

Who can use this new program?

Spouses & Dependents of Active Duty & Reserve Personnel

What is SKILLSOFT?

It is an online training system previously available only to Coast Guard members that includes leadership, project management, computer applications, and other general courses as well as online books.



How can I sign up?

FROM ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS INTERNET. COAST GUARD SPOUSES CAN REQUEST A USER IDENTIFICATION (ID) ON THE INTERNET AT [HTTPS://LEARNING.USCG.MIL](https://learning.uscg.mil). HALFWAY DOWN THE PAGE, UNDER THE SKILLSOFT HEADING SELECT: IF YOU ARE A SPOUSE OF COAST GUARD EMPLOYEE "CLICK HERE" AND COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PAGE. SPOUSES WILL NEED THE ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION (EMPLID) NUMBER TO REQUEST A USER ID.

UPON VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY, A REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT TO THE REGISTERED SPOUSES E-MAIL ACCOUNT.

**Chief of Military
Police:**

**CWO Mark
Gilmore**



Assistant Chief:

**CPO Patrick
Haughey**

**Emergencies 487-5555 or 911
Non Emergencies 487 5266 ext 110**

Military Police/Fire Calls for Mar 2008:

Animal Control	4	Vehicle Accidents	4
Breach of Peace	1	DUI	1
Earthquake/Tsunami	1	Fire Alarms	5
HazMat Spill	5	Lockouts	7
Lost & Found	3	Medical Assist	1
MedEvac	7	911 Hangups	7
Noise Complaint	1	Suspicious Activity	4
Theft	1	Traffic Violations	30
Trouble Alarms	2	Unsecured Building	1
Vandalism	1	Vehicle/Personnel Assist	8

Here are some friendly reminders as we roll into summer:

Quiet Hours: Sun – Thurs 2200 – 0600

Fri & Sat 2300 – 0800 (Also on a day before a holiday)

It's easy to lose track of time with all that sunshine out there, but please be courteous and observe these days/hours for your surrounding neighbors.

Safety Helmets: If it's on wheels, the person operating it needs to wear a helmet.

Children not wearing protective gear, will be escorted home by MilPol, and a citation will be issued.

Motorcycles: When operating a motorcycle refer to COMDTINST 5100.47 CH 10 pages 10 & 11. Some of the Personal Protective Equipment required by this instruction are: **Bright** colored or **White** upper garments during the day. At night, OR in periods of low visibility (fog & rain), High visibility reflective or retro reflective vest, harnesses or strips on clothing should be used. Outer garments should be clearly visible and NOT covered. This pertains to all active duty and civilian employees who choose to ride on CG property. Dark outer garments; the blue foul weather jacket, a brown leather flying jacket, or coveralls should not be worn. **MilPol will strictly enforce the Instruction governing outerwear, and helmets. First Warnings and citations will be issued.**

Think "Safety First" and let's have a great summer!