

Newsletter

Scenic Foothills Community Council

October 2016

End of Summer Updates:

Chugach Foothills Connector Trail

Phase 1 of the Chugach Foothills Connector trail was completed from Klutina Street in Chugach Foothills to Regal Mountain Drive; phase 2 is to connect the trail back to the Campbell Airstrip Road trail system.

Muldoon Town Square Park

Phase 1 construction has begun on the old Alaska Greenhouse site at Muldoon Road and DeBarr; phase 1 is to be completed fall 2017 with an ice ribbon for winter skating and an "all-inclusive" destination playground.

Muldoon Farmers Market

The happiest market in town wrapped its second successful season at Begich Middle School September 24 and received an Alaska Legislative Citation at the Spirit of Muldoon picnic for its "grass roots, all-volunteer effort to bring Alaska-grown farm produce and locally sourced goods to East Anchorage." The market is to move to Muldoon Town Square Park for its 2018 season.

Thursday, October 6, Scenic Foothills Community Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University, 7801 East 32nd Avenue (enter via Old Muldoon Road off 36th Avenue). Agenda: http://www.scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf> additional copies at the door.

Agenda Highlights

Call to Order 7:00 p.m. • Welcome • Minutes Approval

Legislative Candidates Forum:

- Candidates for Alaska State Senate District N (Cathy Giessel and Vince Beltrami) and Alaska State House District 27 (Lance Pruitt and Harry Crawford) have been invited to discuss their campaigns and be available for questions before departing to attend another candidates forum on the Anchorage Hillside.
- Postings on Nextdoor.com and comments *Alaska Dispatch News* indicate that the public has shown great concern for the state budget and other issues in the Legislature. This is our opportunity to meet candidates and ask questions or express opinions.

School Reports:

We'll have a representative from the Anchorage School Board (Bettye Davis) and from some area schools, including Adam W. Mokelke, Principal at Anchorage STrEaM Academy, the new charter middle school, that meets at Wayland Baptist University. STrEaM is an acronym for science, technology, research, engineering, arts, and math. "Anchorage STrEaM Academy empowers students to be involved learners, critical thinkers and engaged citizens who are inspired by the natural world" and is seeking a few more 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to meet its enrollment goals. http://www.anchoragestreamacademy.org

Anchorage Municipal Assembly Report:

Assemblymen Pete Petersen and Forrest Dunbar will update us on issues before the Assembly.

Public Comments and Neighborhood Concerns:

The Scenic Foothills Community Council strives to introduce the most important topics of concern to our neighborhoods. We rely on your input to help design our future meeting agendas. (Next meeting: Nov. 3.)

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

- Nextdoor.com is a free and private social network just for Scenic Foothills neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, information on missing pets, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better and safer. In January 2015, Scenic Foothills Community Council board members rather cautiously began an evaluation of Nextdoor.com as a way of interacting with more of our neighbors the folks next door. We now encourage your participation.
 Several smaller neighborhoods were combined into one Scenic Foothills neighborhood along our community council boundaries. Nextdoor.ScenicFoothills has since grown to more than 650 Nextdoor neighbors, more than the number on the SFCC e-mail list and with less than 25% overlap.
- More than 1/3 of our Nextdoor neighbors participated in the Capital Improvements Project survey last spring and many more have been active on park safety, bike trails, bear awareness and other neighborhood issues.



Nextdoor.com is an effective way to interact with more people who are actively involved in our neighborhood issues. If you are not already participating, we suggest you consider becoming a Nextdoor neighbor as a way of keeping up on neighborhood concerns, whether or not you choose to attend the SFCC meetings.
Please join us on Nextdoor Scenic Foothills to build ourselves a better neighborhood. We also suggest you consider turning off some of the e-mail and notifications options, especially if you are using a smartphone.
E-mail newsletters: send your e-mail address to sfcc@alaska.net to get the freshest news! Or use the contact form on the website: http://scenicfoothills.org/council/contact-form/

All committees are open for membership and support. Committee chair contact information posted on website.

Our Scenic Foothills website info is moving to an easier to read, mobile-friendly website – the legacy website remains to preserve historic information, including newsletters, minutes, etc. An updated Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) page can be found under the "Council" menu.

scenicfoothills.org (new site) • scenicfoothillscc.org • facebook.com/scenicfoothills

Our part of town—from the Tudor-Muldoon curve to the swerve onto the Glenn Highway—is named after Anchorage pioneer homesteader **Arnold L. Muldoon**. He put up a log cabin among the spruce trees near Northern Lights Boulevard in the winter of 1940. He packed the materials out on his back, along a muddy trail that became Muldoon Road. Arnold L. Muldoon Park, named in his honor, preserves a portion of his original homestead.

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