

# North to the Future: Keeping us from heading south

Alaska Common Ground and Nerd Nite explored Alaska's Future Economy, Tuesdays, 7-9 pm at the [49th State Brewing Company](#).

## **AK LNG: Pipeline or pipedream?**

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm, free admission

49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company, 717 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Anchorage

- Cliff Groh, Chair of Alaska Common Ground and UAA Adjunct Professor
- John Hendrix, Chief Oil and Gas Advisor to the Governor
- Larry Persily, former Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects
- Eric Wohlforth, Bond Counsel and former Alaska Commissioner of Revenue

## **Bud, Brew, and Beer: The emergence of marijuana, coffee, and beer industries in Alaska**

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm, free admission

49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company, 717 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Anchorage

- Jason Brandeis, UAA Professor – Marijuana industry
- Jon White, owner of SteamDot – coffee industry
- Ryan Makinster, Executive Director Brewers Guild of Alaska – beer industry

## **Reimagining our Place in the World:**

# **Transportation and a brighter Alaska**

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm, free admission

49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company, 717 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Anchorage

- Bill Popp, Anchorage Economic and Development Corporation
- John Parrot (ANC Airport Manager)
- Doug Berry (UPS Manager)

# **The Technological Frontier: New technology and the gig economy in Alaska**

Tuesday, November 1st, 7-9 pm, free admission

49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company, 717 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Anchorage

- Katherine Jernstrom, Cofounder + CEO, The Boardroom
- Jon Bittner, VP AEDC
- Elizabeth Pierce, CEO Quintillio
- Heather Handyside, GCI

# **Past the Election and through the Woods: Elected official fiscal forum discussion**

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm, free admission, suggested \$10 donation

49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company, 717 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Anchorage

The State of Alaska's deficit this year is more than two-thirds of the budget, and this is the fifth year in a row savings have financed the deficit. Those savings we have relied upon to finance the deficit look very likely to run out in less than two years. What is the plan to avoid having the budget airplane crash into the fiscal cliff?

[Handout describing the State of Alaska's Fiscal Circumstances.](#)

Participants included:

- Senate President Kevin Meyer
- Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
- Rep.-Elect Jennifer Johnston
- State Tax Division Director Ken Alper