



Alaska State Legislature

Representative Matt Claman

December 2021 Community Council Update

Redistricting Update — The Alaska Redistricting Board adopted a Final Proclamation of Redistricting on Wednesday, November 10. This decision marks the start of a 30-day litigation window as set forth in the Alaska Constitution. We anticipate one or more lawsuits that challenge some aspects of the Final Proclamation. How the potential lawsuit will impact our district, including our proposed senate district, is uncertain until we see the lawsuit and how the court rules.

The Final Proclamation map and related materials are available through the redistricting website at www.akredistrict.org.

ADOT Survey on Infrastructure Funding — Alaska's transportation and utility network is largely underdeveloped. From water lines to broadband and from docks to airports, expansion of Alaska's infrastructure is necessary and prudent. Responsible resource development is dependent upon reasonable access to the existing transportation infrastructure.

The bipartisan infrastructure bill signed into law by President Biden on Monday, November 15 will have a tremendous impact on Alaska. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT) is urging Alaskans to fill out a survey expressing their preferences for how we will spend money in the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act."

Infrastructure funding impacts us all, so please take a minute to make your voice heard by visiting: https://dot.alaska.gov/infrastructureact/?fbclid=IwAR3PMFtOw_7M3A0x8BBho2HoKwuWivAYAcDO9JOHsqYVUN8FmiNDycNzREM.

Cut Your Own Alaska-grown Christmas Tree — With the Christmas season fast approaching, now is a good time to trek into the woods to find an Alaska-grown tree to help celebrate the holidays.

Each household is limited to one tree, which can be no more than 15 feet high. There are no fees, and a permit is not required. Maps and information on Christmas tree harvesting in Southcentral and Interior Alaska—as well as information about how to care for your fresh-cut tree—are available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/christmastree.htm>.

For a directory of area forestry offices, including addresses and phone numbers, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov>. Answers to additional questions are available at the Department of Natural Resource's Public Information Centers in Anchorage (907-269-8400) or Fairbanks (907-451-2705).

Save the Date: Pre-Session Constituent Meeting — Please join me for an opportunity to discuss the upcoming legislative session before we return to Juneau. More details in early January.

When: Wednesday, January 12, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

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