

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of February 6, 2019

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FEBRUARY 2019 NOTICES:

- **February 4-9 — Lake Hood Closure (from Helio Dr. to W. Northern Lights Blvd.)** AWWU is considering moving the septage receiving station closer to the Asplund Wastewater Treatment Facility in West Anchorage (currently they are located on the southeast and northeast sides of town). A pilot study is scheduled for Feb. 4-9, when AWWU will close the septage receiving stations and direct haulers to a discharge point just off Lake Hood Dr., where there is an existing manhole equipped to take the flow. Each day during the study, 24-28 trucks will be traveling to this site via Postmark Dr. to WNL to Lake Hood Dr.
Info: Aimee Rathbun, P.E., AWWU Project Engineering Division, 564-2720; aimee.rathbun@awwu.biz
- **February 6 — Anchorage Transportation Fair, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Alaska Airlines Center, 3550 Providence Dr.** This event is a “super open house” that provides information on walking, biking, driving, rail and aviation projects and plans within the Municipality of Anchorage and main corridors to the Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula. Free and open to the public. No cost for parking.
Info: <http://anchoragetransportfair.blogspot.com/>
- **February 7 — 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, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **February 7-April 14 — Anchorage Park Foundation Grant Application Period.** This is an opportunity to apply for a Community Challenge Grant for a park or trail improvement project. APF awards “doable” projects a dollar-for-dollar matching grant for the energy you put into the project through cash, donations, volunteer labor and in-kind materials or services.
Info: Contact Connor Keesecker at Connor@AnchorageParkFoundation.org
- **February 8 — City-Wide Career & Job Fair, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., University Center Mall, 3901 Old Seward Hwy.** Come professionally dressed with copies of your resume to give to employers! Free and open to the public. You will have an opportunity to meet with businesses from various industries across Alaska.
Info: <http://ancjobfair.wixsite.com/2019/>
- **February 12, 19 & 26 — ASD Visit Our Schools Month.** Community members, businesses and parents are invited to visit any ASD school during every Tuesday during the month of February. This is a coordinated effort that provides parents and members of the community an opportunity to learn more about the many educational opportunities available at each school.

 - Feb. 12 & 19 — 9:30 a.m.
 - Feb. 26 — 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- **February 14 — PUBLIC HEARING — Heritage Land Bank Commission Hearing on the 2019 Draft HLB Work Program & Five-Year management Plan, 11:30 a.m., Permit & Development Center, 4700 Elmore Rd., Conference Room 170.** *TCC President submitted comments by the February 2nd comment deadline; ratification consideration will be on our February 7th TCC general membership meeting agenda.*
Info: www.hlb@muni.org, 343-7533
To review the Draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/Pages/default.aspx>.

- **February 15 — Deadline to Appeal — Municipality of Anchorage 2019 Real Property Assessment.** Property assessment notices were mailed out January 15, 2019. Property owners have the opportunity to discuss, current errors or appeal your real estate assessments for 30 days from the mailing date. Property values and descriptions: www.muni.org/pw/public.html
- **February 20 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org
- **February 21 — Comment Deadline (EXTENDED) — Public Hearing Draft of Proposed Changes for Compatible-Scale Infill Housing in R-2 Zoned Title 21 Municipal Code.** The Municipal Planning Department is proposing amendments to Code for the R-2 Zoning District, to allow for compact housing, with neighborhood compatibility standards. *The TCC Land Use Committee submitted comments on the Community Review Draft in October, which were ratified at our Nov. 1st TCC general meeting. The TCC Land Use Committee met January 8 to review the Public Hearing Draft — draft comment letter will be on the TCC February 7th general meeting for approval consideration.*
Other related R-2 Proposed Code Changes date:
 - **March 4 — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.**

To view all available documents, go to:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/Compatible.aspx>

To submit comments, email to: Anchorage2040@muni.org; mail to: Long-Range Planning Division, Planning Department, Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

- **February 21 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**
Info and confirmation of date: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **February 28 — APPLICATION DEADLINE (EXTENDED) — State Individual Disaster Assistance.** This assistance program is for individuals and families within the Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska Susitna Borough, or Kenai Peninsula Borough with damaged homes, essential personal property, and transportation losses from the 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake. A building inspection is NOT a prerequisite to apply for state or federal aid.
When you a call or apply online, please provide:
 - Description of damages and/or losses
 - Damaged Property Address
 - Insurance Information
 - Personal Identification Information

PLEASE NOTE: Take pictures of damage before cleaning up and keep receipts from any cost incurred!
State Individual Disaster Assistance Hotline: 1-855-445-7131
Online Registration: Ready.Alaska.Gov
Applicants needing an interpreter, have a representative call: 1-855-445-7131
Applicants with hearing and speech disabilities call: TTY 1-855-445-7131

PLEASE NOTE: Federal Disaster Assistance is also now Available! (No deadline set)

This is a separate application process. Individuals can qualify for federal grants of up to \$34,900 for property damage.

Register online: DisasterAssistance.gov

Call to Register: 1-800621-FEMA (3362)

Applicants with hearing and speech disabilities call: TTY 1-800-462-7585

The toll-free numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

MARCH 2019 NOTICES:

- **March 3 — Last Day for Voter Registration — Municipality of Anchorage April 2, 2019 Elections**
Election information:
<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

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- **March 12 — Ballot Packages Mailed to Qualified Voters — Municipality of Anchorage April 2, 2019 Elections**
Election information:
<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
- **March 20 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
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PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Westchester Lagoon South Bridge Replacement**
The bridge is now OPEN for winter trail use! The project is not 100 percent complete — asphalt paving and other details will be completed in the spring. *TCC provided input on design elements at our May 3rd, 2018, TCC meeting.* Many thanks to Maeve Nevins Lavtar at Parks & Rec. for keeping us updated on the project! *Questions?* Municipality Parks and Recreation Dept., 343-4355, <http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/CoastalTrailBridges.aspx>
- **50-Year Lease Application ADA-32171 for TLC Properties General Aviation-Related Development at Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Turnagain Bog.**
Location is in the southwest corner of Lake Hood Dr. and Helio Pl. consisting of up to 850,000 sq. ft. Authorized uses could include: 23 aircraft tie-down spaces, phased-in development of 120 T-hangers for GA aircraft, season float/snow storage areas and vehicle parking. This same area was proposed for an Airport construction storage/maintenance area last year. *The TCC Land Use Committee met on December 13th to review the application and discuss comments; a comment letter was submitted by the December 20th deadline. Ratification of these comments will be on the TCC January 10th general membership meeting. Among other requests, TCC asked that they be able to meet with Airport officials and the applicants before a decision on the lease application is finalized.*
Info: Tim Coons, Lake Hood Seaplane Base Manager, tim.coons@alaska.gov, 266-2741, or <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=192184>
- **Spenard Beach Park/TCC Donation for Amenities**
As a follow up to TCC's donation to the Anchorage Park Foundation for amenities to Spenard Beach Park, the Parks Dept. will be meeting with interested parties to discuss possible projects sometime in March.
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **Alaska Railroad Bridge Over W. Northern Lights Graffiti Removal**
Many thanks to MOA Public Works for doing interim work to cover graffiti on the highly visible AKRR bridge in Turnagain! The lighter coat of paint applied this spring will be followed up next year with a more extensive effort (based on funding availability), including full sandblasting and a thicker layer of paint on both the bridge and retaining walls. Graffiti sealant will also be applied.
- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**
Project involves rehabilitating and widening RW 15/33 and update taxiway geometry to meet FAA standards. The N/S runway resumed normal operations on October 2nd and will remain open throughout the winter. Construction will occur 7 days per week 24 hours/day, from April 2019 to October. 2019 summer construction will require all aircraft to utilize the east-west runways (most arrivals will land from the west; most departures will take off to the east).
For project updates and to submit comments: www.anc15-33.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

● PAINT THE TOWN! EVENT NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Paint the Town brings volunteers and sponsors together every year to help paint and provide minor repairs to neighbors in our community who lack the resources to do these jobs on their own. Sponsors, teams and nominations being accepted now.

For more info, contact Jim MacKenzie at NeighborWorks Alaska: jmackenzie@nwalaska.org, 677-8434

● RECYCLING EXPANDED AT AIRPORT!

The Airport has recently expanded the recycling program for passengers. Recent changes to the type and number of receptacles have greatly improved the success of the program.

● ASSEMBLY DELAYS IMPLEMENTATION OF PLASTIC BAG BAN

The Assembly has decided to delay the implementation of the plastic bag ban ordinance they passed in December of last year until September 15, 2019; originally, it was to go into effect March 1st. The goal of the ordinance is to reduce litter and encourage consumers to bring their own reusable bags to the store. Anchorage resident David Nees is circulating a petition to repeal the plastic bag ban; the petition must have 10,000 signatures by mid-January.

● ONSITE MARIJUANA CONSUMPTION APPROVED FOR MARIJUANA RETAIL LICENSE

On December 19, 2018, the Marijuana Control Board approved regulation changes to 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code, which allows onsite marijuana consumption for retail establishments. Outdoor consumption areas will also be allowed, if the board finds it compatible with neighborhood uses. Local governments, via ordinance or a ballot question, could bar onsite use or aspects of it, such as smoking. The regulation is undergoing review by the Department of Law and must be approved by the lieutenant governor's office before becoming effective.

TCC approved comments at our October 5 2017, meeting, which expressed concerns with the marijuana onsite consumption proposal; four TCC members also testified against the onsite consumption regulations at the Assembly hearing on Oct. 10th 2017. TCC sent our comments to the Marijuana Control Board at that time as well — and sent an update version of that letter to the MCB on October 30 2019.

● 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, 231-2226.

● DOT & MUNI WINTER CONDITION RESOURCES

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities provides the following information link, to help you drive safely this winter season:

- Winter Road Maintenance Priority Map
- Studded Tire Information
- Winter Driving Tips
- Winter Vehicle Emergency Kit

Go to: <http://dot.alaska.gov/winter-conditions.shtml>

The Municipality of Anchorage also has a snow removal status map and other resources for Anchorage residents:

Call: Anchorage Snowplowing Hotline: 907-338-1466

Go to: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Pages/default.aspx>.

● LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE REMINDER: STAY OFF THE LAKE ICE!

Winter operations are in effect at Lake Hood; the Airport is requesting everyone's help to spread the reminder to please stay off the lake ice. The frozen lakes remain restricted active runway surfaces all winter long for plane ski operations.

For more info, call the Lake Hood Office at: 266-2410

- **PEOPLE MOVER RELEASES FIRST YEAR ANALYSIS OF NEW BUS SYSTEM**

The Municipality of Anchorage's Public Transportation Department has released a System Report Card that analyzes how the new bus system operated during its first year of service. Significant changes to the bus system started on October 23, 2017, in an effort to curb a trend in declining ridership. The analysis of the first year of the new system found that it operated better than expected, but that there's still room for improvement.

For the System Report Card and more info, go to: www.peoplemover.org/TransitOnTheMove.

- **#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** 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>