

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of February 24, 2018

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## FEbruary 2018 NOTICES:

- **February 26 — West Anchorage Candidates Forum, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. Multi-purpose Room.** Hear Mayoral & School Board Candidates discuss issues you care about! There will be an opportunity for public to ask questions. Event sponsored by North Star, Sand Lake, Spenard, Taku-Campbell & Turnagain Community Councils. *Enjoy refreshments at the event.*

  - 6:00-6:25 p.m. — Staffed tables will provide information on April 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot Propositions & Bonds
  - 6:25-6:30 p.m. — Vote By Mail presentation
  - 6:30-6:35 p.m. — Welcome
  - 6:35-7:45 p.m. — Mayoral
  - 7:50-8:40 p.m. — School Board
  - 8:40-9:00 p.m. — Wrap up/Clean up

*For more info:* Cathy Gleason, TCC President, 248-0442, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com)
- **February 26-May 12 — Girls on the Run at Turnagain Elementary School.** Girls on the Run is coming to Turnagain Elementary! This program, sponsored by Girls on the Run Southcentral Alaska, inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running. You do NOT have to be a runner to participate. For 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Program ends May 12<sup>th</sup> with a celebration 5k.

*Info and to register:* [www.gotrsouthcentralak.org](http://www.gotrsouthcentralak.org), or email Shaina Seidner, program coordinator at [coaches@gotrsouthcentralak.org](mailto:coaches@gotrsouthcentralak.org). Or see Ms. Eastham and Ms. Bakker!
- **February 26 — Health Care Policy Solutions for Alaska, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum Main Hanger, 4721 Aircraft Dr.** Visiting scholar Dr. Roger Stark of the Washington Policy Center joins the Alaska Policy Forum to present a new policy brief, *Alaska Options for Health Care Reform and Administrative Improvements to the Affordable Care Act*. The brief presents viable solutions to the issues plaguing Alaska's health care system. Free event — seating is limited.

*To Register:* <https://tinyurl.com/yb69kcfe>
- **February 28 — PUBLIC HEARING — State House Judiciary Committee Hearing on HB 75: Gun Violence Protective Orders, 1:00 p.m.** This legislation would create protective orders to remove guns from individuals with heightened risk of endangering themselves or others.

*To view the legislation:* <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb75>

*To testify:* Call in from Anchorage to (907) 563-9085
- **February 28 — Deadline — Rep. Matt Claman Constituent Survey.**

*To take the survey:* [http://akhouse.org/rep\\_claman/](http://akhouse.org/rep_claman/)

## MARCH 2018 NOTICES:

- **March 1 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**

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- **March 1 — Municipality of Anchorage Election Headquarters Open House, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 619 E. Ship Creek Ave, Suite 100, Door D** of the city's election headquarters. See the new scanners and voting equipment in action.

*Info:* <http://muni.org/elections>

- March 1 — Municipality Release of Community Council Capital Improvement Project List.** Every year community councils are asked to ranking CIP projects. Deadline is sometime in May. *TCC will form a committee that will propose recommendations for consideration at our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.* *If you would like to be on the CIP committee, please contact:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleason@tcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleason@tcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- March 3 — Rep. Matt Claman Constituent Gathering, 10:00-11:00 a.m., City Diner, 3000 Minnesota Dr.** Tables will be reserved to join Rep. Claman for coffee and conversation.
- March 3 — Anchorage Caucus & Mid-Session Constituent Meeting, 2:00-4:00 p.m., UAA Rasmuson Hall, 3211 Providence Dr.** State senators and representatives from all across the Anchorage Bowl will be at UAA to talk with constituents one-on-one about your questions, concerns and ideas. Parking is free.  
*Facebook event page:* <https://www.facebook.com/events/170416296926631/>
- March 4 — DEADLINE — Last Day for New Voter Registration for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Municipality of Anchorage VOTE BY MAIL Election.**  
*State of Alaska Online Voter Registration:* [voterregistration.alaska.gov/](http://voterregistration.alaska.gov/)
- March 5 — Town Hall Meeting on ML&P Sale to Chugach Electric Assoc, 6:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** The meeting will also be broadcast live on Channel 9 and recorded. Authorizing the Assembly to sell ML&P will be on the April 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot. *Representatives from both utilities will be at TCC's March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to provide information on the potential sale.*  
*Info:* <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/MLPChugachSale.aspx>
- March 8 — Heritage Land Bank Commission Action on the 2018 Draft HLB Work Program & Five-Year Management Plan, 11:30 a.m., Permit & Development Center, 4700 Elmore Rd., Conference Room 170.** *TCC submitted comments and testified at the February 8<sup>th</sup> HLBAC public hearing.* Due to lack of community council public notice by HLB, the HLBAC postponed action until their March meeting.  
*Info:* [www.hlb@muni.org](http://www.hlb@muni.org), 343-7533
- March 11 — DEADLINE — AMATS 2040 MTP Alternatives Survey.** As part of the development of the AMATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a survey is being conducted on proposed alternatives that will form the basis for the plan: "Alternative 1: Building on Today" and "Alternative 2: Pushing the Envelope."

  - To view the Alternatives Detail Document:* <http://www.mtp2040.com/assets/alternativedetails.pdf>
  - To take the survey:* [mtp2040.metroquest.com](http://mtp2040.metroquest.com)
  - To email comments:* [amatsinfo@muni.org](mailto:amatsinfo@muni.org)
- March 12 — Planning & Zoning Commission Action on Changes to Stream Setback Municipal Code Regs, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2017-0133: Revisions to setbacks and other regulations for streams, creeks, and other waterbodies are proposed. Public hearing was closed January 23<sup>rd</sup>. *TCC provided comments and testified at the public hearing.*  
*To view draft Stream Setback Ordinance:*  
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=16583>
- March 13 — Municipality of Anchorage VOTE BY MAIL Election Ballots Will Be Mailed.** The ballots will be mailed first-class USPS to a voter's registered mailing address. *Election mail can't be forwarded* — if your address is not up to date in the voter file, you will need to call 243-VOTE (8683) to have a ballot sent to a temporary address, OR vote in person at one of the three polling places (Loussac Library, City Hall, 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 100). To Vote By Mail, you will need a 49-cent postage stamp — or you can place the ballot in one of 12 secure dropboxes by 8:00 p.m. on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
*Info:* <http://muni.org/elections>; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NtkvI9oE5E>  
*Info on the Municipal April 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot Bonds:*  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Pages/CitizensGuide2018Bonds.aspx>

- March 14 — DEADLINE — Comments on Draft Complete Streets Policy.** The AMATS 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Official Streets and Highways Plan recommend the development of a complete streets policy. “Complete Streets” means streets that are designed, used and operated to enable safe access for all traffic in that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move through the transportation network.

*To view the draft:*  
[http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Technical\\_Advisory\\_Committee/2018/020818/5ACS\\_Policy\\_020818.pdf](http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Technical_Advisory_Committee/2018/020818/5ACS_Policy_020818.pdf)

*To submit comments:* Email — [amatsinfo@muni.org](mailto:amatsinfo@muni.org), Fax — 907-249-7980, Mail — Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519
- March 22 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**

*Info and to confirm:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), [tccpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresident@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- March 26-April 3 — Municipality of Anchorage VOTE BY MAIL ACCESSIBLE VOTE CENTERS WILL BE OPEN at FIVE LOCATIONS, Days and hours vary from location to location.**

  - Anchorage City Hall
  - Loussac Library
  - MOA Election Center at Ship Creek
  - O'Malley's on the Green
  - Eagle River Town Center

*Info:* [muni.org/elections/AVC](http://muni.org/elections/AVC)

## APRIL 2018 NOTICES:

- April 3 — DEADLINE TO VOTE — Municipality of Anchorage VOTE BY MAIL Election.** Mail-In ballots need to be postmarked by Election Day, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, placed in one of the 12 secure dropboxes by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, OR you can vote in person at three polling locations: Loussac Library, City Hall, 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 100.

*Info: and Ballot Dropbox Locations:* [www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections), 243-VOTE (8683)
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## PROJECT UPDATES:

- Assembly Votes to Include \$52M For an Alcohol and Substance Treatment Site Re-Build Project at the Clitheroe Center site in the MOA 2018 State Legislative Program**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Assembly approved a legislative request for a November 2018 ballot General Obligation Bond that would include \$52M for a 200-bed remodel of the Salvation Army's Clitheroe Center alcohol and drug abuse treatment “Wellness Center,” which would include a wide variety of services. The facility would be located west of the Airport on Heritage Land Bank land near the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail south of Point Woronzof. The goal is for the funding to appear as a statewide bond. *TCC has not received any detailed information for project, including the 200-bed facility — Nancy Burke is scheduled to present information at our March 1<sup>st</sup> TCC meeting.*
- Proposed Accessory Dwelling Units Municipal Code Title 21 Amendments**

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to support the proposals to allow larger and detached ADUs on residential lots, including single-family lots, allow on-street resident parking, and reduce lot setbacks and design standards, to expand the supply of residential rental units in Anchorage. Their recommendation will now go before the Assembly for final consideration. *At our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, TCC approved comments that expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendments, which were sent to the P&ZC and the Assembly (see TCC website for comment letter). TCC approved two additional recommendations at our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Assembly is anticipated to schedule work sessions in March.*

*To view draft Accessory Dwelling Units Title 21 Amendments:*  
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/planning/Status?planningId=16515>

- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**

DOT&PF is finalizing the design for this runway rehabilitation project and anticipates bidding the project in the next few weeks. Efforts will be taken to minimize changes to air traffic patterns during one of the two construction seasons. Construction will be 7 days a week, 24 hours a day throughout the summer construction season, May through October.

**2018 Construction:** The southern portion of Runway 15/33 will be rehabilitated and widened. The northern portion of Runway 15/33 will remain open for the majority of the summer for arrivals to the south, departures to the north, and departures to the south. Arrivals to the north will not be allowed, reducing aircraft noise to the south of the airport. Runway 15/33 will be returned to service at full length for the winter of 2018/2019.

Sign up for emails at: [www.anc15-33.com](http://www.anc15-33.com)

Send questions or comments to: [info@anc15-33.com](mailto:info@anc15-33.com), Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, 644-2153

- **2018 Traffic Calming Projects in Turnagain**

HDL Engineering Consultants presented an update at TCC's Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, meeting. ***Traffic calming "speed cushions" are now slated to be installed spring/summer 2018 at:***

- **33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Wisconsin St. and Turnagain St.**
- **McKenzie Dr. between Andree Dr. and Milky Way Dr.**

These traffic calming speed cushions will be longer, with flat tops, and provide gaps to allow emergency vehicle wheels to travel through them. AFD opposed the proposed traditional speed humps, as they reduce emergency response time, can damage vehicle suspensions, and put firefighters at a safety risk as they drive over them.

An additional street — **Loussac Dr. between Lord Baranof Dr. and Iliamna Ave.** — was also included in the "2018 Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Qualified Streets List." ***An update on the Turnagain Traffic Calming projects will be provided at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> TCC meeting.***

- **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrades**

Road construction has progressed significantly throughout the summer and fall; completion is set for 2018. Info. and to review project materials, Open House graphics and comments: CRW Engineering Group, LLC, [www.turnagainstreet.com](http://www.turnagainstreet.com), [comments@crweng.com](mailto:comments@crweng.com), 562-3252

- **Fish Creek Trail Connection — Northwood Dr. to Spenard Rd.**

This project will construct a new, 1.7-mile paved trail and a pedestrian bridge over Fish Creek, connecting Spenard Rd. and Northwood Dr. JTA Construction is scheduled to begin clearing for the future trails and preparing for the bridge in early October. Project is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2018.

Info: Brook Blessing, MOA Project Administrator, 343-8387, [BlessingBR@muni.org](mailto:BlessingBR@muni.org), Russell Oswald, P.E., MOA Project Manager, 343-8196, [OswaldRH@muni.org](mailto:OswaldRH@muni.org).

- **Draft Environmental Assessment on Airport Field Maintenance Storage Yard Expansion in Turnagain Bog**

Project No. CFAPT001013: Project would fill 7.7 acres of high value wetlands and disturb/remove approximately 16 acres of important vegetated buffer between the GA area and international airport operations. ***TCC Board members met with project personnel Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.***

To view draft EA: <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/aia-storage-yard-expansion/>

- **Proposed State Regulation Changes to Allow Retail Marijuana Licensees to Apply for Onsite Consumption**

On Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly made several recommendations to the State's proposed regulations that would allow marijuana onsite consumption at retail locations. In Nov., the Marijuana Control Board postponed discussion of the proposal until April 2018. ***TCC approved comments at our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, which expressed concerns with the proposal; four TCC members also testified against the onsite consumption regulations at the Assembly hearing on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. TCC sent our comments to the Marijuana Control Board as well.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ▪ 2018 SPRING TREE SEEDLINGS FOR SALE

Cook Inlet Chapter of the Society of American Foresters tree seedling sale is currently underway. White Spruce, Paper Birch, Lodgepole Pine, Scotch Pine and Siberian Larch are this year's species. Seedlings purchased will be available for pick up on May 19<sup>th</sup> at locations in Anchorage and Wasilla.

**To place an order:** <http://www.alaska.forestry.org/TreeSale>

### ▪ AMERICAN RED CROSS OF ALASKA INSTALLING FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The American Red Cross of Alaska has install over 4,000 free smoke alarms in communities around Alaska since 2014.

**To receive a FREE smoke alarm, contact the American Red Cross at:** 646-5408 and leave a message with your name and phone number, or email: [smokealarm@redcross.org](mailto:smokealarm@redcross.org).

### ▪ ALASKA AIRPORTS AND AVIATION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities has released the [Alaska Airports and Aviation 2017 Annual Report](#), includes a message from Deputy Commissioner John Binder highlighting 2017 successes and challenges; major airport projects; Alaska Aviation System Plan accomplishments, rural community runway safety projects; and Alaska International Airport System Business Report.

**View the Report online at:** [http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/aviation/2017Annual\\_Report.pdf](http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/aviation/2017Annual_Report.pdf)

### ▪ STAY OFF LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE FROZEN LAKES

The Airport is asking you to please stay off the ice unless accessing or operating aircraft. Winter operations are in effect — the frozen lakes remain restricted active runway surfaces all winter long for ski plane operations.

**For more information, please call Lake Hood Office:** 907-266-2410

### ▪ NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR PAINT THE TOWN PROJECT

NeighborWorks Alaska, a housing and neighborhood organization in Anchorage, sponsors "Paint the Town," an annual community volunteer program that provides painting, minor upkeep or repairs, and general TLC on a home of someone who has limited means or cannot do these repairs on their own. Nominations are being accepted now through April — with the event to take place this summer. Volunteers and/ sponsorship for the event is also welcome.

**For more information, go to:** [www.nwalaska.org](http://www.nwalaska.org)

### ▪ PEOPLE MOVER MOBILE TICKETING NOW AVAILABLE

An app-based transit ticketing system now allows you to purchase your pass from your smartphone, putting the convenience of customer service in the palm of your hand. Once you've downloaded the app, you can select the type and quantity of bus passes you'd like — then just open your Ticket Wallet and activate your pass before boarding.

**For more information, go to:**

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PressReleases/Pages/MobileTicketingLaunch.aspx>

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

#ANCWorks! Is an online tool sponsored by the Municipality of Anchorage 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.

**Go to:** <http://www.muni.org/residents/pages/anchorageworks.aspx>