

Brief Bios for Rabbit Creek Community Council Board Elections, November 9, 2023

We have 7 candidates and 7 vacant seats. Others can volunteer or be nominated at the mtg.

Tim Alderson:

My wife and I moved recently to the Rabbit Creek Council area (on the Old Seward above Potter Marsh), where I am keenly interested in the resurfacing of the Old Seward and as a recreation corridor; I'm also following the Safer Seward Hwy project. My broader interests include homelessness and housing. Professionally, I work in the mental health field.

For the prior 18 years, we lived in the Upper O'Malley area where I served on the LRSA as well as other Muni committees--the Hillside Roads, Drainage and Trails Steering Committee; and the Stormwater Utility Steering Committee. I've also worked with DOT on road issues.

Matthew Blakeslee

I am a proud native of Anchorage where I was born and raised. Throughout most of my life, I've called the Rabbit Creek area my home, where I continue to live with my wife and children. For the past two years, I've had the privilege of serving on the Rabbit Creek board. Professionally, I am an Engineering Geologist for a consulting company in Anchorage. My job provides opportunities to travel all over this wonderful state.

Lorena Edenfield

My husband and I moved to the Paradise Valley in 2021, but I've lived in Alaska since 2007. Though a relative newcomer to the Rabbit Creek area, I love to explore our trails and am excited about the opportunity to work with the RCCC on local issues.

I am heavily involved in producing the Gold Nugget Triathlon and other races locally, and have served on the Board of Directors for a non-profit in Fairbanks. Some of you may know me as an admin for the local Buy Nothing group. As an Environmental Protection Specialist for a regulatory agency, I am no stranger to committees, public meetings, and working with diverse groups of people. I look forward to using my skills and energy to work collaboratively with my neighbors.

Grace Johnston

I've lived in Alaska for 10 years and in Rabbit Creek for six. I've served on the Board of Best Beginnings and the Anchorage Parks and Rec Commission. Professionally I have engineering degrees and am a consultant in the energy industry; I served in the military for 10 years prior to coming to Alaska. My interest in serving the community is by seeking pragmatic solutions to benefit both our neighborhood and municipality.

Mike Kenny:

We've lived in the Rabbit Creek Council area for the past four decades. The quality of life that we have appreciated and wish to leave to future generations cannot be taken for granted. There are many serious challenges ahead.

I've served on the council board in several positions over the years. Currently I serve as the Council's representative for HALO as well as the Federation of Community Councils. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Board and respectfully ask for your vote in this election.

Nancy Pease

I'm familiar with every part of our community Council, from a lifetime of exploring all corners of it. My biggest contributions to the council are my willingness to read and analyze all of the planning documents and proposed ordinances, as well devoting hours researching, attending, meetings, and public outreach. I am interested in transportation, the pattern of land-use, zoning, strong neighborhoods, and trails.

Ann Rappoport

My family has lived in the Rabbit Creek area for 38 years, where we raised our children and have recreated in the great outdoors here. Over the years I have spoken up about neighborhood developments and roads and participated in the Hillside District Plan, and other public participation processes. For the last 5 years I have had the honor of serving as Co-chair for Rabbit Creek Community Council.

With your support I would like to finish our work to obtain a Neighborhood Gateway sign (at the bottom of Rabbit Cr Rd), move the Potter Marsh Watershed Park forward, and continue to bring other subdivision, trail, transportation, and housing issues to the public's attention.