

Newsletter

## **Scenic Foothills Community Council**

September 2017

Thursday, September 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). Agenda: <a href="http://www.scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf">http://www.scenicfoothillscc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf</a>> additional copies at the door.

Muldoon Town Square Park gets official name: Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, Phase 2 funding

It's official! The Anchorage Assembly approved a name – Chanshtnu Muldoon Park – for our East Anchorage community park on July 25, 2017. Chanshtnu (pronounced CHANSH-nu), meaning "Grass Creek," is the Dena'ina Athabascan word for Chester Creek, which winds through the

park at 1301 Muldoon Road, on the old Alaska Greenhouse site. Phase 1, the frontage property

we call Muldoon Town Square, is under construction and is to be completed in October 2017. The U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service announced a grant of \$750,000 to the city toward development of Phase 2 of the park in mid-July. Phase 2 – including community gardens, a dog park and a bicycle pump track – is to be constructed in 2018.



#### Spirit of Muldoon picnic:

Everyone is invited to free 7th annual Spirit of Muldoon picnic, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 16th, at Creekside Park, 6th Avenue at Oklahoma Street. Next year in Chanshtnu-Muldoon Park!

#### Muldoon Farmers Market, season #3:

Our East Anchorage farmers market is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday through September 23 at Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive. The market is a non-profit community project by volunteers from Scenic Foothills, Northeast and Russian Jack Community Councils. Next year, the market will move to Muldoon Town Square in Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.

#### Pleasant Valley Subdivision Road and Drainage Improvements design phase continues:

- The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Project Management and Engineering Department (PM&E) presented information at a community meeting July 26th on the preliminary design phase to improve roads and drainage in Pleasant Valley Subdivision (between 32nd & 36th Avenue from Muldoon Road to Shamrock Street.) Improvements will include street reconstruction with curb and gutter, pedestrian facilities, piped storm drain and street lighting. Total cost est. \$15 million.
- **SFCC Board elected at annual meeting:** Officers for the coming year are Jamie Lang, President; Karen Bronga, Vice President; Melissa Morse, Secretary; Harry Crawford, Treasurer; Bill Miernyk, Public Observer; Jerrianne Lowther, Publicity Chairman; Roger Shaw, Past President.

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 1,080 Nextdoor neighbors (25% of households), far more than the number on the SFCC e-mail list and with less than 25% overlap.
Many 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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