

# Turnagain Community Council

## Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of **March 4, 2020**

**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)

### MARCH 2020 NOTICES:

- **March 5 — 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](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **March 7 — “Coffee with Elvi,” 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Black Cup, 341 Benson Blvd.** Come share your thoughts, opinions and enjoy a cup of coffee with Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson.
- **March 8 — Last Day to Register to Vote — Municipality of Anchorage April 7, 2020 Elections**  
*Info:* <https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
- **March 9 — COMMENTS DUE— AMATS 2040 MTP Public Review Draft.** The AMATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is the long-range planning document that will recommend improvements to the surface transportation system in the Anchorage Bowl and Chugiak-Eagle River areas from today to 2040 — it is updated every four years. *At our Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, TCC approved comments on the Public Review Draft Plan; comments on the two projects located within TCC boundaries (widening the Coastal Trail and Turnagain St. Rehabilitation were submitted to the Assembly at their February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. TCC will submit comments on these and other nearby road projects by the March 9<sup>th</sup> deadline. Proposed projects including widening the Coastal Trail beyond Westchester Lagoon to the west (TCC OPPOSES); Turnagain St. Rehabilitation (TCC REQUESTS MOVING IT FROM THE LONG-TERM PROJECT LIST TO THE SHORT-TERM PROJECT LIST); changing lane use directions at the Minnesota Dr./Northern Lights Blvd./Benson Blvd. intersections; modifying Minnesota Dr. from Hillcrest Dr. exit. to Tudor; rehabilitating Turnagain St.; and modifying WNL to restrict turns and eventually eliminating a lane between Seward Hwy. and Minnesota Dr. (TCC REQUESTS MORE DETAIL ON THESE PROPOSALS)*  
*To Submit Comments:* email to [AMATSInfo@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:AMATSInfo@ci.anchorage.ak.us); fax to 907-249-7712; mail to Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519

*To view document (broken into two sections due to size):*

**MTP Cover to Chapter 4:**  
[http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/MTP/2040/Public\\_Review\\_Document/MTP\\_2040\\_Public\\_Review\\_Draft\\_Cover\\_to\\_Chapter\\_4.pdf?utm\\_source=Public+Involvement&utm\\_campaign=bd3c46c6ce-e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_12\\_30\\_07\\_12&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6e079a03c1-bd3c46c6ce-140985441](http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/MTP/2040/Public_Review_Document/MTP_2040_Public_Review_Draft_Cover_to_Chapter_4.pdf?utm_source=Public+Involvement&utm_campaign=bd3c46c6ce-e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_30_07_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e079a03c1-bd3c46c6ce-140985441)

**MTP Chapter 5 to Appendices:**  
[http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/MTP/2040/Public\\_Review\\_Document/MTP\\_2040\\_Public\\_Review\\_Draft\\_Chapter\\_5\\_to\\_End.pdf?utm\\_source=Public+Involvement&utm\\_campaign=bd3c46c6ce-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_12\\_30\\_07\\_12&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6e079a03c1-bd3c46c6ce-140985441](http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/MTP/2040/Public_Review_Document/MTP_2040_Public_Review_Draft_Chapter_5_to_End.pdf?utm_source=Public+Involvement&utm_campaign=bd3c46c6ce-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_30_07_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e079a03c1-bd3c46c6ce-140985441)
- **March 10 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing on Naming the Northwest Ballfield Diamond at Lyn Ary Park the “Marty Smith Diamond,” 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Resolution No. AR 2020-32 This proposal is to honor Martin (Marty) Charles Smith, who passed away in 2018. *TCC passed a resolution supporting this proposal at our December 5, 2019, meeting and testified at the Naming Panel December 17<sup>th</sup> public hearing).*

- **March 11 — PUBLIC HEARING — Urban Design Commission Hearing on Lower Yukon School District Student Hostel Landscaping Variance Request, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2020-0028 The landscaping plan for the parking lot at the former Long House site on Wisconsin St. includes a planting bed width variance request. *At our February 6, 2020, meeting, TCC voted to support the variance and requested additional treed landscaping on the north side of the property across the street from Turnagain housing.*
- **March 12 — TCC Land Use Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room.** The Land Use Committee will be meeting with Municipal Sr. Planner Tom Davis to discuss a revised Public Hearing Draft of amendments to Title 21 for the R-2 Zoning District, to allow for compact housing, with neighborhood compatibility standards.  
*Amendments Info:* Tom Davis, 343-7916, [davistg@muni.org](mailto:davistg@muni.org)  
*View project website:* [www.muni.org/Planning/2040actions.aspx](http://www.muni.org/Planning/2040actions.aspx)  
*Info:* Co-Chairs Anna Brawley, [annab.brawley@gmail.com](mailto:annab.brawley@gmail.com); Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **March 17 — Ballot Packages Mailed to Qualified Voters — Municipality of Anchorage April 7, 2020 Elections**  
*Election information:*  
<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
- **March 18 — COMMENTS DUE— Airport Community Outreach Plan Update.** The Airport is seeking public comments and modification recommendations for the Plan. This document establishes guidelines for effective two-way communication between the Airport and the community and is updated every two years. *TCC has provided comments on this Plan in the past and will review and submit input based on previous comments and discussion at our TCC March 5th general membership meeting.*  
*Plan Update:* [dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/community.shtml](http://dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/community.shtml)
- **March 18 — 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)
- **March 19 — 2020 Spring West Anchorage Candidates Forum, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** Refreshments will be provided.
 
  - **6:00 p.m.** Meet & greet with Candidates and tables with Prop and Bond info.
  - **6:30 p.m.** Brief presentations on a select number of Ballot Propositions, including Prop. #11 — approving onsite inhalation and smoking of marijuana at retail locations, Prop. #12 — adding an additional member to the Assembly, and Prop. #13 — the proposed alcohol tax
  - **7:00 p.m.** Candidates Forum (School Board & West Anchorage Assembly candidates)*Info:* [SpenardCC@gmail.com](mailto:SpenardCC@gmail.com) or [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com)
- **March ? — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., DATE TBA.**  
*Info:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), [tccpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresident@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- March 24 — West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Open House, Details TBA.** Planning for site selection is underway; funding for a design study is on the April 7th Roads and Drainage Bond Ballot. *A brief project overview will be presented at TCC's March 5th meeting.*  
*Info:* Josie Wilson, HDR, 644-2030, [josie.wilson@hdrinc.com](mailto:josie.wilson@hdrinc.com)
- **March 27 — 2020 Anchorage Travel & Tourism Job Fair, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Airport North Terminal, 4600 Postmark Dr.** The Airport is hosting this free event. Parking is free.  
*Info:* 269-4777, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anchorage-travel-tourism-industry-job-fair-tickets-94016342411?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

## APRIL 2020 NOTICES:

- **April 2 — 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
- **April 15 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**  
*Info:* FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Heritage Land Bank 2020 Annual Work Program and Five-Year Management Plan**  
On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly approved the HLB Plan that included two amendments TCC had requested. These amendments made specific reference to the 2040 Land Use Plan “Park or Natural Area” designations for portions of HLB land west of the Airport where a section of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and greenbelt are located. TCC will continue to work with stakeholders to get these areas transferred to the Parks Dept. and become dedicated parkland. *TCC had submitted comments approved at our December 5<sup>th</sup> TCC general membership meeting to the HLB Advisory Commission at their December 12<sup>th</sup> hearing; the Commission and HLB staff supported TCC's other Plan amendment recommendations. THANK YOU TO ASSEMBLY MEMBER AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON FOR HER EFFORTS ON TCC'S LAST TWO RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS!*
- **Landscaping Alternatives Municipal Code Amendments**  
On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly approved amendments to the landscaping section in Title 21. The amendments will allow for alternative equivalent landscaping design, minimize land disturbance, encourage the retention of landscaping, and extend the allowed planting season. *TCC submitted comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission in support of these Code amendments.*
- **Hillcrest Dr./West High Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements/Traffic Calming Study**  
On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the TCC SRTS Committee met with our Assembly representatives, School Board Member Andy Holleman and an ASD representative to discuss additional ways to increase pedestrian safety along Hillcrest Dr. at the West High crosswalk. What improvements could be made and whose authority it would be to approve and fund items like a motion sensor light at the crosswalk were discussed. Subsequent to this meeting, TCC was notified that Hillcrest Dr. does NOT QUALIFY for traffic calming projects, based on data collected during the Traffic Calming Study administered in Spring of 2019 along this street.
- **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** in 2019. *TCC voted to approve a conceptual site improvement plan at our December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.* Next step is to meet with the APF and the Parks Dept., to finalize a fundraiser flyer. 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:* Spenard Beach Park Committee Chair Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com
- **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:

### ● **UPDATE\* TO TCC 2020 OFFICER/BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

At the TCC November 7, 2019, meeting, elections were held for the 2020 TCC Officer/Board positions.

- President — **Cathy Gleason**
- Vice President — vacant
- **\*Secretary — Sara Haley has resigned from this position, which is now VACANT**
- Treasurer — **Sandy Rabinowitch**
- At large Board Members — **Jackie Armstrong & Pam Wright**

**PLEASE CONTACT CATHY (248-0442) IF YOU ARE INTEREST IN EITHER THE VP OR SECRETARY POSITION! PARTICIPATING AT THE BOARD LEVEL IS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO TCC AND ITS EFFORTS TO ENHANCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

### ● **PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR COMMERCIAL GLASS RECYCLING!**

Solid Waste Services (SWS) is testing commercial glass recycling in Anchorage, which would help Anchorage businesses save money, protect the environment and leverage community support. SWS will provide 96-gallon roll carts for GLASS ONLY. Collection begins as soon as your business signs up and is ongoing. All glass will be recycled locally by Central Recycling Services. Recycled glass is used in local construction projects and one of the few recycled materials that stays in Southcentral Alaska.

**To participate, contact:** SWS Sustainability Fellow Alice Butler at 907-343-6282, [alice.butler@anchorageak.gov](mailto:alice.butler@anchorageak.gov)

### ● **GET YOUR REAL ID AT ANC**

The Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will now process REAL ID applications at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC). Beginning October 1, 2020, all Alaskans will need a form of federally acceptable ID to board a federally regulated commercial aircraft, access Federal Facilities, and enter nuclear power plants. The ANC-DMV is located at 4600 Postmark Dr. in the North Terminal. Services at ANC are available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You must make an appointment prior to arrival; only credit card payments will be accepted. The first 30 minutes of parking at the ANC North Terminal are free, and \$3.00 per hour after that. Services are limited to Non-commercial License (Class D, and Motorcycle), Non-commercial Instructional Permits, Identification Cards, and Written Knowledge Tests.

**For more info:** <https://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/home.htm>

**To Schedule an Appointment & Verify Requirement Documents Needed, go to:**  
[qw-alaskadmv.us.qmatic.cloud/qwebbook.index.html#/](http://qw-alaskadmv.us.qmatic.cloud/qwebbook.index.html#/)

### ● **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 ski plane operations.

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

### ● **ALASKA AIRPORTS AND AVIATION 2019 ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED**

This report, provided by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, highlights 2019 accomplishments and information on 2020 proposed projects, including:

- Anticipated DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF CARGO OPERATIONS by UPS, FedEx and other cargo-related companies: *TCC has provided comments on these proposed projects and has asked to meet with Airport officials and potential tenants to discuss concerns, including impacts (individual and cumulative) to air quality, hydrology, water quality, wooded buffering areas and increased airport-related ground noise and truck and commuter traffic through the Turnagain neighborhood and past Turnagain Elementary School.*
- INFORMATION ON FAA REGULATIONS THAT WERE UPDATED IN 2019 FOR UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM/DRONE OPERATIONS IN CONTROLLED AIRSPACE: Until further notice, air traffic control facilities will no longer accept requests to operate recreational drones in controlled airspace on a case-by-case basis. Instead, the FAA is granting temporary airspace authorizations to fly in certain "fixed sites" in controlled airspace throughout the country. The fixed sites are listed online and will be routinely updated.
- **For more information, go to:** [https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial\\_operators/part\\_107\\_waivers/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/part_107_waivers/)

**To view the 2020 Annual Report, go to:** <http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/aviation/2019-Annual-Report.pdf>

### ● **TSA LAUNCHES NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE PROGRAM**

AskTSA is a new program to better assist you before, during, and after your flight. Anyone can use the service, which is free and easily accessible. Assistance is available from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

**Send:** @AskTSA a tweet or direct message on Twitter, or send AskTSA a message on Facebook.

### ● **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](http://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new)

### ● **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)

### ● **SIGN UP FOR PEOPLE MOVER TEXT ALERTS**

Sign up to receive Public Transportation service alerts, advisories and community event updates through Nixle. If People Mover postpones or cancels service due to inclement weather, notifications are sent via Nixle.

**To get People Mover service alerts on your phone, text:** "PEOPLEMOVER" to 888777

### ● **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](mailto: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](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>