

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of September 3, 2020

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

ANCHORAGE & STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 ORDERS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Get the most up-to-date information from the Municipality and from the State of Alaska:

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE: <https://covid-response-moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/>

STATE OF ALASKA: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

SEPTEMBER 2020 NOTICES:

- **VIRTUAL MEETING — September 3 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
 Due to the ASD shut down of all school facilities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, TCC will hold this meeting virtually, using the Zoom program.
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasontcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **September 5 (and each Saturday until the end of September) — Spenard Farmer's Market, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Chilkoot Charlie's parking lot 'under the windmill', 2535 Spenard Rd.** Great music, lots and lots of produce, honey, jams, pickled products, plants and hand-crafted items are available — as well as prepared foods on a "go to" basis. During these Covid-19 days, booths are spread out, all vendors and staff are wearing masks (you should, too, to keep everyone safe), and hand sanitizer, masks and wash facilities are available. Spenard Farmer's Market is a not-for-profit, all-volunteer effort to bring Alaska-grown produce to West Anchorage while having lots of fun!
Info: Mark Butler, 240-3868
- **Week of September 6 — Turnagain/Spenard CC Spenard Beach Park Committee Meeting**
 Due to Covid-19, the committee has put on hold fundraising to match the Anchorage Park Foundation grant for park improvements our councils received. Either this coming Wednesday or Thursday, the committee will meet at the Spenard Beach Park to discuss extension grant requirements and fundraising strategies for this fall and winter. (Please see more project details under the Project Update section on page 3.) *Please let us know if you would like to help out with this park planning and fundraising effort!*
Info: Spenard Beach Park Committee Chair Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com
- **September 12 — Fish Creek Cleanup, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Woodland Park, 3508 Iowa St.** Meet at the Thelma Buchholdt Memorial picnic shelter at noon — cleaners will spread out along the creek from there. Please wear masks & extra tuffs, and maintain social distancing while doing a great community service for our creek before the winter season! Small family groups encouraged! Sponsored by Anchorage Waterways Council, Anchorage Park Foundation, Spenard Community Council *(and likely Turnagain Community Council, as we will discuss joining in as a sponsor at our Sept. 3rd meeting).*
Info: Anchorage Waterways Council, awc@anchoragecreeks.org, 272-7335
- **VIRTUAL MEETING — September 16 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org
- **VIRTUAL MEETING — September 21 — Lake Hood Users Group Meeting, 3:00 p.m.** The online meeting platform details and instructions to join will be provided prior to the meeting via public notice and GovDelivery email.
Info: Lake Hood Office, 266-2410

- **September ? — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., DATE TBA.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **September 30 — Deadline — 2020 U.S. Census Questionnaire Submittal.** The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790. The census, which takes place every 10 years, provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.
To fill out your census questionnaire online: <https://2020census.gov>
- **September 30 — Deadline — Anchorage Park Foundation Matching Grant Project Progress Report for Spenard Beach Park.** At our June 4th meeting, TCC voted to request APF for a project extension on the matching grant it received from the foundation. This progress report is required as part of the extension request in the grant that TCC and Spenard CC received.
Info: Spenard Beach Park Committee Chair Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com
- **September 30 — Deadline — Enrollment for Food Bank of Alaska P- EBT Card.** The Pandemic – Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program is intended to help cover unexpected expenses as a result of lost school meals in March, April and May 2020. Eligible families will receive up to \$458 for each eligible child, which will be loaded on an EBT card and can be used to purchase groceries.
Info: https://www.foodbankofalaska.org/pandemic-ebt-opt-in-by-august-31st-to-receive-this-new-relief-program/?fbclid=IwAR2uszKAmVZuq_xUOfu2QRNiW77z5Qcw4ch6Be5sdc6NuEkNoPe5rHZQvuU
- **Late August – End of September — AWWU Sewer Access Structure Replacement Project.** Anchorage Water and Waste Water is replacing two manholes: 1) Spenard Rd south of Aviation Ave.; 2) Wisconsin St. between W. 40th Ave. and Wiley Post Loop. Construction will include excavation and rehabilitation of the curb and gutter. Disturbed areas will be resurfaced upon completion. Expect temporary road and sidewalk closures and detours, traffic delays, and construction noise during this time.
Info: Olivia Cohn, Public Involvement, Solstice Alaska Consulting, 929-5960, solsticeak@solsticeak.com; Rebecca Venot, Project Engineer, CRW Engineering Group, 646-5613, rvenot@crweng.com; Will O'Malley, Project Manager, AWWU, 564-2767, willie.omalley@awwu.biz

OCTOBER 2020 NOTICES:

- **October 1 — Deadline — Request to Anchorage Park Foundation Matching Grant Extension for Spenard Beach Park.** At our June 4th meeting, TCC voted to request APF for a project extension on the matching grant it received from the foundation. TCC and Spenard CC will jointly be submitting a formal grant extension request.
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- **October 4 — Deadline — Register to Vote in the General Election or Update Your Voter Registration Information**
Info: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov>
- **VIRTUAL MEETING — October 8 — PUBLIC HEARING — Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2020-0123
This is a request for a variance from Municipal Code to allow an arctic entry to encroach into front setback at 3612 Chaffee Circle.
Info: MOA Planner Francis McLaughlin, 343-7943
View document at: www.muni.org/watchnow
View public hearing: Channel 9 and at <http://www.muni.org/watchnow>
To testify: No later than 2:00 p.m., email: PlanningTestimony@anchorageak.gov
 - Include your name, phone number and requested agenda item(s)

- Use subject line "Phone Testimony"
- The Secretary will phone you during the public hearing at the number you provide. Individuals have 3 minutes; representatives of groups have 5 minutes.
- **October 15 — Public Hearing Request Deadline — 2021-2020 Liquor License Applications.**
The Municipality of Anchorage has released its anticipated liquor license renewals for 2021-2022. By Oct. 15th, Community councils can submit a resolution requesting a public hearing for those in or near the council boundaries. *The TCC list was sent with our September 3rd Zoom meeting notice, but is NOT an agenda item, as the Board did not deem any license renewals in our area of concern.*
Info: munilicenses@muni.org; 343-4316
- ***VIRTUAL MEETING* — October 21 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org
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- **October 24 — Deadline — To Submit Your Absentee By-mail Application to the Division of Elections**
Info: website: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php>
email: akabsentee@alaska.gov; phone: 907-270-2700

NOVEMBER 2020 NOTICES:

- **November 2 — Deadline — Division of Elections to Receive Absentee By Electronic Transmission Ballot Applications**
Info: website: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php>
email: akabsentee@alaska.gov; phone: 907-270-2700
- **✓ REMINDER: November 3 — General Election Day — In-Person Voting at Polls (Open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) Absentee Ballots MUST BE POSTMARKED by November 3rd.** You can also drop your absentee ballot in a secure drop box located at the Anchorage Division of Elections Office at 2525 Gambell St. prior to the close of polls on November 3rd.
For Early Voting Info., Polling Locations & Other Election Info: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov>
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PROJECT UPDATES:

- **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 5th 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!*
THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING AT SOME POINT THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6TH.
Info & Meeting Location: Spenard Beach Park Committee Chair Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

● UPGRADES TO ASSEMBLY AGENDA AND MEETING MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS

Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones announces the Municipality has upgraded the agenda and meeting management applications that are used in the Assembly Chambers at the Loussac Library.

To navigate to the new Municipal Meetings Page: www.muni.org/meetings

For more info, contact Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones at: Barbara.Jones@AnchorageAK.gov; 343-4312

● ASSEMBLY REOPENS MEETINGS TO PUBLIC, WITH RESTRICTIONS — WRITTEN TESTIMONY ENCOURAGED

Starting August 31st, the Anchorage Assembly once again opened up to in-person participation at the Loussac Library Assembly Chambers — with a maximum of 60 members of the public in the room at a time. Masks must be worn and physical distancing must be maintained. Forehead temperature checks will be taken and a contact-tracing log must be filled out in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. Assembly Chair Felix Rivera is encouraging people to submit written testimony or give testimony via phone.

To sign up to testify via phone — or to submit written testimony — email: Testimony@anchorageak.gov by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

● PEOPLE MOVER CUSTOMER SERVICE & RIDELINE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED

The People Mover's Customer Service office has temporarily relocated to 517 W. 7th Ave., Suite 200, in preparation for Anchorage Community Development Authority's upcoming Sixth Avenue Redevelopment Project. Riders will be able to continue to board and exit buses at the Downtown Transit Center.

- The temporary Customer Service office will be open 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- There will be no indoor waiting area or public restrooms at the temporary location.

For more info, go to:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/CustomerServiceTemporaryRelocation.aspx>

● 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

● NEW PEOPLE MOVER BUS ROUTE 85 THAT WOULD ADD ACCESS TO TURNAGAIN/ LOUSSAC LIBRARY DELAYED

The new bus route (85) that People Mover was planning to introduce in August has now been put on hold until 2021. This route would have provided bus service back to Turnagain and the Loussac Library. This new bus route resulted from a year and a half of public outreach and advocacy leading to an increase in matching funds approved by the Anchorage Assembly in the 2020 budget.

For updates and more information as it becomes available, go to: peoplemover.org

● 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

● 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>