

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of October 1, 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>

OCTOBER 2020 NOTICES:

- **VIRTUAL MEETING — October 1 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
 Until further notice, TCC will hold our meetings virtually, using the Zoom program.
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

PLEASE NOTE — INCLUDED IN THIS MEETING:

‘MINI’ CANDIDATES FORUM
DISTRICT 18 & 21 ALASKA LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES
Have been invited to participate!

- **October 4 — Deadline — Register to Vote in the General Election or Update Your Voter Registration Information.**
Info: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov>
- **VIRTUAL DISCUSSION — October 6 — Ballot Measure 1: Oil Tax Initiative, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
 Join Alaska Common Ground for an online discussion on this 2020 General Election ballot measure. The event will start with an overview of the measure, followed by a panel discussion weighing the pros and cons. There will be time for attendees to ask questions.
For info. on the ballot measure and to register for Zoom discussion: <https://akcommonground.org/event/ballot-measure-1-oil-tax-initiative/>
- **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 9 — Instate & US Absentee Ballots Start Going Out to Those Who Have Signed Up to Receive an Absentee Ballot.** Voters can track the progress of their ballots online — and if your ballot has not been received by Election Day (Nov. 3rd), a voter can still go to the polls and vote in person. *Please Note:* The in-person vote will override any mailed vote. Absentee ballots can also be delivered to any Division of Elections office, any polling location, or at a drop box at 2525 Gambell Street.
Info: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov>
- **VIRTUAL DISCUSSION — October 14 — Ballot Measure 2: Elections Initiative, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
Join Alaska Common Ground for an online discussion on this 2020 General Election ballot measure. The event will start with an overview of the measure, followed by a panel discussion weighing the pros and cons. There will be time for attendees to ask questions.
For info. on the ballot measure and to register for Zoom discussion: <https://akcommonground.org/event/ballot-measure-2-elections-initiative/>
- **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 was NOT an agenda item, as the Board did not deem any license renewals in our area of concern.*
Info: munilicenses@muni.org; 343-4316
- **October 19 — ✓ In-Person Early Voting Begins.** *Be sure to wear a mask, follow distancing recommendations, and sanitize your hands.*
To find your polling location: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/listofpollingplacelocations.php>
- **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
- **October ? — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., DATE TBA.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **October 24 — Online Deadline — To Submit Your Absentee By-Mail Application to the Alaska Division of Elections.** This needs to be done by 5:00 p.m.
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.** This needs to be done by 5:00 p.m.
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. *Be sure to wear a mask, follow distancing recommendations, and sanitize your hands.*
For Early Voting Info., Polling Locations & Other Election Info: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov>
- **VIRTUAL MEETING — November 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
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- November 9 — Public Hearing — Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing on the 2040 MOA Long Range Transportation Plan for the Anchorage Bowl & Chugiak-Eagle River, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.**
 Case No. 2020-0134 This plan covers all modes of transportation: freeways, highways, streets and sidewalks, public transit, trails and freight mobility; and congestion management and air quality standards. *Community Council comments due October 19th TCC submitted comments on earlier draft — our Land Use Committee will review for any changes based on our previous input.*
Info. and document: http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Pages/1_MTP.aspx
To submit comments: Corliss Kimmel, Corliss.kimmel@anchorageak.gov or Lori Blake, lori.blake@anchorageak.gov
To testify: **No later than 2:00 p.m.**, email: PlanningTestimony@anchorageak.gov
 - Include your name, phone number and requested agenda item(s)
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DECEMBER 2020 NOTICES:

- VIRTUAL MEETING — December 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.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

PROJECT UPDATES:

- Turnagain/Spenard CC APF Challenge Grant for Spenard Beach Park Improvements**
 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, 2019, meeting.* Our fundraising flyer has been completed and is being distributed. We have also submitted to the APF both our request for a Grant Extension (Sept. 2021 completion) as well as our Progress Report (as of Sept. 30th). TCC and SCC have each donated \$2,000, with the remaining \$4,000 to be raised by the councils.

Thank you to Jackie Armstrong, and Dan & Cathy Gleason, for their \$500 donations!

Potential funding outreach will 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! AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE to improve this great neighborhood park!*
Info: Spenard Beach Park Committee Chair Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com

- THANK YOU! to everyone who participated in the September 12th Fish Creek Cleanup!**
 Sponsored by Anchorage Waterways Council, Anchorage Park Foundation, NeighborWorks Alaska, Spenard Community Council and Turnagain Community Council, approximately 35 volunteers picked up trash in and along Fish Creek on a beautiful, sunny Saturday. *We appreciate everyone's efforts!*
- AMATS Freight Advisory Committee Bylaw Amendments**
 The Commission proposed amendments to their bylaws — including changing the current ‘Public Member’ commission position to ‘Tourism Member’. Because Airport-generated heavy, commercial truck traffic on WNL thru Turnagain is a continuing problem, TCC discussed this issue at our September 3rd mtg. *On behalf of TCC, Anna Brawley sent in comments to reflect TCC's concerns and desire to retain a public member position. Due to our input, the Technical Advisory Commission unanimously approved a bylaws amendment that changed the proposed tourism committee member to a member-at-large position.*

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>