

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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OCTOBER 2019 NOTICES:

- **October 2 — International Walk to School Day.** Walking and biking to school enables children to incorporate the regular physical activity they need each day while also forming healthy habits that can last a lifetime.
Info: www.walkbiketoschool.org/
- **October 3 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION — West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

**WE WILL BE MEETING AT WEST HIGH CTE WING, RM C152
FOR OUR OCTOBER 2019 THRU MAY 2020 MEETINGS**
- **October 4 — Assembly Worksession on On-site Consumption of Marijuana Smoking/Inhalation Ballot Proposition, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave., Assembly Conference Rm 155.** 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. A public hearing was held September 10th; an (S) version or amendments of this ordinance are likely to be introduced. *TCC has voted to oppose marijuana on-site consumptions, including both edibles and smoking/inhalation; TCC President Cathy Gleason testified at the September 10th hearing.*
Info: [http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/SiteAssets/Pages/Community and Economic Development Committee/AO 2019-103 Ballot Prop On-site Consumption Smoking Inhalation.pdf](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/SiteAssets/Pages/Community%20and%20Economic%20Development/Committee/AO%202019-103%20Ballot%20Prop%20On-site%20Consumption%20Smoking%20Inhalation.pdf)
- **October 4 — Assembly Worksession on Overview & Highlights of Proposed Budgets, 2:00-3:00 p.m., City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave., Assembly Conference Rm 155.** The Assembly will be reviewing the proposed 2020 Municipal budgets.
Info: Mayor's Office, 343-7100
- **October 5 — Anchorage Education Association Community Dialogue, 1:30 p.m., Islamic Community Center Anchorage Alaska, 8005 Spring St.** Parents, educators and community leaders will be discussing social justice issues impacting children. Food will be provided.
RSVP at: bit.ly/edtalk19
- **October 7 — Telequana Dr. Short Plat Application Decision.** The Planning Department will be taking action on Case No. S12499: a request to subdivide one lot into two lots at 2422 Telequana Dr.
Info: Municipality of Anchorage Planning Dept., 343-7943
- **October 14 — PUBLIC HEARING — Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing on Proposal to Amend Building Bulk Regulations in R-2A, R-2D, and R-2M Zoning Districts, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** CASE No. 2019-0009 would amend Municipal Code requirements for the above residential zoning districts. *TCC approved comments on these proposals at our February 7, 2019, meeting expressing numerous concerns and impacts as a result of the proposed changes, including potential increase in traffic on neighborhood streets, increase in on-street parking, exclusion of some living spaces when calculating floor area ratio (FAR), exclusion of home additions to the FAR calculation, and future removal of adjacent lot buffering vegetation. TCC supports of the concept of protecting solar access to adjacent properties.*

- **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. 15th, Community councils can submit a resolution requesting a public hearing for those in or near the council boundaries. *Contact TCC for a list of license renewals in or near our council boundaries.*
Info: Mandy Honest, MOA Business License Official, wwmas@muni.org, 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
- **October 24 — 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
- **October 25 — Stand Down for Veterans, Airport North Terminal, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5000 W. International Airport Rd.** This event will provide supplies and services to homeless Veterans. Parking for the event is complimentary.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**
THE NORTH/SOUTH RUNWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT IS COMPLETE! Aircraft are now using the full runway for departures. Improvements include new pavement, wider surfaces, and improved taxiway intersection geometry, all required to meet current FAA standards.
Info: www.anc15-33.com
- **Airport Lease Applications for Multiple Large Cargo Facility Projects:**
At our Sept. 5th meeting, TCC passed a motion authorizing the TCC Board to draft comments that reflect TCC concerns/impacts/mitigation proposals in response to all of the proposed lease applications.
 - 6A Aviation, Inc. Air Cargo Warehouse Facility east of N/S Runway adj. to W. Woronzof Dr. — comment deadline Sept. 30. *TCC President Cathy Gleason submitted comments on the lease application by the Sept. 30th deadline, expressing numerous concerns and impacts that could result from the proposed development.*
 - FedEx Expansion in Postmark Bog — comment deadline Sept. 9th
 - 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. 7th
 - Sportsman's Air Service, Inc. Air Charter operations — comment deadline Aug. 29
- **Turnagain/Spenard CC Spenard Beach Park Committee**
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!** The committee is working on an improvement site plan and will be seeking funds to match our challenge grant. Each council has already donated \$2,000, and the remaining \$4,000 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

- **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 or Marnie Isaacs, 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 13th, 2018 to review the application and discuss comments; a comment letter was submitted by the December 20th deadline. Ratification of these comments were approved at the TCC January 10th, 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>

- **Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit Granted**

Effective November 1, 2019, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued a general discharge permit to the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, which covers storm water discharges to Lakes Hood & Spenard, Knik Arm, and an unnamed creek. Expiration date is October 30, 2024. *TCC President Cathy Gleason provided testimony at the hearing for this permit, stating that the Turnagain Bog wetlands provides important pollution filtration functions at the Airport; DEC officials concurred with this assessment.*

Info: William Ashton, 907-269-6283, William.Ashton@alaska.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **REMINDER — PLASTIC BAG BAN NOW IN EFFECT!**

The Municipality of Anchorage plastic bag ban went into effect September 15th for single use plastic bags at retail stores. **Shoppers — don't forget to take your own bags!**

Info: <http://www.muni.org/plasticbagban>

- **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

- **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>

- **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.

- **#ANCWORKS PROVIDES 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** 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>

- **SIGN UP FOR GOVDELIVERY**

Sign up to receive emails on Department of Transportation-related items, including lease notice applications for the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and Lake Hood Seaplane Base.

Go to: service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new