

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

**NEWSLETTER November 2004**

The next regular meeting of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council will take place on Wednesday November 10 in the Library of the Oceanview Elementary School on Johns Road starting at 7:00 PM. This will be the last meeting this year since we do not meet in December so that people can prepare for the holidays. We will resume again on Wednesday January 12 when we will hold election of officers.

**Municipal Budget**

The municipal budget has been reviewed by the Assembly and at public hearings. We have asked our Assembly representatives Janice Shamberg and Dick Tremaine to give us an overview of the budget at November meeting.

**State House Representative**

Congratulations to Representative Lesil McGuire on getting re-elected from District 28 to serve her third term. We have asked Senator Stevens and Representative McGuire to give us a preview of the upcoming legislative session at our November meeting.

**Municipal Libraries**

Mr. Art Weeks, the Municipal Librarian will brief us on the Municipal Library system and in particular the Samson-Diamond branch that serves South Anchorage. This is the sort of feed back we should be prepared to give Mr. Weeks.

- Is the Samson-Diamond branch at the best location?
- Is it adequate? If not, what should be done?

**FCC Report**

The Federation of Community Councils has presented their annual report and budget for the year 2005 to the Assembly. The budget is for \$134,615 and includes a full time executive director, part time administrative assistant and sharing the office with the Anchorage Community Education Association. Katie Weidemaier, our FCC delegate, will brief us about activities of the FCC.

**Election of Officers**

Nominations for officers of the council will remain open until our January 12 meeting when we will hold election for officers. Anyone wishing to be nominated should contact one of the officers listed at the end of the newsletter.

**Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing**

The program is new this year with the purpose of blessing our hungry neighbors with the gift of food at Thanksgiving. Here's how to help:

- Organize your church, temple or office to collect food. Have a specific goal such as collecting 1,000 cans of corn.
- Or, volunteer to help on November 21 or November 22.

Drop off food collections at the Food Bank, 2121 Spar Avenue in the railroad area.  
Call the Food Bank for further information at 272-3663.

**Road Projects**

You may have noticed dirt being moved at the intersection of C Street and Minnesota, indicating the C Street extension from Diamond to Minnesota has started.

Also, there was an open house for the Abbott Loop Extension project on October 25 with construction scheduled to start next summer.

### **Community Concerns**

All kinds of concerns within the community are surfacing such as parked cars in collector streets, party houses and vandalism. We will dedicate time during the November meeting to draw attention to these concerns and develop a course of action.

### **CONTACT US**

Legislative and Assembly representatives contact numbers:

Senator Ben Stevens ([Senator.Ben.Stevens@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator.Ben.Stevens@legis.state.ak.us))

Representative Lesil McGuire ([Representative\\_Lesil\\_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us))

Janice Shamberg ([jeshamberg@gci.net](mailto:jeshamberg@gci.net))

Dick Tremaine ([tremained@muni.org](mailto:tremained@muni.org))

For those who want more information on what's happening in the City, consult the Municipality website [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org)

Contact your Community Council officers listed below:

President	Tim Bridgman	345-3614
Vice President	Hank Hosford	522-8638
Secretary	Margaret Klatt	345-5848
Treasurer	Mary Whitmore	344-2831
FCC Rep	Katie Weidemaier	344-2935

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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