

# Turnagain Community Council

## Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of October 6, 2016

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### OCTOBER 2016 NOTICES:

- **October 6 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice.  
*Info:* TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com)
- **October 7 — Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Joint Assembly and Planning & Zoning Commission Worksession, Noon-1:00 p.m., City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room 830, 632 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
*Info:* Assembly Chair Elvi Gray-Jackson, [Gray-JacksonE@muni.org](mailto:Gray-JacksonE@muni.org), 343-4118
- **October 9 — Safety Summit West Anchorage Community Meeting, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary, 3601 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Are you concerned about crime in your neighborhood? Please attend this important community discussion, hosted by Sen. Mia Costello.  
*Info and to RSVP:* [sen.mia.costello@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.mia.costello@akleg.gov) or call 269-0117
- **October 9 — Deadline for 2016 General Election Registration & Registration Updates.** This is the last day to register, in order to be able to vote in the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election.  
*Info and to register:* [https://elections.alaska.gov/ei\\_ed\\_2015\\_dates.php](https://elections.alaska.gov/ei_ed_2015_dates.php)
- **October 12 — TCC Safe Routes to Schools Committee Meeting with Anchorage Park Foundation.** The SRTS Committee is continuing to pursue funding sources for projects identified to improve pedestrian/bicycle safety between the Turnagain neighborhood and the West/Romig campus (*these projects have been incorporated into TCC's CIP priority list*). The committee is meeting with APF Executive Director Beth Nordlund, to discuss funding possibilities for rehabilitation of the Arlington and Belmont Dr. pedestrian paths to the school campus. *A thank you letter will be up for approval to send to those who have worked to complete three of the SRTS projects to-date at TCC's October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.*  
*Info:* SRTS Co-chair Barbara Bundy, [bebundy@gmail.com](mailto:bebundy@gmail.com), 230-0940
- **October 13 — Parks and Recreation Commission Public Hearing on Change in Hours for Lyn Ary Park, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Ave.** A group of neighbors near Lyn Ary Park have been meeting with various Municipal Depts. to address the increase in troubling and illegal activities in the park/beach area. Efforts being made to-date include the Parks Dept. changing the park hours to 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., additional signage placed in the area, and neighbors organizing a Community Patrol. *A resolution to support the change in park hours was passed at TCC's Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.*
- **October 13 — Parks and Recreation Commission Public Hearing on Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation Project, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Ave.** This mile-long trail project will include upgrades to a southern section of the Fish Creek Trail between 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Taft St./West Tudor Rd. intersection — and a northern section between the Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and the Barbara Street Park. Design is at 65%. Improvements include resurfacing the trail, replacement of four bridges, replacement of the lighting system, and removal of select nearby trees. Construction of the northern half is anticipated to begin fall 2017. *This item is on TCC's October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.*
- **October 17 — SPECIAL TCC MEETING TO DISCUSS 'SYDNEY SHORTCUT' TRAIL, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Federation of Community Councils Conference Room, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln.** Turnagain Community Council will hold a special meeting to provide an opportunity for Turnagain Heights Subdivision neighbors and property owner Mark Tabbutt to discuss the Sydney Shortcut trail issue. *A TCC resolution may be presented for consideration at this meeting.*  
*Info:* TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com)

- October 17 — Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing, 6:30 p.m., Z. J. Loussac Library, Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** The public hearing draft of the Anchorage Land Use Plan Map and Narrative — now called the **Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan** — is out for review and comment. In June, TCC submitted a lengthy comment letter on the LUPM Update Community Discussion Draft, which was ratified at our September 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The TCC Land Use Plan Update Committee will be reviewing the public hearing draft and providing recommendations to the TCC Board, to submit to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Comments will be presented for ratification at our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Info on the Plan and to Submit Comments: [landuseplanmap@muni.org](mailto:landuseplanmap@muni.org), 343-7921  
To view the draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/Anch2040LandUsePlanPHD.aspx>  
To comment on the Draft Plan:  
To join the TCC LUPM Committee, contact Committee Co-chairs:  
 Anna Brawley, [annab.brawley@gmail.com](mailto:annab.brawley@gmail.com), or Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- October 20, November 16, December 10 — APD Crime Mapping System Seminars.** The Anchorage Police Dept. is hosting three learning seminars to show residents how to use APD's online crime mapping system. This is an excellent way to see what kinds of crimes are occurring in your community.

  - The first training session will be held on **Thursday, October 20th**, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the APD Training Center located at 3760 West Dimond Boulevard.
  - The second training session will be held at the Federation of Community Councils Meeting on **Wednesday, November 16th** at 6 p.m. at 1057 W. Fireweed Lane.
  - The third training session will be held on **Saturday, December 10th**, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Eagle River High School.

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop, tablet or phone device, and will be able to access Wi-Fi to actively learn how to use the online crime mapping system.

To check out the online APD Crime Mapping site visit: <http://communitycrimemap.com>  
Contact Information: Jennifer Castro, Public Affairs Unit, 786-8571, [jcastro@muni.org](mailto:jcastro@muni.org)
- October 24 — West Anchorage Candidates Forum, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Please join us! State legislative candidates from Senate District L, and House Districts 18, 21, 22 & 23 are all invited to participate. The first half hour will allow you to get info. on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot propositions, chat with candidates, and enjoy refreshments. Forum will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Info and to Volunteer for event: TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- October 24 — 2016 General Election Early and In-Person Absentee, Special Needs and By-Electronic Transmission Voting Begins for 2016 General Election.**

Info: [https://elections.alaska.gov/ei\\_ed\\_2015\\_dates.php](https://elections.alaska.gov/ei_ed_2015_dates.php)
- October 24 — COMMENTS DUE — Draft Update to 2016 Alaska Statewide Long-Range Transportation Policy Plan "Let's Keep Moving 2036."** The State of Alaska, Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities has released an update to the 2008 Plan. This proposes a performance-based approach to transportation planning, addresses updated federal requirements, and presents transportation policy recommendations based on the state's reduced budget.

Info: <http://ak2036lrtpoloh.com/index.html>  
Submit comments to: [eric.taylor@alaska.gov](mailto:eric.taylor@alaska.gov)
- October 28 — Municipality of Anchorage 2017 Budget Assembly Worksession, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., City Hall, Assembly Conference Room 155, 632 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Info: Assembly Chair Elvi Gray-Jackson, [Gray-JacksonE@muni.org](mailto:Gray-JacksonE@muni.org), 343-4118
- October 29 — 2016 General Election Absentee By-Mail Application Deadline.**

Info: [https://elections.alaska.gov/ei\\_ed\\_2015\\_dates.php](https://elections.alaska.gov/ei_ed_2015_dates.php)

## NOVEMBER 2016 NOTICES:

- November 1 — DEADLINE — Wildflower Garden Club Grants Program Application.** Application amount can range between \$200 to \$2,000; must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; can be used for educational, conservation/preservation, beautification projects.

Info and to receive application: Elaine, [akwildflowers@gmail.com](mailto:akwildflowers@gmail.com), [www.wildflowergardenclub.org](http://www.wildflowergardenclub.org)

- **November 3 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice. **PLEASE NOTE: TCC 2017 OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING.** *Contact Jonathan or any officer if you are interested in serving as an officer for the council!*  
*Info:* TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresent@yahoo.com
- **November 8 — 2016 General Election — please vote!**

## DECEMBER 2016 NOTICES:

- **December 12 — PUBLIC HEARING — Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing on Airport Zoning District Proposal, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** The MOA Planning Dept. is proposing to rezone property within the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport boundaries. **The TCC Board/Land Use Committee will be reviewing the proposal and providing recommendations for consideration.**  
*Info:* Francis McLaughlin, MOA Planning Dept., McLaughlinFD@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-8003

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Northern Lights Blvd./Benson Blvd. Improvement Project Update**

Expect nightly LANE RESTRICTIONS and CONSTRUCTION RELATED NOISE on Northern Lights Blvd. and Benson Blvd. at Minnesota Dr. from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. due to final paving and striping operations. *Project projected to be completed by September 2016.*

*Please use caution when traveling through the project area, and be alert to construction workers near the roadway, and double traffic fines throughout the project area.*

*Info:* DOT at <http://AlaskaNavigator.org> or 770-2612.

*To sign up for project updates, email:* NorthernlightsBenson@spawnak.com.

- **Lyn Ary Park Beach Clean Up**

*Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the beach in the Lyn Ary Park area on September 17<sup>th</sup>!*  
*A special thanks to Hertz for sponsoring —*  
*and employee Erika Martinez-Hernandez for organizing —*  
*this event in Turnagain!*

- **September 10<sup>th</sup> 'Fix-It' event at Kiwanis Fish Creek Park**

Several dozen volunteers helped beautify the park on a beautiful, sunny day! In addition to planting three trees (donated by Cathy and Dan Gleason), sod was put down near the new playground area, and lots of flower bulbs were planted, to enjoy next spring. Everyone had lunch after all their hard work! ***Thanks to everyone who participated — and the Parks Dept. and the Anchorage Park Foundation for organizing this great event!***

*Due to their large size, the other two donated trees (Oak Leaf Mountain Ash) at the park were professionally planted on September 20<sup>th</sup>. These were the final two trees planted as part of the Gleason's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tree donation to the Turnagain neighborhood.*

***And THANK YOU! To Agnew::Beck Consulting for adopting the Kiwanis Fish Creek Park!***

- **Fish Creek Trail to Ocean Working Group**

A multi-council/citizens working group is continuing its efforts to explore the possibility of a trail along Fish Creek between W. Northern Lights and the Coastal Trail. The group sent a letter to Mayor Berkowitz in August, asking for a point of contact and if he would support for a stakeholder meeting this fall. ***A resolution of general support was passed at the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. UPDATE! The Working Group has received a letter from Parks & Recreation Dept. Superintendent Josh Durand, stating that, "This planning effort has already been added to the Parks and Recreation's 2016/2017***

work plan. We look forward to working with you in the months to come and determining how this trail connection can be realized.”

**If you are interested in participating in the working group, contact:** Meghan Holtan, holtan.meghan@gmail.com OR  
**Fill out the form linked at:** <http://goo.gl/forms/l3Bp81JCK1>

- **West High Parking Lot Improvements**

A project completed this summer at the West High parking lot includes a dedicated school bus drive lane; medians, landscaping, and marked crosswalks; and a sidewalk on the south side of Hillcrest Dr. along the campus — all greatly enhancing and improving vehicle/pedestrian safety and bus circulation. **The TCC Safe Routes to Schools Committee is now focusing its effort on rehabilitation of the two pedestrian paths leading to the campus at Arlington Dr. and Belmont Dr.**

- **AWWU Pump Station 10 Landscaping/Tree Donation**

AWWU has upgraded the Pump Station 10 area along the Coastal Trail, and approved the offer by Dan and Cathy Gleason to donate two spruce trees as part of the enhancement. These trees were planted next to existing landscaping, as additional buffering between the Coastal Trail and the facility fencing. **The Gleasons thank Paul Hatcher and AWWU for their collaboration on this effort!**

- **Turnagain Heights (Marston Dr/Foraker Dr.) RID/LID/WID Assessment Appeal**

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Superior Court Judge Eric A. Aarseth issued an “**Order AFFIRMING Anchorage Municipal Assembly’s Assessment Decision**” regarding assessment costs for the Turnagain neighborhood road, water and sewer/lateral improvement districts. (Background: In 2003, cost assessments for the improvements were estimated and the Assembly authorized three improvement districts. In 2006, 35% designs showed the project would be more expensive; landowners unhappy with the Assembly’s 2006 reassessed allocations filed an appeal. In 2013, the Court remanded the case to the Assembly, to hold a trial-type hearing for the Appellants’ challenges to the new assessment rolls; a three-member Assembly panel held a quasi-judicial hearing in 2014. The Assembly concluded that costs were properly allocated, bidding procedures properly followed, and the lot owners received substantial benefit from the road, water, and sewer improvements. The Appellants then appealed the Assembly’s remand decision to the Alaska Superior Court.)  
**Info:** Assistant Municipal Attorney Robert Owens, [WenesRP@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:WenesRP@ci.anchorage.ak.us), 343-4545

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**

A Draft Report and Airport Layout Plan is being drafted this summer, with a Public Review Draft released this fall; Final Plan projected to be released in Nov./Dec. timeframe.

**Info, submit comments and join email list and receive meeting notices:** [www.lhdmasterplan.com](http://www.lhdmasterplan.com).

**Questions?** Teri Lindseth, Airport Planning, 266-2544, [teri.linseth@alaska.gov](mailto:teri.linseth@alaska.gov).

**TCC submitted comments on the Draft Lake Hood Master Plan, including the motion we passed at our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

*“Turnagain Community Council strongly opposes development projects located in Turnagain Bog land at the Airport, specifically the three projects identified in the [LHMP] Draft Plan:*

- ⇒ *Tie-down GA parking and lease lot/tie-down space east of the Lake Hood gravel strip runway [identified as CIP Projects 10A, 10B, and 10C in the draft];*
- ⇒ *Proposed trail east of the gravel strip near the Turnagain residential boundary [identified as Other Project J];*
- and*
- ⇒ *The tie-down GA parking lot west of the existing Echo tie-down parking lot [identified as Other Project K].”*

- **2016 Park and Trail Projects in Turnagain**

**Coastal Trail Bridge Replacement — scheduled for late 2016:**

**Fish Creek Bridge**  
**Sisson Loop Bridge**

**Info:** Taylor Keegan, MOA Park Planner, 343-4518, [keeganth@muni.org](mailto:keeganth@muni.org)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE CHANGES LOCATION:**

As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Legislative Information Office is located at 1500 W. Benson Blvd. (southeast corner of Minnesota Dr. and Benson Blvd.)

#### ▪ **AIRPORT COMMUNITY FLIGHT TRACKER:**

The Airport is now providing an online application that enables the community to track aircraft flight patterns over their residences. This is one of the measures identified and approved by the FAA in the recently completed FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. It will enable residents of Anchorage to determine, in many cases, what aircraft are flying over them 24 hours a day in 'near real time,' including info. on airline, aircraft type, the flight path, the altitude and the origin and destination communities.

**For application and User's Guide, go to:** [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com), News and Highlights section

#### ▪ **#ANCWORKS PROVIDES NEW WAY TO REPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS & ISSUES:**

On June 22, 2016, the Municipality of Anchorage launched #ANCWorks!, an online tool for residents to report neighborhood problems and issues. **Featured with an icon on muni.org**, #ANCWorks! provides an online, mobile friendly platform for residents to report an issue, from potholes to a burnt-out streetlight, and track progress to a resolution.

Users can visit [www.muni.org/ancworks](http://www.muni.org/ancworks) on their desktop, tablet, or mobile phone to fill out a short form and report a problem or pass on a compliment or concern to the Municipality. With a one extra click, #ANCWorks! also allows users to attach files and photos to their request and every request will receive a case number, allowing users to track the progress of their issue at any time online.

**For more information, contact:** Myer Hutchinson at 343-7133.

#### ▪ **PEOPLE MOVER GOOGLE MAPS NOW AVAILABLE:**

Two new tools are available to help plan your next trip with People Mover. Google Maps now show real-time People Mover trip info. — and an innovative application that provides estimated bus arrival times based on your stop via text message.

**To find the estimated arrival time of buses at a certain stop go to:** [bus.codeforanchorage.org](http://bus.codeforanchorage.org) (No smart phone or data plan is required to use the texting application.)

**Text the bus stop id # to:** (907) 312-2060.

**To plan a trip, go to:** [www.peoplemover.org](http://www.peoplemover.org)

**Access Google Maps online or through the Google Maps app on a mobile device**

**For more information, contact:** Bart Rudolph at (907) 343-8490

#### ▪ **SIGN UP FOR 'BERKOWITZ BULLETIN':**

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has a new newsletter called *Berkowitz Bulletin*.

**Sign up to receive by email at:** [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org), then click on 'Mayor's Corner' on the home page, then click on the newsletter graphic on the right-hand side.

#### ▪ **MAYOR BERKOWITZ INVITES INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS WITH "ANCHORAGE INNOVATES":**

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has announced "Anchorage Innovates" — a new place for the Mayor to receive feedback, comments, questions, and concerns.

**A link to "Anchorage Innovates" can be found on [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org) and on the Mayor's page at:**

[www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx](http://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx).

**Comments, questions and concerns can also be submitted through emailing:** [mayor@muni.org](mailto:mayor@muni.org), calling 343-7100, or if you are feeling nostalgic, mailing a letter to: P.O. Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska 99519.

**For more information, contact:** Myer Hutchinson at (907) 343-7133.