

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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

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## SEPTEMBER 2019 NOTICES:

- **September 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION — 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

**WE WILL BE MEETING AT WEST HIGH CTE WING, RM C152  
FOR OUR OCTOBER 2019 THRU MAY 2019 MEETINGS**

- **September 10 — Turnagain/Spenard CC Spenard Beach Park Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m.**  
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!** After an on-site meeting this summer, this is a follow up meeting to discuss the improvement site plan 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 fundraising effort!*  
*Info & Meeting Location:* TCC Board Member Sara Haley, [haleyjays@gmail.com](mailto:haleyjays@gmail.com)
- **September 10 — ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARING — Marijuana Smoking/Inhalation On-site Consumption at Retail Establishments Ordinance to Place on April 7, 2020, MOA Ballot, 6:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** AO No. 2019-103 would put before voters to allow marijuana smoking and inhalation at retail establishments. The Assembly previously approved edibles on-site consumption. *An (S) version of this ordinance is likely to be introduced. TCC has voted to oppose marijuana on-site consumptions, including both edibles and smoking/inhalation.*
- **September 11 — 2019 Alaska Fallen Firefighter Memorial Ceremony & September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Event, 6:00 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> & A St.** The ceremony is conducted in remembrance of those Alaska Firefighters and Emergency Responders who have died in the line of duty. Firefighter/Paramedic Ben Schultz will be this year's keynote speaker. Ben was injured in an aerial ladder truck training accident two years ago.  
*Info:* Mark Barker, [mbarker@gci.net](mailto:mbarker@gci.net), 242-3660
- **September 15 — Start MOA Plastic Bag Ban!** The Municipality of Anchorage Plastic Bag Ban goes into effect within the for single use plastic bags at retail stores. **Shoppers — don't forget to take your own bags!**  
*Info:* <http://www.muni.org/plasticbagban>
- **September 18 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**  
*Info:* FCC Office, 277-1977, [communitycouncils.org](http://communitycouncils.org)
- **September 20 — Joint Assembly Health Policy & Public Safety Committee Mtg. on Marijuana On-site Smoking Ballot Proposition Ordinance, 1:30-2:30 p.m., City Hall, Assembly Conference Rm 155.** The Assembly is considering putting a proposition on the April 7, 2020, ballot to approval marijuana on-site (indoor & outdoor) smoking/inhalation at retail establishments. A public hearing is scheduled September 10<sup>th</sup>, but an (S) version will likely be introduced. *TCC has voted to oppose marijuana on-site consumptions, including both edibles and smoking/inhalation.*  
*Info:* Kiana Belsler, Municipal Clerk's Office, 343-4264

- **September 24 — ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARING — Establishment of Six Election Districts with Two Assembly Members for Each District Ballot Proposition Ordinance, 6:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** AO No. 2019-82 would put before voters this Anchorage Municipal Charter amendment, which would provide equal representation throughout the city ( currently, one District has only one Assembly representative; all others have two).
- **September ? — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**  
*Info and confirmation of date:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **September 30 — West Northern Lights Blvd. Committee Mtg. 4:30 p.m.** This committee is continuing to work on ways to address the negative impacts of large, heavy truck traffic on WNL through the Turnagain neighborhood.  
*Info & Meeting Location:* Committee Chair Patti Nielsen, pattinielsen3@gmail.com

## OCTOBER 2019 NOTICES:

- **October 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, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **October 15 — Public Hearing Request Deadline — 2020-2021 Liquor License Applications.**  
The Municipality of Anchorage has released its anticipated liquor license renewals for 2020-2021. By Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Community councils can submit a resolution requesting a public hearing for those in or near the council boundaries. *The TCC list will be available at our Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.*  
*Info:* Mandy Honest, MOA Business License Official, [wwmas@muni.org](mailto:wwmas@muni.org), Mandy, 343-4316
- **October 16 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**  
*Info:* FCC Office, 277-1977, [communitycouncils.org](http://communitycouncils.org)

## 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. **Runway is anticipated to open in early October, at which time the Airport will return to normal aircraft operations.**  
For project updates and to submit comments: [www.anc15-33.com](http://www.anc15-33.com)
- **Airport Lease Applications for Multiple Large Cargo Facility Projects:**
  - 6A Aviation, Inc. Air Cargo Warehouse Facility east of N/S Runway adj. to W. Woronzof Dr. — comment deadline Sept. 30
  - FedEx Expansion in Postmark Bog — comment deadline Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Alaska Cargo and Cold Storage LLC Cargo Warehouse Facility in Postmark Bag — comment deadline Aug. 8
  - North Park Fuels Expansion southwest corner of W. Woronzof Dr. & Postmark Dr. — comment deadline Aug. 16
- **Airport Lease Applications for Lake Hood Seaplane Base General Aviation Facilities:**
  - Bwana, LLC Maintenance Hanger Facility on south shore of Lake Hood — comment deadline Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Sportsman's Air Service, Inc. Air Charter operations — comment deadline Aug. 29

- **Coastal Trail Wayfinding Project Update**

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, TCC Land Use Committee members met with the Parks Dept. to discuss existing signage and proposed Coastal Trail Wayfinding Signage for this area. Lots of note were taken and the discussion will continue. The Parks Dept. made it clear no signage will be installed unless approved by TCC.

Info: TCC Land Use Committee Co-chair Cathy Gleason, 248-0442, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com)

- **South Westchester Bridge Pop-Up Celebration**

A ribbon-cutting event was held June 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the completion of this bridge replacement project. TCC President Cathy Gleason attended. *TCC provide input on design and material choices during the development of the project.*

- **Safe Routes to Schools Forest Park Dr. Update**

SRTS Committee Member Marnie Isaacs reported that the Municipality has repainted the Forest Park Dr. centerline. The city wants to wait one more season to repaint the shoulder lines, to allow for more degradation. The new lines will be relocated to narrow the street traffic lanes, as per the TCC/SRTS Committee request, which would slow traffic speeds along this busy Turnagain roadway.

Info: SRTS Committee Co-chair Barbara Bundy, [bebudny@gmail.com](mailto:bebudny@gmail.com) or Marnie Isaacs, [isaacs@gci.net](mailto:isaacs@gci.net)

- **Traffic Study Conducted on Hillcrest/Esquire Drs.**

On May 1-2 of this year, the Municipality conducted a Traffic Study on Hillcrest Dr. & Esquire Dr., to see if these neighborhood streets would qualify for traffic calming installations at a future date. This study was done at the request of TCC. Speeding and other reckless driving (at times, resulting in property damage) has been an on-going issue for this area. The Traffic Calming Dept. is still sorting through the data, so no findings have been released to the council;

- **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](mailto:tim.coons@alaska.gov), 266-2741, or <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=192184>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES!**

A new Anchorage Assembly ordinance went into effect June 30, 2019, that makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

**For more info, Assembly members' contact info can be found at:** [www.Muni.org/Assembly](http://www.Muni.org/Assembly)

- **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. is now using 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>

- **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 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>