

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of April 4, 2019

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Check for updates on our webpage: www.communitycouncils.org

Thank you to all those who signed a sympathy card for me at our March 7th TCC meeting — I was very moved by such heartfelt expressions by so many following my Mom's passing. Cathy

APRIL 2019 NOTICES:

- **April 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
- **April 4th — Solarize Turnagain Educational Community Workshop, 5:30 p.m., 2000 W. International Airport Rd., Suite B3.** This is the second of four workshops to learn more about the Solarize Turnagain program from Arctic Solar Ventures. The remaining two workshops are:
 - **April 8th** — 12:00 p.m. — 2000 W. International Airport Rd., Suite B3
 - **April 8th** — 5:30 p.m. — 2000 W. International Airport Rd., Suite B3*Info:* <https://akcenter.org/climate-clean-energy/solarize-anchorage/solarize-turnagain/>
RSVP to: solarize@arcticsolarventures.com
To add your name to the Turnagain list-serve, send contact info to: kristen@akcenter.org
- **April 6 — “Be the Hero” Airport Event, 1:00-7:00 p.m., North Terminal, 4600 Postmark Dr.** Hosted by the Anchorage Airport Police and Fire Department, this is an opportunity to donate blood and join the registry as a possible marrow donor. There will be story time for kids, ARFF truck and Police vehicle tours, pictures with superheroes, coloring table, bunder gear races, K9 demonstrations, recruitment table, and refreshments. Parking is free in the North Terminal parking lot.
- **April 10-11 — 2019 People Mover Service Change Public Meetings.** The Municipality of Anchorage’s Public Transportation Department has a service change scheduled for the People Mover July 1, 2019. This service change will primarily affect the routes 40, 55, 65 91 & 92, but all route schedules may be affected by changes to trip start and end times. The new trip times and timetables will be available at least 30 days prior to implementation.
 - **April 10 — 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Mountain View Library, 120 Bragaw St.**
 - **April 10 — 6:00-7:00 p.m., Dimond High School, 2909 W. 88th Ave., Room C112**
 - **April 11 — 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Muldoon Library, 1251 Muldoon Rd., #158**
 - **April 11 — 5:30-7:00 p.m., City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave., Conf. Room 830***For more info,* call 343-6543 or go to:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/2019servicechange.aspx>
- **April 14 — DEADLINE — Anchorage Park Foundation Grant Application.** This is an opportunity to apply for a Community Challenge Grant for a park or trail improvement project. APF awards “doable” projects a dollar-for-dollar matching grant for the energy you put into the project through cash, donations, volunteer labor and in-kind materials or services.
Info: Contact Connor Keesecker at Connor@AnchorageParkFoundation.org
- **April 15 — EARLY BIRD SIGN-UP DEADLINE — Solarize Turnagain.** If you sign your contract by this date, you qualify for a \$500 discount.
Info: <https://akcenter.org/climate-clean-energy/solarize-anchorage/solarize-turnagain/>
To add your name to the Turnagain list-serve, send contact info to: kristen@akcenter.org

- **April 17 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org
- **April 18 — DEADLINE EXTENDED — Arbor Day Grant.** The Alaska Community Forestry Council has extended their grant application deadline. Applicants may apply for a grant of from \$200 to \$500 to plant trees in support of Alaska Arbor Day May 20th.
For grant application and instructions, go to: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/arbor-day-grants>
- **April 26 — Airport-wide Cleanup Day, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Help clean up litter at the Airport — then enjoy a barbecue lunch from 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Airfield Maintenance shop at 4100 Aircraft Dr.

MAY 2019 NOTICES:

- **May 1-2 — Airport Mandatory Annual Firefighter Training, 2:00-7:00 p.m. each day.** The Airport Police & Fire will be conducting the training. Firefighters will be lighting and extinguishing fuel fires to stay current with FAA requirements. During those training days/times, large plumes of smoke from the south side of the Airport will be visible.
For questions or concerns, call: 907-266-2407
- **May 2 — 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
- **May 4-5 — Great Alaska Aviation Gathering, FedEx Hanger, Postmark Dr.**
For more info: www.greatalaskaavitiongathering.org/
- **May 15 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org
- **Date TBA — TCC March Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**
Info and confirmation of date: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Westchester Lagoon South Bridge Replacement**
The bridge is OPEN for spring trail use! The project is not 100 percent complete — asphalt paving and other details will be completed in the spring. *TCC provided input on design elements at our May 3rd, 2018, TCC meeting.* Many thanks to Maeve Nevins Lavtar at Parks & Rec. for keeping us updated on the project!
Questions? Municipality Parks and Recreation Dept., 343-4355,
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/CoastalTrailBridges.aspx>
- **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 last spring will be followed up this 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.

- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**
Project involves rehabilitating and widening RW 15/33 and update taxiway geometry to meet FAA standards. Construction will occur 7 days per week 24 hours/day, from April to October 2019. During construction, the majority of air traffic will be shifted to the east-west runways (most arrivals will land from the west; most departures will take off to the east). This will result in a temporary increase in air traffic and noise over the city. For project updates and to submit comments: www.anc15-33.com
- **50-Year Lease Application ADA-32171 for TLC Properties General Aviation-Related Development at Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Turnagain Bog.**
Location is in the southwest corner of Lake Hood Dr. and Helio Pl. consisting of up to 850,000 sq. ft. Authorized uses could include: 23 aircraft tie-down spaces, phased-in development of 120 T-hangers for GA aircraft, season float/snow storage areas and vehicle parking. This same area was proposed for an Airport construction storage/maintenance area last year. *The TCC Land Use Committee met on December 13th to review the application and discuss comments; a comment letter was submitted by the December 20th deadline. Ratification of these comments will be on the TCC January 10th general membership meeting. Among other requests, TCC asked that they be able to meet with Airport officials and the applicants before a decision on the lease application is finalized.*
Info: Tim Coons, Lake Hood Seaplane Base Manager, tim.coons@alaska.gov, 266-2741, or <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=192184>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **March 21, 2019, SPRING WEST ANCHORAGE CANDIDATES FORUM**
THANK YOU TO EVENT CO-CHAIRS, ORGANIZERS, VOLUNTEERS, CANDIDATES & ATTENDEES!
This joint West Anchorage community council event held at the Spenard Recreation Center provided an opportunity for the public to get information on the April 2nd Municipal Election Bonds and Propositions, and School Board and West Anchorage Assembly candidates. Approximately 60 people signed up on our attendance sheets, and everyone enjoyed refreshments donated by OMPA. *Special thanks to Co-chairs Tahee Seccareccia & Bhree Roumagoux for stepping up this year and putting together such a great event!*
 - **APD PATROLLING BEATS LINING WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES**
The Anchorage Police Department has announced that the boundaries of the police beats have been changed to more closely align with community council boundaries. Officers will be assigned to the same areas every day, which means neighbors will become more familiar with those answering calls in your area. Officers will also be able to hone in and address the specific needs in your neighborhood. In addition, each officer will be able to access the most current call-for-service data for the area they are working.
- √ **REMINDER:** You can look up crimes that have been reported in your community by accessing the **Community Crime Map** at: <http://communitycrimemap.com>
- **ONSITE MARIJUANA CONSUMPTION APPROVED FOR MARIJUANA RETAIL LICENSE**
On December 19, 2018, the Marijuana Control Board approved regulation changes to 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code, which allows onsite marijuana consumption for retail establishments. Outdoor consumption areas will also be allowed, if the board finds it compatible with neighborhood uses. Local governments, via ordinance or a ballot question, could bar onsite use or aspects of it, such as smoking. The lieutenant governor has signed the regulation; individual communities can opt out of this onsite consumption regulation. The Assembly Community Economic & Development Committee met April 4th to start discussing a draft marijuana onsite consumption ordinance. *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, 2017. TCC sent our comments to the Marijuana Control Board at that time as well — and sent an update version of that letter to the MCB on October 30, 2018.*

- **NEIGHBORWORKS NOW PROVIDING EARTHQUAKE REPAIR LOANS**

NeighborWorks Alaska is now offering minor repair loans, including for earthquake damage. This loan opportunity (up to \$5,000) for homes in the Anchorage and Mat-Su Valley are not intended for fixing larger repair needs, but does offer another resource to pay for minor damage sustained during last November's earthquake. Renovation loans (\$5,000-\$25,000) are also available.

For more info, contact NeighborWorks Alaska: 907-677-8490; cjobe@nwalaska.org

- **NEW MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SIGNAGE INTRODUCED**

In an effort to provide clarity on public hearing notices, the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Dept. will be introducing revised signage. The new, color-coded notices are intended to convey the planning case type and number in a more user-friendly format. The four signage types are: S-Subdivision (Yellow); M-Marijuana (Green); Z-Zoning (Blue) and A-Alcohol (Orange).

For more info, go to: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/default.aspx>

- **PAINT THE TOWN! EVENT NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED**

Paint the Town brings volunteers and sponsors together every year to help paint and provide minor repairs to neighbors in our community who lack the resources to do these jobs on their own. Sponsors, teams and nominations being accepted now.

For more info, contact Jim MacKenzie at NeighborWorks Alaska: jmackenzie@nwalaska.org, 677-8434

- **ASSEMBLY DELAYS IMPLEMENTATION OF PLASTIC BAG BAN**

The Assembly has decided to delay the implementation of the plastic bag ban ordinance they passed in December of last year until September 15, 2019; originally, it was to go into effect March 1st. The goal of the ordinance is to reduce litter and encourage consumers to bring their own reusable bags to the store. Anchorage resident David Nees is circulating a petition to repeal the plastic bag ban; the petition must have 10,000 signatures by mid-January.

- **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.

- **LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE REMINDER: STAY OFF THE LAKE ICE!**

Winter operations are still in effect at Lake Hood; the Airport is requesting everyone's help to spread the reminder to please stay off the lake ice. The frozen lakes remain restricted active runway surfaces all winter long for plane ski operations.

For more info, call the Lake Hood Office at: 266-2410

- **PEOPLE MOVER RELEASES FIRST YEAR ANALYSIS OF NEW BUS SYSTEM**

The Municipality of Anchorage's Public Transportation Department has released a System Report Card that analyzes how the new bus system operated during its first year of service. Significant changes to the bus system started on October 23, 2017, in an effort to curb a trend in declining ridership. The analysis of the first year of the new system found that it operated better than expected, but that there's still room for improvement.

For the System Report Card and more info, go to: www.peoplemover.org/TransitOnTheMove.

- **#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>