

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of June 5, 2019

**Turnagain Community Council is on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/turnagainforum/>  
**Check for updates on our webpage:** [www.communitycouncils.org](http://www.communitycouncils.org)

## JUNE 2019 NOTICES:

- **June 5 — Coastal Trail Wayfinding TCC Land Use Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Lyn Ary Park lower level parking lot.** TCC Land Use Committee members will meet with the Parks Dept. to discuss existing signage and proposed Coastal Trail Wayfinding Signage for this area.  
*Info:* TCC Land Use Committee Co-chair Cathy Gleason, 248-0442, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com)
- **June 6 — South Westchester Bridge Pop-Up Celebration, 12:00 p.m.** Ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the completion of this bridge replacement project. *TCC provide input on design and material choices during the development of the project.*  
*Info:* Connor Keesecker, Anchorage Park Foundation, 249-6654, [connor@anchorageparkfoundation.org](mailto:connor@anchorageparkfoundation.org)
- **June 6 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION FOR OUR JUNE MEETING — 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
- **June 18 — ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED — Proposed Code Amendments to Allow Retail Marijuana On-site Consumption (Edibles), 6:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Two ordinances (one to amend Title 10 & one to amend Title 21) are being proposed by the Assembly Community and Economic Development Committee for full Assembly consideration. Currently, the focus is to allow marijuana edibles in retail stores, in a separate room. *(A separate process to consider inhalation of marijuana products at retail locations will be started by the committee shortly.) TCC submitted comments to both the Assembly (when they were considering on-site marijuana consumption regulations in 2017) and to the Marijuana Control Board (in 2017 and 2018; TCC President testified at the May 21<sup>st</sup> hearing. (See additional background info. under the “Announcements” section.)*
- **Please Note — NO Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting in June**
- **JUNE 20 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**  
*Info and confirmation of date:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), [tccpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresident@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **June 27 — Turnagain/Spenard CC/Parks/APF On-site Meeting. Spenard Beach Park, time TBD.** The Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils’ joint Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge (matching) Grant application request for \$10,000 to update the Spenard Beach Park site plan and install picnic tables and park benches was **APPROVED!** We will be meeting at the park to discuss grant requirements, planning and fundraising. Both councils are providing up to \$2,000 each in matching funds. The remaining \$4,000 matching funds will need to be raised by the councils. Potential funding outreach could include tourist-related businesses at Spenard Lake, general aviation user groups, Airport businesses, etc. *Please let us know if you would like to help out with this park planning and effort fundraising!*  
*Info:* TCC Board Member Sara Haley, [haleyjays@gmail.com](mailto:haleyjays@gmail.com)

- **June 30 — COMMENT/ROUTE VOTING DEADLINE — Transit On the Move Route Proposals.**  
The Municipality of Anchorage's Public Transportation Department has extended the comment/route voting deadline on proposed People Mover bus routes. **PLEASE NOTE: OPTION H ("Wood Frog" Route) WOULD REINSTATE BUS SERVICE TO TURNAGAIN!!**  
*For more info., including bus route option information:*  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/TOTMPES2Materials.aspx>  
*To vote on favorite routes (up to 3) and submit comments, email: [transitplanning@muni.org](mailto:transitplanning@muni.org)*

## JULY 2019 NOTICES:

- **Please Note — NO Turnagain Community Council Meeting in July**
- **July 9 — ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARING — Studio 420 Marijuana Retail Establishment Special Land Use Permit, 6:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** The location for this proposed marijuana retail establishment is at the Holiday Strip Shopping Center at Wisconsin St. & Spenard Rd. (Tesoro station), which is the closest marijuana establishment proposal, to date, to the Turnagain neighborhood boundaries. *A presentation by the Studio 420 is scheduled for TCC's June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.*
- **July 15 — Solarize Turnagain Deadline to Sign Contracts with Arctic Solar Ventures.**  
*Info:* <https://akcenter.org/climate-clean-energy/solarize-anchorage/solarize-turnagain/>  
*Contact:* [solarize@arcticsolarventures.com](mailto:solarize@arcticsolarventures.com)  
*To add your name to the Turnagain list-serve, send contact info to: [kristen@akcenter.org](mailto:kristen@akcenter.org)*
- **July 17 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Picnic, 6:00 p.m., Valley of the Moon Park**  
*Info:* FCC Office, 277-1977, [communitycouncils.org](http://communitycouncils.org)

## AUGUST 2019 NOTICES:

- **Please Note — NO Turnagain Community Council Meeting in August — NEXT TCC MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, location TBA.**
- **Please Note — NO Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting in August**
- **August 30 — Marty Smith Naming Worksession, Noon-1:00 p.m., Valley of the Moon Park**  
*Info:* FCC

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**  
Project involves rehabilitating and widening RW 15/33 and update taxiway geometry to meet FAA standards. Construction will occur 7 days per week 24 hours/day, from April to October 2019. During construction, the majority of air traffic will be shifted to the east-west runways (most arrivals will land from the west; most departures will take off to the east). This will result in a temporary increase in air traffic and noise over the city. *For project updates and to submit comments: [www.anc15-33.com](http://www.anc15-33.com)*
- **Airport 2019 Construction**  
2019 Airport Construction Projects Map and associated descriptions are available. *For project list, go to: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/construction/index.shtml>*

- **Alaska Railroad Bridge Over W. Northern Lights Graffiti Removal**  
Interim painting was done last year to cover graffiti on the highly visible AKRR bridge in Turnagain. When funding is available, a more extensive effort, including full sandblasting and a thicker layer of paint on both the bridge and retaining walls will be done. Graffiti sealant will also be applied.

- **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 in 2017. **At this time, TLC is doing soil analysis and other feasibility assessments to determine if this project is viable.** *The TCC Land Use Committee met on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to review the application and discuss comments; a comment letter was submitted by the December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. Ratification of these comments were approved at the TCC January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 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>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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*TCC EXPRESSES OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO  
LONG-TIME TCC MEMBER PAT REDMOND AND HER FAMILY  
ON THE PASSING OF PAT’S HUSBAND, JIM REDMOND.*

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*Congratulations to  
TCC Member Kathleen Bielawski  
for Receiving a Rasmuson Foundation Project Award for Music Composition!!*

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- **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 lieutenant governor has signed the regulation; individual communities can opt out of this onsite consumption regulation. The Assembly Community Economic & Development Committee has been meeting each week in April to discuss Title 10 & Title 21 Code changes to allow marijuana onsite consumption. *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. 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, 2018. TCC President Cathy Gleason testified at May 21, 2019, Assembly hearing on on-site consumption of edible ordinances; hearing is continued to June 18<sup>th</sup>.*

- **NEIGHBORWORKS NOW PROVIDING EARTHQUAKE REPAIR LOANS**

NeighborWorks Alaska is now offering minor repair loans, including for earthquake damage. This loan opportunity (up to \$5,000) for homes in the Anchorage and Mat-Su Valley are not intended for fixing larger repair needs, but does offer another resource to pay for minor damage sustained during last November's earthquake. Renovation loans (\$5,000-\$25,000) are also available.

**For more info, contact NeighborWorks Alaska:** 907-677-8490; [cjobe@nwalaska.org](mailto:cjobe@nwalaska.org)

- **APD PATROLLING BEATS LINING WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES**

The Anchorage Police Department has announced that the boundaries of the police beats have been changed to more closely align with community council boundaries. Officers will be assigned to the same areas every day, which means neighbors will become more familiar with those answering calls in your area. Officers will also be able to hone in and address the specific needs in your neighborhood. In addition, each officer will be able to access the most current call-for-service data for the area they are working.

√ **REMINDER:** *You can look up crimes that have been reported in your community by accessing the Community Crime Map at:* <http://communitycrimemap.com>

- **NEW MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SIGNAGE INTRODUCED**

In an effort to provide clarity on public hearing notices, the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Dept. will be introducing revised signage. The new, color-coded notices are intended to convey the planning case type and number in a more user-friendly format. The four signage types are: S-Subdivision (Yellow); M-Marijuana (Green); Z-Zoning (Blue) and A-Alcohol (Orange).

**For more info, go to:** <https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/default.aspx>

- **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 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal of the ordinance is to reduce litter and encourage consumers to bring their own reusable bags to the store.

- **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.

- **#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>