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*Top: Safety Manager Chet Samuelson is properly protected as he participates in the railroad's Anchorage Clean-up efforts late April.*

*Bottom: Mechanical Supervisor Greg Wyatt cleans up in the Anchorage Rail Yard.*

*(photos by Bruce Gough)*

## SAFETY STATS: CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

***Tale of vigilance: fewer and less severe injuries + public campaign***

**T**he Alaska Railroad closed out 2015 with updated annual safety statistics telling a story of vigilance. Injury severity – in terms of resulting lost and restricted work days – continue to trend down. Days lost in 2015 was about half (53%) of days lost in 2014. Similarly, there were about one-third (38%) fewer injury-restricted days in 2015 compared to 2014.

Fewer and less severe injuries are mirrored in the railroad's Workman's Compensation numbers. Claims decreased 23% between 2014 and 2015. Fewer claims were coupled with a dramatic reduction in injury severity as illustrated by the cost of those claims. In 2014 claims expense was half of 2013 expense, and by 2015, claims cost one-fifth of the 2013 total. Underscoring the lower severity is the number of claims costing \$20,000 or more. These claims were cut by three-fourths from 2013 to 2015.

While statistics illustrate how safe operations translate to cost savings, safety sometimes requires investment. For example, the railroad focused considerable resources on community safety through a July-to-December public campaign. The reminder "See Tracks? Think Train" was spread via news media, public service announcements, in editorial columns, radio talk shows, and social media.

An even more robust campaign is planned for 2016, with the spread of important safety tips and information peaking during the summer months, when daily train traffic increases, and during early fall when hunting activity sometimes leads to dangerous trespassing.

As summer gets underway, the Alaska Railroad wants our neighbors, partners, customers and employees to stay safe along the tracks and around our trains. Our Operation Lifesaver program provides public track safety presentations for all ages. For more information, visit [AlaskaRailroad.com](http://AlaskaRailroad.com) > CORPORATE > Safety. ●



# RAILROAD SUPPORTS, THANKS SUPER STUDENTS

## Remarkable results: Anchorage school partnerships and Whittier student project

The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) participated in the Anchorage School District's (ASD) *Drive for Perfect Attendance* program for the first time this year. As a long-time ASD School Business Partnership supporter, ARRC presented round-trip rail tickets to four high school students who had 100% attendance for the 2015-2016 school year. Congratulations to student awardees Martin Mayo, West Anchorage High School; Vanessa Khoune, Dimond High School; Davin Turney, Service High School; and Nathalia Padua, Alternative Career Education with Adult Community Transition (ACE/ACT).

The Alaska Railroad adds a hearty congratulations to ASD teacher Mike Woods who was recently presented with ASD's 2016 *Spirit of Tomorrow Educator Award*. For a quarter century, through vocational training at the ASD King Career Center, Woods has forged partnerships with business and industry to help prepare high school students for work. As one of those partners, ARRC helped to establish the Tour Guide Program that results in about a dozen guide-ready applicants who find employment aboard summer passenger trains. Woods is a national Milken Award winner and runner-up for Alaska's State Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Mr. Woods on yet another well-deserved recognition!

One of the railroad's school business partners is Government Hill Elementary School, which sits perched on the hill overlooking the Anchorage Rail Yard. The school's PTA is serving hotdogs, chips and beverages during the 2016 *Railroad Days Open*

House on Saturday, May 7, at the Historic Depot on First Avenue. The food booth provides a key fund-raising event for the PTA as well as affordable food for open house attendees.

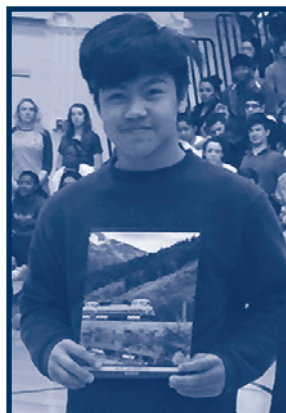
In Whittier, remarkable teen-aged students tackled a community beautification project by repainting the signs at the entrances to an underpass traversing the rail yard, and providing safe passage from Whittier's waterfront to the town. The Alaska Railroad installed the 300-foot 10-foot-diameter corrugated pipe tunnel in 2002. Over the years, the signs have weathered and faded. The painstaking color restoration project greatly improves sign visibility. ARRC's President & CEO and Chief Operating Officer visited the school to thank the students for their exemplary efforts. ●



ARRC CEO Bill O'Leary, second from right, and COO Doug Engebretson, pose with the sign restored by several older Whittier School students, pictured.



Vanessa Khoune



Martin Mayo



Nathalia Padua



Davin Turney



# "RAILROAD DAYS" OPEN HOUSE IN ANCHORAGE MAY 7

The public is invited to an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, at the Historic Depot on First Avenue. Enjoy free train rides, static equipment displays, balloons, kids tattoos, fun giveaways, drawings for free rail tickets and access to exclusive 2-for-1 rail travel coupons. Parking is free in lots across from the depot and

the Comfort Inn. Please come, and bring family and friends. We guarantee a great time at *Railroad Days 2016!* Questions? Visit [AlaskaRailroad.com](http://AlaskaRailroad.com) > CORPORATE > In the Community > Public Events ●

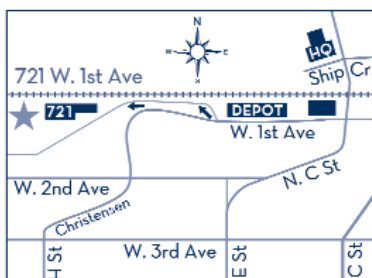


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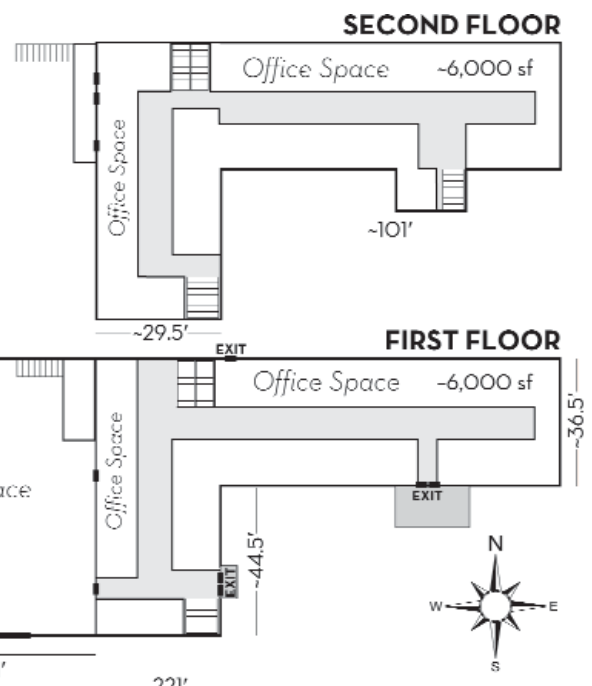
**Rare warehouse-office space combo for lease in lower downtown Anchorage**

**T**he Alaska Railroad Real Estate & Facilities Department is offering a rare building lease opportunity in lower downtown Anchorage. Organizations looking for warehouse and office space will find both at this facility that is conveniently located with direct railroad access

(721 W. 1st Avenue). Situated just one block from the Coastal Trail, the facility features 7,750 square feet of warehouse, 12,000+ square feet of office space, and ample free parking. For more information, contact ARRC Real Estate Director Andrew Donovan at (907) 265-2325 or email [DonovanA@akrr.com](mailto:DonovanA@akrr.com). ●



**The building has ready rail access.**



**The facility features generous office and warehouse space in a downtown location.**



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## LOCAL TALENT TO MANAGE SEWARD DOCKS, LAND

### Christy Terry promoted to Port Manager; Lynn Hettick hired to assist

**T**he Alaska Railroad has a new dynamic duo to serve real estate customers in Seward. In April, Lynn Hettick was named Assistant Port Manager to help recently-promoted Port Manager Christy Terry in managing operations, maintenance, use and marketing of railroad docks, land and other assets.

**Christy Terry** was named Port Manager to replace Louis Bencardino who retired in January 2016. She was previously Seward Dock Operations Manager since 2010. Terry moved to Alaska in 1991 to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1995. She is a Certified Port Executive through the International Association of Maritime and Port Executives. Before joining the railroad, she worked for the City of Seward as its Community Development Director. In 2015, Terry concluded a second 2-year term



**Christy Terry**



**Lynn Hettick**

on the Seward City Council. In 2012, she was named an *Alaska Journal of Commerce* "Top 40 Under 40" award winner. Christy is married to Von Terry. They have six children ranging in age from 8 to 21. The family has lived in Seward since 1999.

**Lynn Hettick** was born and raised in Seward, until 4th grade, when her family moved to Anchorage. She returned to Seward in 1993 to help her father Joseph Stanton to run his mobile home / RV park business. Lynn and husband David bought the business in February 1999. In 2009, Hettick enrolled in Kaplan University to study business administration. She graduated with an associate's degree in 2010 and a bachelor's degree in 2012. By 2014, she had earned a master's degree in business administration, with a focus on logistics and supply chain management through Colorado Technical University. Most recently, Hettick served as a camp manager and a barge loadmaster on Alaska's North Slope. The Hetticks have nine children ranging in age from 11 to 31. ●