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HOUSING PROJECTS ACROSS THE BOROUGH RUN THE GAMUT FROM ACCESSORY APARTMENTS TO HOMELESS HOUSING. The City and Borough's Assembly now has numerous projects that have been launched simultaneously to address the housing "crisis" identified by the CBJ in 2013. A new program is being launched to offer owners of single family dwellings \$5,000 grants to encourage them to build accessory apartments into their existing homes. Meanwhile, Lemon Creek is the site of a new collaborative effort involving the Mental Health Trust, Tlingit Haida Housing, the CBJ, Housing First, and others to build a "wet" hotel style facility for the homeless off Shaune Drive. At the same time, more Tax credit housing developments are underway in West Juneau and the Airport area, making "market rate" housing developments a decidedly smaller part of the solution to provide more housing locally.

THE AUKE BAY PLAN GAINS FOCUS WITH CBJ SPONSORED CHARENTTES—The CBJ and a team of local Architect firms has launched a public process in the form of several "charrettes"—public discussions of the visions of a new town center in auke bay. The concepts, that were initially created by the Auke Bay Planning Committee, a volunteer group, were shared with several local Architectural firms and the CBJ. The Charettes, (a French term that describes a collaborative problem solving process) will now take a visual form, and allow citizens to see what Auke Bay might look like in the future. Once approved by the CBJ assembly, the Auke Bay plan may actually be memorialized in the code, which will drive specific values and requirements for new projects and construction specifications in that area.

THE CBJ PLANS A FALL OPENING FOR THE NEW MENDENHALL LIBRARY. With over 20,000 square feet of library space, the New mendenhall library will be dedicated this Fall. At a cost of over \$12 Million, the library will replace rental space in the Mendenhall Mall, which has been used for the valley library for more than a decade. Project proponents have long argued that with over \$1 million in local donations and construction support participation from the CBJ and the State, the library will become a "gateway" to Dimond Park, the current home of several recreational venues, and Thunder Mountain High School. The facility will feature East and southern facing glass walls. It is LEED certified which is the top standard for energy efficiency.

THE GOLDBELT HOTEL SELLS TO THE SAME OWNERSHIP GROUP THAT OWNS THE BARANOF HOTEL. We represented the new owners in the purchase of the Goldbelt Hotel in Downtown Juneau. With over 100 rooms, the Hotel has long enjoyed its position as "Juneau's only Waterfront Hotel." The private ownership group, which is based in Reno, Nevada, considers the acquisition to be a natural extension of their acquisition of the Baranof Hotel, which was completed several years ago. The Company owns nearly two dozen other properties in Alaska, the Northwest, the Yukon and British Columbia.

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