BVCC Meetings Going To Zoom

You are invited and encouraged to attend the next Bear Valley Community Council meeting to be held online via Zoom on September 9 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Computer - Join Zoom Meeting [https://zoom.us/j/95002000573](https://zoom.us/j/95002000573)
Phone Dial +1 669 900 9128
Meeting ID: 950 0200 0573; Passcode: 710436

Instructions for joining a Zoom meeting - [https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting)
In general, if you want to see others and optionally share your video you will need a computer with an internet browser and be connected to the internet. A camera on your computer is optional, a mic is helpful if you want to speak. If you do not have a mic, there is a "chat" button where you can type comments. You can also dial in to the meeting by phone and hear and speak to the group.

This same information will also be emailed out again with an agenda in September For more information, check with the BVCC Chair.

Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC)

Background Information
The purpose of the community council is for residents and property owners to communicate about and effectively resolve local issues. The BVCC web site is available online at [communitycouncils.org](http://communitycouncils.org) by clicking on the "Find Your Council" link and selecting "Bear Valley". To sign up for Bear Valley Community Council email updates, go to [http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/home.html](http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/home.html) and scroll down to the "Join Your Council's Email List" section and enter your email address.

BVCC Executive Board positions
Election of BVCC Executive Board positions will be held at the October 14th meeting. Seven Executive Board positions will be available in October until filled. These BVCC Officers positions are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Assembly Liaison, HALO Representative, and Committees Coordinator. To vote, a member must have attended one meeting within twelve months prior to the Election Day.

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Seat C: Appointment Pending

How Can You Support Bear Valley Community Council?
Be a Member and Participate in monthly meetings. Bring your ideas, concerns and resources to the table.
Have a suggestion for meeting guests or topics? Email BVCC Chair, Scott Pexton at srpexton@icloud.com
2019 - 2020 Meeting Highlights

December 11, 2019
The meeting was held in the library room of the Bear Valley Elementary School. A presentation was made by S4 LLC about a proposed new subdivision platting case located mostly within the Glen Alps Community Council and partially within the Bear Valley Community Council. The proposed Canyon View Estates subdivision has twenty-seven lots within Glen Alps and three tracts including one large tract to remain undeveloped adjacent to the south side of Rabbit Creek just within the northern boundary of Bear Valley Community Council. Subsequently, the Anchorage Platting Board held public meetings in April and eventually approved the subdivision in June 2020. Much more detailed information is available from the municipal website for planning case number S12545 at

http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=17099

Also, the election for BVCC Executive Board positions was held. The election had been postponed from October 2019 due to a lack of a quorum at that meeting. Positions unanimously elected were Chair: Scott Pexton, Treasurer: Angie Pinsonneault, Assembly Liaison: Sean Holland, and HALO Representative: Rodney Powell. The Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Committees Coordinator positions remained vacant.

January 8, 2020
The meeting was held in the library room at Bear Valley Elementary School. BVCC held a planning session to prioritize topics of community interest. A number of possible topics were considered. The top three priority topics for Bear Valley were Storck Homestead Park management concerns, wildfire prevention and mitigation, and road service area maintenance issues.

February 12, 2020
The meeting was held in the library room of the Bear Valley Elementary School. Guest speaker James Kaufman, a HALO Board member and Hillside Community member presented information about neighborhood resilience. He spoke about how to prepare for catastrophic events such as earthquakes, wildfires, floods, severe weather events, and large-scale power cutages. He invited council members to attend a planned HALO (Home and Landowner Organization) sponsored event about building neighborhood resilience and he also provided information about how Community Patrols work, focusing on the Anchorage Hillside area.

March - May 2020
These BVCC meetings were cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns and the unavailability of the Bear Valley Elementary School as a meeting location. The annual Bear Valley Clean-up event was graciously hosted May 7 - 10, courtesy of David and Cheri Lipps. Another full dumpster of litter and trash was hauled to the landfill due to the local clean-up efforts of many of your friends and neighbors.

June - August 2020 Meetings
The BVCC traditionally does not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August.
The next Bear Valley Community Council meeting will be held via Zoom on September 9th.

Firewise Efforts
BVCC participated in several planning meetings pertaining to Neighborhood Resilience and wildfire mitigation in coordination with HALO and the Rabbit Creek Community Council. A HALO sponsored event was scheduled to be held in April at the Alaska Zoo, but was cancelled due to Covid-19. As an alternative, the Rabbit Creek Community Council held a Virtual Wildfire Community Preparedness Zoom meeting on Saturday, May 2nd. The BVCC Chair participated via telephone.

The BVCC Chair applied for and received a $500 Firewise grant from NFPA and State Farm Insurance in

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March. The grant may be used for costs incurred to dispose of dead and dying trees and brush to be removed in 2020 from properties and along roadways and ditches within BVCC boundaries. Branch and tree branches must be disposed of at the Anchorage Wood Lot located at 100th Avenue near C Street.

The FCC provided BVCC with several coupons to cover the $15 per load disposal cost at the Wood Lot. BVCC offered these coupons to participants at the Wildfire Community Preparedness Zoom meeting sponsored by Rabbit Creek CC and emailed the coupon offer to BVCC members during May. The coupon offer was also posted through June 14th on the BVCC web page. Possibly partly due to the Covid-19 situation, no one requested any of the BVCC Wood Lot coupons, which expired June 14th.

If any BVCC members do want to be reimbursed for disposing of brush at the Anchorage Wood Lot this summer from properties in Bear Valley, please request and keep your receipts from the Wood Lot and coordinate with Scott Pexton.

Scott will use some of the Firewise grant money for costs to dispose of brush to be removed along Jamie Avenue, Carl Street, or other BV roadway areas. If anyone wants to help with that (especially if you have a pick-up truck), please check with Scott.

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Ray E. Storck Homestead Park

Storck Park is located along Clark’s Road near the intersection with Rabbit Creek Road. Over many years, Bear Valley residents have expressed various concerns about Storck Park. There have been complaints about loose dogs, dog waste, litter, overcrowded parking lots and roads during events, suspected drug, drinking, and criminal activities, overnight parking, fireworks, and inappropriate remote-controlled aircraft use. One of the most consistently contentious park issues has been remote-controlled aircraft flying.

Currently, Storck Park is one of only two areas allowed in the Municipality of Anchorage for operating recreational remote-controlled aircraft. The other area is near Chugiak at the Loretta French Park RC Airstrip. Back in 2006, the Parks Department issued a permit to allow remote-controlled aircraft flying at Storck Park, but only on Sundays. Later, the rules were changed to allow model aircraft flying from 8 am to 3 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday consistent with Anchorage Municipal Code 25.70.060. Two clearly visible signs about the current rules are posted in the Storck Park parking lot.

Several BV residents have repeatedly observed and reported model aircraft/drone flying outside of the soccer field boundaries. Remote-aircraft users have also blatantly disregarded the posted times and days when flying is allowed. This has been reported to the police, Parks Department, other municipal officials, and Assembly members. Enforcement of these and other Park Department rules has been scarce and frustrating. BVCC invited and scheduled the Anchorage Parks Director, Joshua Durand and the Parks Superintendent, Steve Rafuse as guest speakers for March, but that BVCC meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19.

However, the Parks Department did conduct a Site Selection Study in 2020 to explore other potential locations for recreational model aviation to occur on Anchorage parkland. The Parks Department evaluated FAA restricted airspace, park classification, and population density in proximity to Parks. As most of the Anchorage Bowl is restricted airspace, the analysis focused on parkland in southeast Anchorage. They further limited the parkland search to Community Use Park classification areas and residential densities of less than 100 residences within 1/4 mile of a park. They concluded that Storck Park was the preferred site for model aviation in the Anchorage Bowl. For reference, this study has been posted in the "Other Documents" link of the BVCC web page.

The Parks Department Director and Superintendent have agreed to participate in the September BVCC Zoom meeting. This should be a good opportunity for BV residents to weigh in on any issues or concerns they have regarding Storck Park.
Limited Road Service Area (LRSA)

BVCC has two separate limited road service areas. The Bear Valley LRSA covers upper Bear Valley with the main access from King’s Way Drive (see map at [http://communitycouncils.org/download/5590.pdf](http://communitycouncils.org/download/5590.pdf)). The Rabbit Creek View/Heights LRSA covers the lower part of Bear Valley with the main access via Heights Hill (see map at [http://communitycouncils.org/download/5591.pdf](http://communitycouncils.org/download/5591.pdf)).

Each of these LRSAs has a three-person Board of Directors. The current Bear Valley LRSA Board members are William Ennis, Chair; and Deanne Fuller. The third LRSA Board member position is vacant. The Rabbit Creek View/Heights LRSA Board members are David Lipps, Chair; and Verne Pomraning. Scott Pexton was nominated as the third RCVH LRSA Board member in February 2020 and still awaits appointment confirmation from the municipal Public Works Department (the pace of snails seems blistering in comparison to current municipal bureaucracy).

LRSA updates

**Bear Valley LRSA** - Road maintenance for the summer season is completed as far as budget would allow. General seasonal maintenance will begin again during the winter months. Seat A is currently vacant. Interested parties should contact BV LRSA members for more information.

**RCVH LRSA** - There has been a lot of work scheduled for summer repair and maintenance. Much is still pending from the contractor. They have had multiple delays due to COVID-19 and crew shortages. The main streets including Heights Hill, Jamie Ave, Carl St and Nickleen St, and connector streets Leo St., Genevieve St and George Ct will be oiled once repair work is completed.

As a reminder when you have questions or concerns regarding road work, regardless of the nature, please DO NOT approach the contractor or crew. They work at the direction of your LRSA Board. Please contact your LRSA Board representatives.

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