



BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, 7:00–9:00 p.m., April 14, 2004
Bear Valley Elementary School, 15001 Mountain Air Drive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rabbit Creek View-Rabbit Creek Heights Subdivision Resurvey Project

Municipal Surveyor Tom Knox indicated that he was recently notified by attorney Gordon Schadt that the judge has signed a court order approving the new Rabbit Creek Heights and View subdivision plat. The plat will be signed by municipal officials and then filed at the Anchorage District Recorders Office to become the official record for the two subdivisions. The Municipality plans to prepare assessment hearing documents to submit to the Assembly. The Assembly will schedule a hearing to determine the final survey assessment costs for property owners.

Volunteers needed to help maintain flowers at Rabbit Creek Overpass

The beautiful flower plot at the intersection of Rabbit Creek Road and the Seward Highway, enjoyed for 15 years, needs help. The June-Sept project desperately needs volunteers with a pickup truck to take a week of watering duties (100 gals each few days by gas pump out of barrels--training is provided). Weeding/deadheading is the other main task. What a great way to give back to the community with some of your time--call 345-8171 for more information.

Electronics Recycling

Located at the former FedEx Warehouse, 3444 Old International Airport Road (S.W. Corner of Jewel Lake and International Airport Road). Business & Nonprofit Electronics Drop-off on Friday, May 7th 10am-4pm. **Household Drop-off on Saturday, May 8th 10am-4pm.** For more information: Green Star, Inc. 278-7827 or <http://www.greenstarinc.org>

Anchorage Bowl Parks, Natural Open Space & Recreational Facilities Plan Draft

Master Plan Review for a public parks master plan, Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing Date: **Monday, May 10, 2004**, Case Number 2004-021. The draft plan is posted online at <http://www.muni.org/Planning/ParkPlanDraft.cfm> For more information, contact **Thede Tobish**, Senior Planner, Municipal Planning Department: 343-7918 or 343-7921, or send an email message to parksplan@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

Hillside District Plan

Hillside residents Ryan Stencil, Ky Holland, Laddie Shaw, Katie Nolan, and Dick Tremaine recently met to discuss kicking off the Hillside District planning process from a grassroots/community initiative. Contact Ky Holland, President of the Rabbit Creek Community Council at 346-1719 or kyholland@orst.edu, if you would like to participate or receive more information.

PREVIOUS MEETING SUMMARY

At the March 10th meeting, Tim Steele of the Anchorage School Board distributed bond information pamphlets and provided an overview of bond proposals for the school district. Rick Barrier of the Anchorage School District also attended. Mr. Steele discussed Anchorage school bond propositions 4, 5 and 6 that will appear on the April 6 ballot. A significant amount of state funding may be available for these bonds to allow the ASD to conduct construction and repairs. The Anchorage legislature may authorize a school bond debt reimbursement plan that provides 60 to 70 percent reimbursement for local school improvement projects approved by voters through the end of 2004. Annual funding must then be approved by the legislature and governor.

Jim Potts of the Anchorage Tomorrow organization provided an overview of the upcoming Drainage & Road and the Park & Recreation bond lists. ARDSA and Anchorage Park & Recreation bond summary pamphlets and maps were distributed.

Later, Scott Pexton provided some information about work being done by Clarion Associates with regard to the Title 21 Re-write Project. He spoke briefly about proposed changes to R7 zoning and that it was unclear to him how it will be changed. He mentioned the creation of new overlay zoning districts and encouraged members to become involved to protect land uses important to them. Anyone interested in participating can contact Julie Jonas in Girdwood at 783-0244. Janice Shamberg added that Clarion Associates still had a long way to go and that they must work within the guidelines set forth in Anchorage's 2020 comprehensive plan.

Scott Pexton asked if anyone was interested in joining or participating in any standing committees, in particular the Parks & Recreation Committee. Dan Stone and Deborah Mole indicated their interest. Claire Steffens, though absent, was listed as she previously indicated that she is a member of this committee. Scott Pexton provided copies of proposed draft BVCC bylaw changes to interested attendees. His hope was that council members would review them and provide feedback. Changes proposed include updated BVCC boundaries, use of the website for information distribution, modification of changing the name of President and Vice President to Chair and Vice Chair, replacing the position of Past President with a Member-At-Large, and eliminating the requirement to pay \$5 membership dues in order to vote on council issues. Copies of DRAFT proposed bylaw changes will be available at the April and May meetings. More details about the March 10th council meeting and prior meetings are provided in the meeting minutes available online at <http://www.bvcc.info/minutes.htm>

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APRIL 14, 2004 MEETING AGENDA

- 7:00 Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC) Updates**
- Treasurer's report – Karen Brandon
 - Federation of Community Councils (FCC) update – Deborah Mole
 - Hillside Area Land Owners Association (HALO) update – Dan Stone
 - BVCC website update – Jim Steele
 - March 10, 2004 Meeting minutes – Jim Steele
 - Other announcements: election results, assembly or LRSA updates, other announcements from council members
- 7:15 Bear Valley Community Council Bylaws**
- Discuss a DRAFT proposal to alter, amend, or repeal some of the current council bylaws; handouts of the bylaws will be available at the meeting
 - Seek the input of other council members to make edits and suggest other bylaws changes
- 7:30 State Legislative update**
- A teleconference will be arranged to speak with our state legislators while they are in session in Juneau
 - Senator Con Bunde and Representative Mike Hawker and their staff plan to brief us on state legislative issues
 - Topics to include state budget news, the status of any new or proposed laws affecting the permanent fund, and any new laws that may affect Bear Valley residents
 - Opportunity for questions and comments from council members
- 8:00 Guest Speaker: Niki Pereira with Fire Stoppers**
- *Fire Stoppers* is a non-profit organization associated with the Alaska Injury Prevention Center
 - Niki will give a presentation about child and juvenile fire-setting and provide tips on how to teach fire safety to children and how to create a safer home environment.
- 8:35 Guest Speaker from the Anchorage Roads Coalition**
- A speaker will provide information about safe and sensible road design, concerns about the current process of designing and building collector roads in Anchorage, and the public process
- 8:50 Other Issues**
- Suggestions for next meeting topic(s)
 - Other council member ideas or concerns?
- 9:00 Adjourn**