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# BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

May 07, 2019

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday, May 09, 2019, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

**LOCATION:** BAXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (Cafeteria).

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR December 063:**

- LEGISLATIVE AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS (as available)
  - Lance Pruitt, SOA Representatives report
  - Cathy Giessel, SOA Senate report
  - Pete Peterson, MUNI Assembly report
  - Forrest Dunbar, MUNI Assembly report
  
- FIRE STATION NO. 14 REPORT – C Shift (as available)
  
- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project – Completed over a Year ago.

Warrantee work will still proceed when/if/as necessary; we are not sure when the warrantee period ends. Some cracks (post-earthquake) on the bike path have already been reported by us to PM&E. Report anything that you see to the LRSA board or me who can inform PM&E.

- LRSA REPORT– Ted Trueblood is able to attend this meeting; thus, he will present the LRSA report. Ted Trueblood and Harry Haywood were re-election to the LRSA Board for a 3 year term. Jack Walker may be available to respond to any follow-up on the Campbell Creek overflow problem and the summer improvement program that we may have from his discussion last March.
  
- UPDATE: MUNI Road Maintenance/Restoration
  - As you all know, paving for CAR/Basher Rd. in the area near Basher Trailhead by the MUNI Street Maintenance Department has been completed for some time now. As mentioned a several times before, this is at best a temporary fix; in about 10 -12 years we will surely be faced with major road Maintenance/Restoration needs again. We are not sure whether (or how much) MUNI or State funds will be available when we face that situation. It is definitely not too early to start thinking about it.
  
- John See, Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Forester, gave me the following information to present. John likely cannot make this meeting, thus I will try to inform BCC on the programs below. AFD is starting to provide Firewise Home Inspections. You can schedule a home inspections by either calling John See's MUNI phone, 267-4902, or by applying on line as follows:  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>  
At the March BCC meeting, John mentioned the planned Thermal Imaging Wildfire Detection System that is being installed with towers at Service High School and at the MUNI Permit Center/Fire Prevention Office. It has a range of approximately 6 – 8 kilometers. It is described in this u-tube video as follows:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEvrwxO85ul>
  
- David Matthys and Troy Weiss, on behalf of the BCC Crime Task Force, had sadly reported at last March's meeting that they were unable to keep this Crime program operational due to a lack of volunteers. Troy Weiss will present an update on this topic at this meeting. It is unlikely we will restart this Crime program, unless several people step up to the plate and volunteer to help out.

- Kurt Froening, District Manager at Alaska Waste, will discuss everything we need to know about their bear proof trash containers, including how to get a replacement when the container you presently have is defective. Kurt will also discuss the Alaska Waste recycling program, including what they offer.
- BEAR TREE: Margaret Nelson will once again open a discussion on this re-occurring problem, although it seems that bears have not relocated there this year and likely will not this late in the birthing season.

Regarding the problem of the bear tree (you know where it is, adjacent to the sharp bend on Campbell Airstrip Road) and continued harassment of park wildlife and the public safety in years are present. A resolution regarding the bear tree will be presented to BCC members and the neighborhood for review and approval or rejection at some future date. It will be asking the AK Dept. of Fish & Game to cut down the bear tree after any inhabitants have left and before any new inhabitants this fall.

- ELECTION: Basher Community Council Spring Board Member Elections; I believe that all of our current Board Members agree to remain in their current positions. None of the present officers have told me that they do not wish to remain in their current position. However, per our bylaws, Nominations for Board Members have been open since before the December 6, 2018 BCC meeting. Since no individuals were nominated to run against any of the Current Board Members, then Elections will not need to be held at the first spring, 2019 BCC meeting to be held on March 21, 2019 in accordance with our adopted and accepted BCC Bylaws. Thus, we can vote to retain the current Board Members.
- Summer Community BBQ- I was too busy this past summer to set a date and provide the planning for this event. It has traditionally taken place mid-July; however, we can vote on alternative times. Discussions on this were tabled at the last three BCC meetings due to full agendas. Margaret Nelson is considering having this years' Summer Community BBQ at her house.
- Marilyn Stewart Deputy Director, Community Relations for Governor Michael J. Dunleavy, was invited to the last March meeting and has been invited to attend this BCC meeting; however, I have not yet had a confirmation regarding her availability and have not tried to contact her recently.

- The Alternate Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Delegate is still Hilary Morgan. Margaret Nelson is still the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate Delegate. Susan Kent-Crafts is still the 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate Delegate. However, anyone else who wishes to attend any of the monthly FCC meetings usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6-8 p.m. in the 1st Floor conference room at 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100, is certainly welcome to do so.

Thank you,  
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