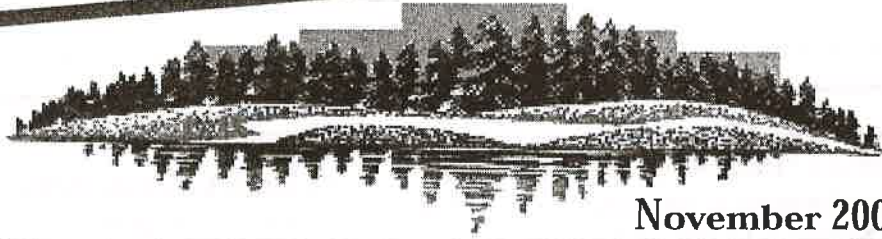


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proposed AGENDA

- *Chugach Electric Project*: Phil Steyer, Presenter, Chugach Electric Association, a project to double-circuit the portion of the existing 115-kilovolt transmission line on the south side of Northern Lights Boulevard between Patterson and the place where Pine would intersect Northern Lights, about a block west of Wesleyan.
- *Where To View Wildlife In Anchorage*: Presenter, Dept. of Fish & Game representative
- *Parks and Recreation Fees*: Discussion
- Elected Representatives:
- Council Reports:



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 P

LOCATION:

College Gate Elementary School Library
3101 Sunflower Street

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

- President:** Tim Neale, 333-4952, timua@gci.net
- Vice President:** Barbara Garner, 563-6328, bbgarner@alaska.com
- Co-Secretary/Treasurer:** Betty Adkison, 333-1774, and Kelly Brown, 569-5678, kellybrown_ak@yahoo.com
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- FCC Rep:** Kelly Brown, kellybrown_ak@yahoo.com
- Standing Committees:**
- Please contact the President to serve on any of the following:
- Community Protection
 - Parks/Recreation
 - Planning/Zoning
 - Traffic

NEWS from October 1st meeting:

- Robin Baizel, of DOGMOMS, presented **dog safety and dog rules** to the council. Children and dogs were discussed, hearing that the higher pitched children's voices and energy can excite a dog. More than 60% of bite victims are children. Information publications are available at the Alaska SPCA, located at 549 West. Int'l Airport, Suite B-2, 562-2999, courtesy of the American Humane Association and the Humane Society of the United States.
- UACC talked about the **U-Med Framework Master Plan**. There was discussion that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the plan after deleting the possible extensions of Wright and Piper Streets to Providence Drive. The involved neighborhood had petitioned the Commission for this change. As the Plan moved towards approval by the Assembly, the MOA Planning Department requested that these streets be included, as referenced in the May 2003 final draft of the Study. There was lengthy discussion on the amount of traffic going through this residential area, especially on East 42nd Avenue, and the concern that something needs to be done for safety reasons sooner than later. There was disagreement to East 42nd Avenue becoming a collector street. It was felt that the city brought the increased traffic to this neighborhood when 42nd became a cut-through for avoiding the Tudor/Lake Otis intersection. The traffic changed dramatically in 1975 when Tudor Rd was widened, vehicles rerouted to East 42nd, continuing with APD detouring traffic there following Tudor Rd incidents. It has increased further since the South access to Providence from Tudor was opened. The neighborhood should not be required to pay for needed safety and road improvements.
- **LAST CALL** to property owners along Chester Creek: Craig Valentine informed the council of Federal grant money that is available for Chester Creek rehabilitation, from the US Department of Agriculture. Chester Creek is one of the few streams in the United States that individual people own from their property to the middle of the stream. Property owners along the Creek can contact UACC's president, 333-4952, for an application.

Other News:

- **U-Med Update:** The Assembly hearing on the U-Med Plan was Oct. 7 and continued to Oct 21 when it was
(News, continued on back)

The University Area Community Council serves the area between Northern Lights Boulevard and Tudor Road, Lake Otis Parkway and Baxter Road.

(News, continued from front)

approved. This is a "framework" plan to provide guidance in development of the district east of Lake Otis, south of Northern Lights and north of Tudor Road. The various institutions are still working on their individual plans to fill in details of this framework. For neighbors concerned about traffic in and around E. 42nd Ave., the plan was amended through Doug Van Etten's efforts, to require that a traffic circulation study be completed before any roadwork - planning or construction - can take place. Included in that plan will be traffic calming measures and pedestrian safety.

• **Dog Park:** Draft Additional Rules and Regulations for University Lake Park - September 25. The following were proposed by the Animal Control Advisory Board to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Further approval is needed from the Parks Director and the Director of Health and Human Services prior to implementation.

- 1) Specific trails within this park may be closed to off-leash use on a seasonal basis. Such trails will be clearly posted.
- 2) Notice of permitted events shall be prominently displayed throughout the area one week prior to the event.
- 3) Clear posting of designated off-leash areas at all entrance/exit points and non-municipal property advised.

• **Planning Department launches E-Alert:** while paper notices will still be mailed to residents and businesses within 500' of a planning or zoning, platting or other municipal action that has a public testimony process, additional notification is available by e-mail. Sign up on-line to receive e-notices in your immediate area by community council district, or sign up to receive notices from any or all parts of town. Notices include maps, reports and important dates. Visit the Muni web site: www.muni.org/planning/index.cfm. Click 'Planning Alerts'.

• **UACC's Standing Committees:** The council seeks interested people to actively participate by researching issues, gathering data, attending occasional special focus meetings, etc. Please contact the President to serve on any of the following:

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• **Liquor Licenses:** Many licenses are up for renewal. If anyone is aware of a problem at a license location please contact the president.



Planning & Zoning Cases: See www.muni.org for full requests

• Oct 27, 2003-17: MOA Planning Department, Amending Title 21 for Planning Department Fee Increases to modify existing, and include additional, fees, fines, and penalties.

Assembly Cases:

• Nov 18, #2003-072: Public Hearing, Mental Health Trust Land Rezone Request at SE corner, 36th & Lake Otis

Public Meetings:

• Nov 5, 9A-12 Noon; Health, Education and Social Services Senate and House Committees Videoconference in various legislative offices within the Legislative Information Office building, 4th and H Street, to receive public testimony on Health and Social Service Agencies. Issues include public assistance, senior services, the State's child protection system, the restructure of the Department of Health and Social Service and to respond to the Office of Children's Services federal audit. The goal is to allow citizens the opportunity to be heard by legislators and to acquire feedback from citizens who receive state services. Info: contact Senator Fred Dyson (R-Eagle River), 694-6693

• Nov 6, Public meeting from 6:30 - 9P in the Loussac Library, Public Conference Room regarding the Anchorage All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

• Nov 12, 4th Annual Town Hall Meeting, East High School Commons (use south entrance), 5:30 - 6:30P, Opening Reception; 6:30 - 8:30P Town Meeting. Focus is on the negative impact of alcohol and substance abuse on our families, neighborhoods and community. Join other citizens, local and state legislators, judges, community leaders and students. For further information call Alaska Injury Prevention Center at 929-3939.

• Nov 18, Assembly Public Hearing for Mental Health Trust Land property rezone at the SE corner of Lake Otis and 36th Avenue

