

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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OCTOBER 2018 NOTICES:

- **October 3 — Airport Coffee with a Cop, 9:00-10:00 a.m., South Terminal Bag Claim #1 carousel.**
Join the ANC Airport Police for coffee and conversation; it's a great opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the Airport officers.
- **October 4 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **October 9 — Continued Public Hearing — Stream Setback Municipal Code Changes**
The Assembly held a public hearing on August 14th, which they will continue to October 9th, on proposed revisions to setbacks and other regulations for streams, creeks, and other waterbodies. *TCC provided comments and testified at the February 5th P&ZC public hearing as well as the August 14th Assembly hearing, and reaffirmed our comments at the TCC Sept. 6th meeting.*
To view draft Stream Setback Ordinance:
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=16583>
- **October 10 — APPLICATION DEADLINE — ASD School Board Seat A Vacancy.** Due to medical reasons, Bettye Davis has resigned from her seat on the Anchorage School Board. This seat must be filled within 30 days.
Application information for Anchorage School Board Seat A:
<https://www.asdk12.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceId=115&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=30614&PageID=1>
www.asdk12.org
- **October 11 — Last Day to Apply for November 6th Alaska General Election Absentee Ballot.**
Info: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov>
- **October 15 — Replacement Construction Begins at Westchester Lagoon South Bridge**
Construction to replace the bridge on the south side of Westchester Lagoon will start Oct. 15th. **A detour route from west to east will follow Turnagain Pkwy. to W. Northern Lights Blvd., then north on Forest Park Dr., then east on Hillcrest Dr. to the east side of the lagoon.** The viewing platform will extend 16 feet out into the lagoon, to give adequate separation between platform users and Coastal Trail users. *TCC provided input on design elements at our May 3rd TCC meeting and an update was provided at our September 6th meeting.*
Question?: Municipality Parks and Recreation Dept., 343-4355
- **October 18 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., date & location TBA.**
Info and to confirm: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **October 19 — Assembly Worksession on General Government Operating & Capital 2019 Budget, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room #830, 632 W. 6th Ave.**
Assembly will hold two public hearings on the 2019 Budget: **Oct. 23rd and Nov. 7th**

- **October 24 — West Anchorage Legislative Candidates Forum, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, Multi-purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** Hear West Anchorage State Senatorial Candidates (Seats I & K) and State Representative Candidates (Seats 18, 21, 22 & 23) discuss issues you care about! There will be an opportunity for public to ask questions. Event sponsored by North Star, Sand Lake, Spenard, Taku-Campbell & Turnagain Community Councils. *Enjoy refreshments at the event.*
For more info: Cathy Gleason, TCC President, 248-0442, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com
- **October 26 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Community Discussion Draft – Proposed Changes for Compatible-Scale Infill Housing in R-2 Zoned Title 21 Municipal Code.** The Municipal Planning Department is proposing to amend Code in the R-2 Zoning District, to allow for compacting housing, with neighborhood compatibility standards. Following review of this draft, a Public Hearing Draft will be released and the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing. *TCC Land Use Committee met with MOA Sr. Planner Tom Davis on Sept. 24th to discuss proposed Code changes. Now that the draft has been released, the committee will again meet to review and submit comments before the deadline. Consideration of comment ratification will take place at our Nov. 1st TCC general meeting.*
To view the proposed changes:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Documents/Anch2040%20Implementation/Anch2040-Compatible-scale_Infill_Housing%20Community_Discussion_Draft.pdf

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018 NOTICES:

- **November 1 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Proposed Addition of Onsite Marijuana Consumption to the Retail License.** The Marijuana Control Board is considering proposed regulation changes to 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with onsite marijuana consumption for retail establishments. The draft allows for outdoor consumption areas, if the board finds that compatible with neighborhood uses. Local governments, via ordinance or a ballot question, could bar onsite use or aspects of it, such as smoking. In August of this year, the Marijuana Control Board voted for a 60-day comment period and hearing on the proposed onsite consumption regulations. *TCC approved comments at our October 5 2017, meeting, which expressed concerns with the marijuana onsite consumption proposal; four TCC members also testified against the onsite consumption regulations at the Assembly hearing on Oct. 10th. TCC sent our comments to the Marijuana Control Board at that time as well.*
- **√OTE — November 6 — Alaska General Election.** Governor and legislative seats are on the ballot. *Please note: this is NOT a mail-in ballot process — you will need to go to your polling place to vote (or request an absentee ballot by October 22nd).*
Info: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov>
- **December 1 — APPLICATION DEADLINE — Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants.** The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development is announcing the availability of Community and Neighborhood Watch Grants for community and neighborhood watch group, and municipalities, to support and expand watch programs. A total of \$75,000 is available.
Info and request for application packet: Robert Person, Manager of Community Aid and Accountability, 907-465-5541 or CAA@alaska.gov

December 19 — PUBLIC HEARING — Proposed Addition of Onsite Marijuana Consumption to the Retail License, 1:00-4:00 p.m., 4805 Dr. MLK Jr. Ave.

To view the proposed regulations and comment & public hearing information:
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=191144>

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Spenard Beach Park/TCC Donation for Amenities**
As a follow up to TCC's donation to the Anchorage Park Foundation for amenities to Spenard Beach Park, the Parks Dept. will be meeting with interested parties some time this fall, to discuss possible projects.
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **Dempsey Anderson Ice Arena Exterior Painting Funds Approved — Project Yet to be Done**
 On May 8th, the Assembly approved a resolution (AR No. 2018-142) appropriating \$53,000 for exterior wall painting of the Dempsey Anderson Ice Arena, which is scheduled for this summer. Due to TCC Treasurer Gloria Manni's attention to this long-overdue maintenance project, TCC initiated the repainting project request in March. *Special thanks to Office of Economic & Community Development Director Christopher Schutte, and Office of Economic & Community Development Principal Administrative Officer Renee Stewart* for their efforts — as well as *to the Assembly for their support* of this upgrade to a popular and highly-visible recreational facility in Turnagain. *As of October 2nd, the painting project has yet to be done.*
- **Alaska Railroad Bridge Over W. Northern Lights Graffiti Removal**
Many thanks to MOA Public Works for doing interim work to cover graffiti on the highly visible AKRR bridge in Turnagain! The lighter coat of paint applied this spring will be followed up next year with a more extensive effort (based on funding availability), including full sandblasting and a thicker layer of paint on both the bridge and retaining walls. Graffiti sealant will also be applied.
- **Anchorage Airport Communications Plan Update Released**
 The Airport has released its update to the Airport Communications Plan. This Plan establishes guidelines for effective two-way communication between the Airport and the community — including the three adjacent community councils.
To view the plan: anchorageairport.com
For Info: Teri Lindseth, teri.lindseth@alaska.gov, 266-2544.
- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**
 Project involves rehabilitating and widening RW 15/33 and update taxiway geometry to meet FAA standards through the summers of 2018 and 2019. The runway will be reopened full-length the beginning of October, and operations and noise levels will return to normal for the winter months. 2019 summer construction will require all aircraft to utilize the east-west runways.
 For project updates and to submit comments: www.anc15-33.com
- **Lake Hood Taxiway V Reconstruction:**
 Project will reconstruct Taxiway V for Airplane Design Group 1 and Taxiway Design Group 2. Improvements include upgrading the taxiway structural section, replacing and upgrading taxiway lighting, markings and signs, repairing/replacing storm drainage, and adjusting conflicting utilities, as needed. **CONSTRUCTION IS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION BY MIDDLE OF OCTOBER.** Various detour routes will be provided throughout the project to accommodate vehicle and aircraft traffic.
- **Fish Creek Trail Connection — Northwood Dr. to Spenard Rd.**
 A new, 1.7-mile paved trail and a pedestrian bridge over Fish Creek, connecting Spenard Rd. and Northwood Dr. has been installed this summer.
Info: Brook Blessing, MOA Project Administrator, 343-8387, [Blessing BR@muni.org](mailto:BlessingBR@muni.org), Russell Oswald, P.E., MOA Project Manager, 343-8196, OswaldRH@muni.org.
- **Point Woronzof AWWU Beach Tower Erosion Control Project Completed**
 In August, the project to place boulders around the AWWU tower on the mudflats at Point Woronzof was completed. A pathway was included, so allow for pedestrian access on the beach through this area.
- **Turnagain Blvd. Rehabilitation Near Completion**
 Improvements to Turnagain Blvd. were the number one TCC CIP roads & drainage project for many years and the project is very close to completion. Project included repaving, curb and gutter, trail along Fish Creek Park, landscaping and other amenities.
- **Pedestrian Pathways Between Neighborhood and West/Romig Campus Rehabilitated**
 Repaving of two important pathways off Arlington and Belmont Drs. and the school campus was completed in August — just in time for the start of the fall school schedule. TCC and the Safe Routes to Schools Committee advocated for the rehabilitation of these pathways, which had degraded and had become a safety hazard over the last several years.

- **2018 Traffic Calming Projects in Turnagain**

Traffic calming features were installed this summer at:

- **33rd Ave. between Wisconsin St. and Turnagain St.**
- **McKenzie Dr. between Andree Dr. and Milky Way Dr.**

A traditional speed hump was installed on 33rd Ave. But a 'speed cushion' was placed on McKenzie. The speed cushions is longer, with a flat top, and provide gaps to allow emergency vehicle wheels to travel through them.

- **Accessory Dwelling Units Municipal Code Title 21 Amendments**

On June 12th, the Assembly voted to allow larger and detached ADUs on residential lots, including single-family lots, allow on-street resident parking, and reduce lot setbacks and design standards, to expand the supply of residential rental units in Anchorage. *At our October 5 2017, meeting, TCC approved comments that expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendments, which were sent to the P&ZC and the Assembly (see TCC website for comment letter). TCC approved two additional recommendations at our February 1st meeting. President Cathy Gleason also testified at the Assembly hearing.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **ASSEMBLY PASSES PLASTIC BAG BAN!**

On August 28th, the Anchorage Assembly voted to entirely ban disposable plastic shopping bags of any thickness from local retail stores. The goal is to reduce litter and encourage consumers to bring their own reusable bags to the store. The ban does not apply to smaller plastic bags used for produce, meat, bulk foods, etc. Retailers will be required to charge a fee of up to 50 cents for handing out paper bags to shoppers. **The ban will be put into effect March 1, 2019.**

- **DRONE "KNOW BEFORE YOU FLY" INFORMATION**

"Know Before You Fly" is an educational campaign that provides prospective drone users with information and guidance they need to fly safely and responsibly provided by FAA.

For Info.: https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/

- **AMERICAN RED CROSS OF ALASKA INSTALLING FREE SMOKE ALARMS**

The American Red Cross of Alaska, along with local fire departments, businesses and community groups, are installing more than 2,000 smoke alarms by June 31st, to promote home fire safety. Teams of trained Red Cross volunteers are conducting in-person home visits to install FREE 10-year lithium battery alarms upon request as well as provide home fire safety information and fire escape plans.

Families can contact the American Red Cross at: 646-5408 to schedule an appointment. Leave a message with your name and phone number, or email: smokealarm@redcross.org.

- **CALL 3-1-1 TO REACH ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR NON-EMERGENCIES**

A new telephone directory was launched March 27, 2018, to allow residents to reach often-accessed city services more easily, including the APD non-emergency line. The number prioritizes access to APD's non-emergency line, which will relieve pressure on 911 and is easier to remember than the seven-digit phone number.

In addition, Anchorage 311 will serve as a general directory for frequently contacted departments, such as Street Maintenance, Code Enforcement, the Mayor's Office, Traffic, the Municipal Clerk's Office, Fees and Taxes, Vehicle Impound, and Health and Human Services.

For more info, contact: Kristin DeSmith, Communications Director, desmithk@muni.org, 231-2226.

- **#ANCWORKS PROVIDES NEW WAY TO REPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS & ISSUES:**

#ANCWorks! Is an online tool sponsored by the Municipality of Anchorage for residents to report neighborhood problems and issues. **Featured with an icon on muni.org**, #ANCWorks! provides an online, mobile friendly platform for residents to report an issue, from potholes to a burnt-out streetlight, and track progress to a resolution. Users can visit www.muni.org/ancworks on their desktop, tablet, or mobile phone to fill out a short form and report a problem or pass on a compliment or concern to the Municipality. With a one extra click, #ANCWorks! also allows users to attach files and photos to their request and every request will receive a case number, allowing users to track the progress of their issue at any time online.

Go to: <http://www.muni.org/residents/pages/anchorageworks.aspx>