



HALO Neighbors!

The Newsletter of Home And Land Owners Organization, Inc.
Spring 2017

Message from the President

Welcome to Spring!

With a “normal” winter behind us and spring in the air, it is time to once again get involved in our neighborhoods and community. A great way to start will be the HALO Annual Meeting on Thursday May 4th, at 7 pm. Remember that we meet at the Holy Spirit Retreat, corner of O’Malley Road and Hillside Drive. Not only will we have some interesting speakers including Mike Blakeslee of A+ Home Services discussing care of your septic system, but you will also have a chance to win one of our great door prizes.

Other issues we will soon be addressing is the possibility of a city-wide storm drainage utility. We already know of the drainage issues we face on Hillside, and we will work towards an area-wide solution. We will also be looking for ways to address solutions to the issues created in public access to Chugach Park.

With spring comes dandelions and road construction. Phase I of the O’Malley Road upgrades will start soon. See more road construction info in this Newsletter.

We will also be discussing some serious road issues that the winter snowfall created. With the State cutting funding for road maintenance and snow removal, a new system must be found to keep our roads safe and our families secure no matter what the weather throws at us. HALO will be working towards solutions with the affected neighborhoods.

Put it on your calendar now and join your neighbors at the meeting!

Rodney Powell, President
HALO, Inc.

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Spring Cleanup!

It's time for the annual Spring Cleanup! This year's cleanup days are April 29 through May 6, sponsored by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the Anchorage School District will be working alongside the community with the ASD "Super Sweeper" Program on Saturday, April 29. For more information on how we can all pitch in to make our community beautiful, go to:

<http://business.anchoragechamber.org/events/details/2017-citywide-cleanup-week-4064>

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AK DOT & PF 2017 Construction Update

Several Projects will be starting or continuing this summer in South Anchorage. Those Projects are:

1. Abbott Rd Rehabilitation Phase I: Lake Otis to Elmore – Start up should be in May with completion around the end of June 2017.
2. O'Malley Road Reconstruction Phase 1: Seward Highway to Livingston Street – Start up should be early May 2017 completion summer of 2018.
3. New Seward Hwy: Dimond to Dowling Reconstruction – Started Spring 2017 and should finish Summer/Fall of 2018.
4. New Seward Hwy, 92nd Avenue Connector Phase 1 – Completion Spring/Summer 2017
5. Klatt Road and Johns Road Intersection Improvements – Completion Summer/Fall 2017

Other projects that may affect your commute downtown:

1. C Street, Port Access to 40th Avenue Paving - Summer of 2017
2. Dowling Road: Old Seward Hwy to Lake Otis Pavement Preservation – Summer 2017

For more information and projects go to www.alaskannavigator.org.

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Who is HALO and What Do We Do?

The HALO Mission statement reads: "HALO's mission is advocacy through education and the advancement of issues related to living in the southeast area of the Municipality of Anchorage."

To Accomplish this Mission, HALO is committed:

1. To inquire into matters of interest in the Anchorage community, particularly within the area of interest within the Municipality of Anchorage on the Anchorage Hillside using boundaries established in the Bylaws by the Corporation's board of directors, to bring matters of community importance to the attention of the public, to appear and testify at public meetings on pending zoning, planning, subdivision and public works projects, and other actions of private persons or public organizations having an impact on the community life style, and in all of these activities to defend the community's unique heritage of a largely natural, pure and healthful environment.
2. To engage, without any obligation to do so, in cooperative community activities for the mutual benefit of home and land owners within the Anchorage Hillside, including community councils within such boundary.

3. To promote communication between the home and land owners within the Anchorage Hillside on one hand, and their municipal government on the other hand, in order that the people may know what their government proposes, and the government may know what the people desire.
4. To promote responsive government free of conflicts of interest.
5. To promote within the Anchorage Hillside the rural way of life in a community of low density settlement, in which the forest and water resources may be adequate to the people's needs, and the character of the community experience remain.
6. To promote public policies that favor the home and land owners, rather than the speculator; that will postpone or eliminate the need for expensive services and utilities by prevention of haphazard, inappropriate, and untimely development; and that will tend to place squarely upon the shoulders of the developer the entire cost to the community of his development.
7. To negotiate for the common interests and speak for the members on public issues.
8. To hold meetings of the members to discuss matters of common concern.
9. To meet and provide educational and scientific purposes and serve as a civic league or organization for the promotion of social welfare, education, science and good government in Anchorage, Alaska.
10. To provide any other purpose permitted non-profit corporations under the laws of Alaska and permitted to tax exempt corporations by the Internal Revenue Code.

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Join HALO

If you haven't already paid your dues this year, the Annual Meeting is a great opportunity. HALO is supported solely by membership dues and donations. Dues are just \$10 per year, and your participation ensures the future of this worthwhile organization.

Do you have a neighbor who should be involved in HALO? Forward this E-Newsletter to them, or bring them with you to the Annual Meeting!

If you can't attend the meeting, fill out and return this for your membership renewal:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

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