

**OCEANVIEW/OLD SEWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
C/o 240 PACIFIC VIEW DRIVE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99515**

NEWSLETTER October 2004

Our first regular meeting this fall of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council will take place on Wednesday October 13 in the Library of the Oceanview Elementary School on Johns Road starting at 7:00 PM. We have an interesting agenda so we hope you will participate.

Municipal Budget

The Mayor has presented his administration's budget for 2005. Public hearings will be conducted before the Assembly on October 12, 26 and November 9 and 16. We have asked our Assembly representatives Janice Shamberg and Dick Tremaine to give us an overview of the budget at our meeting.

Land Swap

Oceanview and Sand Lake Community Councils combined with Bayshore on September 20 to hear from the Mayor about the proposed land swap was that will exchange 8 acres of bluff top property near Resolution Drive owned by the Heritage Land Bank for 15 acres including the pond within the housing development at the Sand Lake gravel pit. The Mayor agreed to provide two important documents—the terms of the swap and the hydrological report—requested by the meeting so that the three community councils can make intelligent decisions. Since the meeting, Oceanview has not received the documents and the Assembly has postponed the decision concerning the swap.

We will discuss the issue at the meeting and take up any action the council deems appropriate.

Election of Officers

We have not received any nominations for officers and the existing officers have agreed to continue in their positions. We will leave the nominations open and hold election of officers at our regular meeting January 12, 2005.

Candidate Forum

Lesil McGuire and Cody Downes are running for the State House District 28 seat currently held by Representative McGuire. We have asked both candidates running for the State House to address us. The senate seat held by Senator Stevens is not up for election.

Chugach Electric Power Transmission Line

Chugach Electric will give a presentation on the South Anchorage Loop project and will ask for feedback from the council regarding the route of the 138 kV overhead transmission line proposed to be installed along one of the east/west road corridors in South Anchorage.

Police Liaison

We have been notified by the Anchorage Police Department that they have assigned police officers to act as liaison between the communities and APD. The representative for Oceanview is Sergeant Ken Spadafora, telephone 786-8835, email kspadafora@ci.anchorage.ak.us

FCC Report

Katie Weidemaier our FCC delegate has been attending these meetings and will brief us about activities of the Federation of Community Councils.

Road Projects

Two controversial road improvement projects received attention in September. The DeArmoun and Strawberry road projects are both at similar decision points where the authorities are unwilling to address the concerns from the community regarding traffic speed, over design and high costs and will perhaps cancel the projects.

Please Note

We have received three calls from residents who asked that this information be included in the newsletter.

First, residents are reminded that vehicles parked on the street pose a hazard to children who may be playing by the vehicle and cannot be seen by drivers as they pass the parked car. If you know the owners of the parked vehicles, a friendly reminder about parking in the street is appropriate.

Second, in the political season we are now in, vandalism to political signs has been reported. Any vandalism observed should be reported either to the candidate.

Third, residents who have to put up with rowdy parties in their neighborhoods can use the Community Council as a forum to raise the level of awareness. Action by the neighbors affected is the first line of action and they have the APD liaison mentioned above and police officers who live in Oceanview to use as resources.

CONTACT US

Legislative and Assembly representatives contact numbers:

- Senator Ben Stevens (Senator.Ben.Stevens@legis.state.ak.us)
- Representative Lesil McGuire (Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us)
- Janice Shamberg (jeshamberg@gei.net)
- Dick Tremaine (tremained@muni.org)

For those who want more information on what's happening in the City, consult the Municipality website www.muni.org

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Community councils are the link in the local government chain between the resident and the municipal government and are only as effective as you, the membership want to make them by participating in the monthly meetings.

Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Oceanview Elementary School on Johns Road. Meetings start at 7:00 PM. We are collecting membership dues for 2004--five dollars for an individual, ten for a family.

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