

Newsletter

## **Scenic Foothills Community Council**

May 2015

## Thursday, May 7, Scenic Foothills Community Council Meeting

7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University, 7801 East 32nd Avenue (enter via Old Muldoon Road off 36th Avenue). Meeting Agenda: <a href="http://www.scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf">http://www.scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf</a> – additional copies at the door.

## Spruce Up Muldoon!

Anchorage Citywide Cleanup week May 2-9, Anchorage Creek Cleanup May 9-16. Pick up orange trash bags from neighborhood schools 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 2 or Fred Meyer Customer Service desks or at our Chugach Foothills Park entrances. Return filled bags to participating schools by 2 p.m.; they will be picked up for free disposal. Cleanup of proposed Muldoon Town Square Park, Muldoon Road and DeBarr, will be noon-2 p.m. on May 9th. Park cars behind Samurai Sushi, walk upstream along the north side of Chester Creek a short distance to Boston Street to avoid the Chester Creek realignment construction area.

## Thursday, May 21, Muldoon Town Square Park Information Gathering Meeting

6 p.m. at Muldoon Boys & Girls Club, 1251 Muldoon Road; official park planning is to begin next fall.

# **Agenda Highlights**

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Anchorage School District Report: Anchorage School District Board liaison

Municipality of Anchorage Report: Assemblymen Paul Honeman and Pete Petersen

Legislative session and the State budget: Senator Cathy Giessel and Representative Lance Pruitt

#### **Bear Activity around Scenic Foothills:**

We have invited David Saalfeld or David Battle from Fish and Game to discuss bear activity in our vicinity. Brad Kilger from Alaska Waste will discuss use of bear-resistant trash cans in our neighborhood.

#### JBER Recreational Access:

Access to JBER for recreational purposes is restricted, but is allowed through its **iSportsman.net** program. Find out how this program works, how you can enroll and when you can access adjacent lands on JBER.

## Vandalism in our parks:

We have had significant vandalism in our neighborhood parks. Learn what we can do to thwart more of it.

#### **Anchorage Capital Improvement Projects – Introduction (annual survey to ascertain priorities)**

Our council must set priorities for next year's local funding requests for streets, drainage, parks, etc. Your input is requested by May 15. Please rank the Municipality's listed items in order of importance and suggest other projects if you think they are more urgently needed. This brief (3-question) Capital Improvement Projects Survey <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQRMN6H">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQRMN6H</a> will guide the SFCC board in setting funding priorities for the next fiscal year and beyond. Hard copies of the survey and items to be ranked <a href="https://scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/2015\_SFCC\_CIP\_info\_for\_survey.pdf">https://scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/2015\_SFCC\_CIP\_info\_for\_survey.pdf</a> at the meeting.

#### **Scenic Foothills Community Council Board Election:**

In this bylaws transition year, all seven board members will be elected and the board will choose its officers. If you have an interest in running for the SFCC board, please contact any member of the executive board.

## Nextdoor Scenic Foothills (a social media website for neighborhoods at nextdoor.com):

SFCC board members have been researching this free social media website for neighbors to see how it could help us share information among residents on neighborhood issues. A neighborhood matching Scenic Foothills Community Council boundaries formed and to date 235 Scenic Foothills residents have signed up. It has been beneficial in alerting neighbors about bear sightings and vandalism in Little Dipper and Chugach Foothills Park. It has proven effective in functioning much like a Neighborhood Watch group around Little Dipper Park and has helped neighbors cooperate on neighborhood trail issues. We encourage you to check it out for yourself. It's an easy way to get to know your neighbors in a great neighborhood.

Our Scenic Foothills website info is moving to an easier to read, mobile-friendly website; the old website will remain as an archive with historic information, including newsletters, minutes, etc.

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. You may have noticed some of "Arnie's Army" of volunteers planting and tending flowers and working to Spruce Up Muldoon and clean up around Scenic Foothills. Volunteers are always welcome to join in. There are volunteer opportunities in Scenic Foothills all year!

E-mail newsletters: send your e-mail address to newsletter@scenicfoothillscc.org to get the freshest news! All committees are open for membership and support. Please contact board members for more information.

Separation of church and state continues to be recognized while we take the opportunity to meet at Wayland Baptist University. If anyone is uncomfortable with this location please contact a board member. We thank the University for allowing us to use their auditorium.

The Municipality and the Federation of Community Councils complies with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and is an equal opportunity employer. Reasonable accommodations will be made available to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please contact Mark Butler, Community Councils Center 907-277-1977 no later than 10 days prior to the meeting date to make any necessary arrangements.

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