

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of May 1, 2018

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## MAY 2018 NOTICES:

- **May 1 — TCC Capital Improvement Program Project Ranking Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Federation of Community Councils, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln.** The committee will be reviewing and ranking Municipal road & drainage, and park projects within the Turnagain neighborhood. Ranking deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. *Committee recommendations will be considered at the TCC 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.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **May 2 & 3 — Airport Mandatory Annual Firefighter Training, 2:00-7:00 p.m. each day.** Firefighters will be lighting and extinguishing fuel fires to stay current with FAA requirements. During those training days/times, large plumes of smoke from the south side of the Airport will be visible.  
*Info and questions:* 266-2407
- **May 3 — Lake Hood User Group Meeting, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Alaska Aviation Museum, 4741 Aircraft Dr.** Agenda items will include: 2018 construction, overview of communication for permits, waitlists, leasing & public notices, Tiedown Regulations review update, and agenda updates.  
*Info:* LH Manager Tim Coons, [tim.coons@alaska.gov](mailto:tim.coons@alaska.gov), 266-2410
- **May 3 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**  
*Info:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **May 4 — Annual Airport Clean-up Day, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, Airport Field Maintenance shops, 4100 Aircraft Dr.** Barbeque lunch is from 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **May 4 — Assembly Worksession on 2018/Five-Year Heritage Land Bank Plan, 2:00-3:00 p.m., City Hall, 632 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 155.** On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the HLB Advisory Commission approved a Resolution in Support of the 2018 and Five-Year Plan. *TCC submitted comments and testified at the February 8<sup>th</sup> HLBAC public hearing; comments were ratified at our April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Except for typo corrections, the Commission disregarded our proposed amendments to the Draft Plan, including the recommendation to transfer of HLB Municipal land west of the Airport to the Parks Dept. for park dedication, where sections of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Sission Loop Trail are located.*  
*To view TCC comments, go to TCC website homepage:* <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/37.html>  
*To view the Draft 2018/Five-Year HLB Plan:* <http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/Pages/default.aspx>
- **May 5 — TCC Clean Up at Earthquake Park, 10:00-Noon, Earthquake Park Parking Lot**  
 Let's get together to clean up this great Turnagain park! TCC will provide gloves and light refreshments. This event is part of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Citywide Clean Up, who is providing bags.  
*Info and to sign up:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), 248-0442  
*Info on the Anchorage Chamber Citywide Cleanup:* [CityWideCleanup.org](http://CityWideCleanup.org)
- **May 5 & 6 — Great Alaska Aviation Gathering, FedEx Hanger, Postmark Dr.**  
*Event details:* [www.greatalaskaaviationgathering.org/](http://www.greatalaskaaviationgathering.org/).

- May 7 — 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 February 5<sup>th</sup> public hearing.*  
To view draft Stream Setback Ordinance:  
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=16583>
- May 8 — Assembly Public Hearing on 2018/Five-Year Heritage Land Bank Plan, 5:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the HLB Advisory Commission approved a Resolution in Support of the 2018 and Five-Year Plan. *TCC has submitted proposed amendments to the Draft Plan, including the recommendation to transfer of HLB Municipal land west of the Airport to the Parks Dept. for park dedication, where sections of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Sission Loop Trail are located.*  
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- May 10-14 — Anchorage Waterways Council's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Creek Cleanup.** Choose a day and location and sign up a team in advance. Bags, gloves, first-aid kits, hand wipes, directions, maps, etc. will be ready for pick up a week prior to May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you see large collections of trash and debris in or near a creek or wetland, please call 27-CREEK.  
To sign up for a creek cleaning location, go to: [http://anchoragecreeks.org/pages/creekcleanup\\_teamsignup.php](http://anchoragecreeks.org/pages/creekcleanup_teamsignup.php)
- May 15 — Anchorage Airport Communications Plan Update Comment Review Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Airport Airfield Maintenance Facility, 5740 DeHavilland Ave.** The Airport is hosting a meeting to review and discuss community council comments on the Draft Update Plan, which establishes guidelines for effective two-way communication between the Airport and the community — including the three adjacent community councils. *TCC approved comments at our April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, which were submitted.*  
To view the draft: [anchorageairport.com](http://anchorageairport.com)  
For Info: Teri Lindseth, [teri.lindseth@alaska.gov](mailto:teri.lindseth@alaska.gov), 266-2544.  
To view TCC comments, go to TCC website homepage: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/37.html>
- May ? — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., date & 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
- May 31 — Deadline — Community Council Capital Improvement Project Ranking List.** Every year community councils are asked to ranking Municipal Parks and Roads & Drainage CIP projects. *TCC committee is meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>, propose recommendations for consideration at our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.*  
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442

## JUNE 2018 NOTICES:

- June 7 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION FOR OUR JUNE MEETING ONLY — Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lunney Center, 3900 Wisconsin St.**  
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- Salvation Army Not Renewing Clitheroe Center Lease on HLB land west of Airport**  
 The Salvation Army recently announced they will not be renewing their long-held lease for the Clitheroe Center, located on Heritage Land Bank west of the Airport. Instead, they will relocated it into existing midtown facilities. Nancy Burke, Municipal Homeless Coordinator, stated that the city still plans to move forward with a \$52M "Wellness Center" homeless housing facility that 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 received general, preliminary information from Nancy Burke and Steve Fishback at our March 1<sup>st</sup> TCC meeting. They will be meeting with TCC's Land Use Committee in the future, to provide more details as they become available.*

- **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 the near future.

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**

Project will rehabilitate and widen RW 15/33 and update taxiway geometry to meet FAA standards through the summers of 2018 and 2019. The runway will be partially closed during the 2018 summer and fully closed during the 2019 summer. Both construction seasons will require heavy cargo aircraft to be shifted to the east-west runways. 2019 summer construction will require all aircraft to utilize the east-west runways. **CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

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

- **All 2018 Construction Projects Map and associated descriptions:**

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/construction/index.shtml>.

- **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 discuss possible amendments to the proposal and hopes to meet with the new Airport Manager to further the discussion.*

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

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Tiedown Regulations Update**

Answers to questions posed during the public comment period, including the Dec. 12, 2017, public meeting, have been posted. Additional public notice will occur when the department makes a determination on the next phase of the project.

View Airport responses at: <http://dot.alaska.gov/anc/business/generalAviation>.

- **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. 2017, and then again in April 2018, the Marijuana Control Board postponed discussion of the proposal, now scheduled for June. *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:

- **CALL 3-1-1 TO REACH ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR NON-EMERGENCIES**

A new telephone directory was launched March 27, 2018, to allow residents to reach often-accessed city services more easily, including the APD non-emergency line. The number prioritizes access to APD's non-emergency line, which will relieve pressure on 911 and is easier to remember than the seven-digit phone number.

In addition, Anchorage 311 will serve as a general directory for frequently contacted departments, such as Street Maintenance, Code Enforcement, the Mayor's Office, Traffic, the Municipal Clerk's Office, Fees and Taxes, Vehicle Impound, and Health and Human Services.

**For more info, contact:** Kristin DeSmith, Communications Director, [desmithk@muni.org](mailto:desmithk@muni.org), 231-2226.

- **AIRPORT ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT NOW POSTED ON WEBSITE**

The Airport's Environmental Summary, covering 2017, has been posted on the Airport website. Combined recycling efforts of Airport staff and tenants resulted in the diversion of over 350,000 pounds of solid waste from the Anchorage Regional Landfill.

**Full Summary can be found at:** <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/business/environmental/index.shtml>.

- **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 NEIGHBORHOD 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>