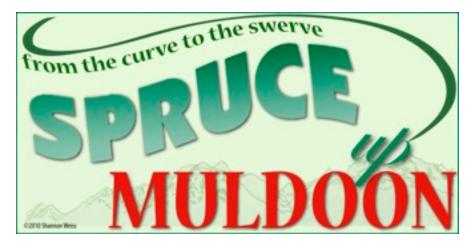


Newsletter

Scenic Foothills Community Council

June 2010



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. Seventy

years later, there's plenty to do around the old homestead. In 2010, "Arnie's Army" volunteers to Spruce Up Muldoon. Here are some ways you can participate. Visit our web site: <u>www.scenicfoothillscc.org</u>

Planting Day-Pioneer Drive and Chugach Foothills Park: June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

- We will add some colorful "annuals" to the median on Pioneer Drive, plant the barrels in Chugach Foothills Park, spruce up the planter on the Tudor Muldoon Curve and the flowers at Chugach Mountain Estates at Regal Mountain Drive. We'll do planting, watering and cleanup.
- We also have projects at 36th Avenue at Muldoon, including the rock garden by the pedestrian bridge and caring for perennials around the edges of the lot below. There's weed whacking and pulling along Muldoon Road and stray bits of litter that have accumulated since Cleanup Week.
 Wear bright colors for traffic safety. See our "Beauty Spots" page: www.scenicfoothillscc.org/neighborhood/beauty.html

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Volunteers are needed for Baxter Bog Park Trail Repair

- Responding to a notice of a trail problem from a neighbor in a condo near Baxter Bog, Roger Shaw took John Rodda, Parks Director for the Municipality of Anchorage to the section of the Alicia Iden Nature Trail that had started to erode. High water had crossed the trail, its movement steadily pushing aside some of the gravel until an open ditch was created.
- The park maintenance budget has been restricted because of budget cuts at the Municipality. To accomplish a trail fix quickly this year, the Municipality will provide the materials if our neighbors can establish a work party to complete minor trenching in the trail and installation of pipe to allow the water to flow under and across the trail.

Anyone interested in helping Roger with this work may contact him at <u>rshaw17@attglobal.net</u>.

- While walking on the trail, a culvert problem was found on the west side of the trail. This culvert can also be repaired in a similar fashion this year if we can create another work party to address this problem. Again, contact Roger if you can help.
- John Rodda was also notified that garbage cans that had previously been located along the bog trail were removed last year. He will see if they can be replaced with bear-proof cans.

Written Comments Are Needed by June 14, 2010

- Fort Richardson has proposed creation of a year around **live firing range** in the area adjacent to our Scenic Foothills neighborhoods. Artillery, including 120mm mortars and 105mm howitzers, would create significant noise impacts. Areas historically used for recreation, such as The Dome, right next to Chugach Foothills, and Snowhawk Valley, the next drainage over, could be closed to access.
- A special neighborhood meeting was held Thursday, May 20, to obtain information about the Army's proposals to expand the area and extend from winter months only to year-round the time for live artillery fire on Fort Richardson. The Army has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), required under the National Environmental Policy Act, which evaluates the potential impacts of these proposals.
- A short explanation of the alternatives is <u>here</u>. A downloadable PDF file of the Army's presentation is <u>here</u>. The entire draft Environmental Impact Statement is <u>here</u>.
- Although numerous comments were made during the meeting on May 20, these comments ARE NOT a part of the permanent record. Only WRITTEN comments are accepted as part of the Environmental Impact process.

Please forward written comments by June 14, 2010 to: Ms. Carrie McEnteer Directorate of Public Works Attn: IMPC-FWA-PWE (C. McEnteer) 1060 Gaffney Road #4500 Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-4500

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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 meeting room.

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.