



Glen Alps Community Council Newsletter

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2004 GACC BOARD

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GLEN ALPS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS

The next GACC meeting will be held on March 21, 2005 and will include elections for all the Board positions. Nominees are needed for the positions of **Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.** Please note that the current Chair will not be running for reelection. We also need to select a representative for the Hillside District Plan.

REVISION OF BYLAWS

The Assembly has an ordinance before them that requests changes to each council's Bylaws. The Assembly believes councils should have some common elements, such as methods for holding council elections, meetings, officer duties, and reporting of activities and finances. The topic of dues and grants is also in the proposed ordinance. Some councils charge dues from \$3 to \$5 as a condition for membership and voting, and to help defray costs for postal box rent, meeting space, and photocopying. The GACC will discuss this ordinance and changes to the Bylaws at our meeting on March 21st.

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The FCC will finally receive quarterly funding to operate the council center which serves all councils with education and mailings. After more than a year of nearly zero funding, the center will be able to hire full-time staff which should provide for much needed consistency. Additionally, the FCC website, which has not been functioning for a long time, should be up in about a month. It will host all councils' links to their home pages, if any, plus council newsletters, minutes, agendas, and other items.

NEWS FROM THE GARSA ROAD BOARD

There are 4 seats up for election to the GARSA Road Board in April. Sign up at the City Clerk's office before March 1st to get your name on the ballot. The Road Board will meet on Thursday, April 7th at Bear Valley Elementary School from 7 to 9 PM. Contact Daniel Constantine at 317-0596 or constadg@bp.com or Marc Rodman at 345-2976 or mrearth@acsalaska.net for further information.

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

Next Glen Alps Community Council Meeting is March 21st, 2005 at Bear Valley Elementary School, 7:00 P.M.

GARSA Road Board Meeting: 7:00 PM, April 7th at Bear Valley Elementary School

Home and Landowners Organization (HALO): 7:00 PM, March 3rd at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, O'Malley and Hillside.

Newsletters and announcements will be emailed to members that provide an email address or can be viewed online at <http://www.communitycouncils.org>



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ABBREVIATED PLAT PROCEDURE ORDINANCE APPROVED

Ordinance 2004-130 amends Anchorage Abbreviated Plat Procedure to limit the size of parcels eligible for short platting to less than 10 acres and the timeframe within which they are eligible to be subdivided. This amendment was requested by HALO, Rabbit Creek CC, Huffman/O'Malley CC, and Bear Valley CC to stave off unplanned, scatter-shot development where

PLANNING DIRECTOR SPEAKS ABOUT THE HILLSIDE DISTRICT PLAN

Tom Nelson, the Planning Director, spoke before several dozen people at the Feb. 3rd HALO meeting. Nelson reported that the Assembly appropriation of \$100,000 to start up the long awaited Hillside District Plan would begin in April or May after staff completes other projects. Joanne Contraras is the planner assigned to organize the HDP effort.

The first phase will be to develop the scope of work and citizens will be involved in that process. Nelson explained many issues surrounding the HDP including the need to first define "Rural" and "Level of Service". A portion of the plan will begin soon with a Subarea Circulation (transportation) Study for a portion of SE Anchorage which currently does not have any road infrastructure, but which is about to encounter development over several hundred acres on steep, wet slopes.

Members at the meeting pointed out that the study would not cover enough area to include a critical connection to Potter Valley and that funds should be made available to do a complete study rather than piecemeal. Another person brought up the fact that the contractor and RFP (request for proposal) for the study had already been done without public input and this was exactly what residents feared would happen

ANCHORAGE TREERIFIC

Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the Alaska Community Forest Council invite you to join Anchorage TREERific, a new local citizen's group forming to plant, protect and maintain Anchorage's urban forest.

Volunteer for Anchorage TREERific and make Anchorage a more livable city. Anchorage TREERific is looking for volunteers to help care for our urban forests by holding Arbor Day Events, organizing Tree Tours in Parks and Neighborhoods, and by planting and pruning trees. Together, we can help Anchorage actively manage its urban forest and make it Alaska's next Tree City USA .

For more information, call Emily Creely at 561-0803.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Newlywed couple seeks Mother-In-Law apartment (or equivalent), beginning May 1st, 2005. Have very excellent tenant references. Please contact Courtney Larsen at 276-8150 (wk) or 622-3444 (hm).

NEWS FROM HALO

HALO meets at 7:00 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center (corner of O'Malley and Hillside). HALO is a totally volunteer non-profit organization that was incorporated in 1974 to preserve the quality of life of East Anchorage Hillside residents (formerly Area "G"). To be an effective advocate for the community, HALO needs your support. Membership is \$10 per year. For more information, contact: HALO, P.O. Box 110096, Anchorage, AK 99511

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or email information to: mhendee@acsalaska.net

Dues: (\$5 per member, make checks out to: Glen Alps Community Council)

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Location of property within GACC area: _____

Contact phone # & email address: _____

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