# **Rabbit Creek Community Council**

# **NEWSLETTER APRIL 2005**

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Rabbit Creek Community Council \* P.O. Box 112354 \* Anchorage, AK 99511-2354

## From the President

Residents of the Rabbit Creek Community Council should be thankful for the hard work and dedicated effort of our council members and other community members. Good community planning and involvement only happens when the community takes the time to be involved.

Recently the council board members have had to give more of their time since I've been busy. Our community has been lucky that RCCC board members have worked so hard for the future of this part of Anchorage, not leaving it to the muni's loop hole development codes. We are making a big difference. You can too with only a small amount of time given to the issues that matter most to you. If that includes our community's future, we need you now.

Here are some of the issues the Council will be dealing with in the upcoming months:

- ☐ A new road from Bear Valley to Goldenview,
- ☐ Siting a new Elementary School in South Anchorage,
- ☐ Guiding development of 400 acres of new development,
- Ensuring trail routes are preserved,
- ☐ Focusing fire prevention resources at our most critical areas,
- Demanding the muni deal with impacts of recent development,
- Protecting our watersheds.

If these issues seem important, then we need you. Please start with a modest investment of two hours to attend our April meeting and offer to help us with one of these projects, or you are welcome to raise other issues of importance to you.

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# Limited Road Service Areas (LRSAs)

LRSA's maintain the roads within their boundaries. This is a service paid for by a tax on the real property within the LRSA's, which is

assessed and collected by the Municipality. LRSA's are managed by elected Boards of Supervisors, who serve without pay. They decide on the maintenance work to be accomplished, and the work is then done, at the Board's direction, by private companies under

contract with the Municipality. There are four LRSA's within the Rabbit Creek Community Council boundaries: Birch Tree/Elmore LRSA, South Golden View Area LRSA, Paradise Valley South LRSA, and Villages Scenic Parkway LRSA. If you have a road mainte-

nance problem and do not know if you are in a LRSA or which LRSA you are in, call Jerry Pineau at Municipal Street

Maintenance (343-8176) who can furnish this information. Most, but not all, of the of the area accessed by Potter Valley Road is in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage District (ARDSA), which is maintained by the Street Maintenance Department of the Municipality.

### PLANNING & ZONING

1st/2nd Mon, 6 PM Loussac Library

### **PLATTING**

May 4, S11359-1, Subdivide 1 parcel into 20 lots & 1 tract May 4, S11110-2, Subdivide 1 parcel into 5 lots

# **ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY** Tuesdays, 6 PM Loussac Library

2005 Membership Form	
Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511	
Dues (check one):□	\$3 /person or 🛘 🗸 \$5 couple
Name(s)	Date
Mailing Address	
Location of property or rental within RC area	
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To receive the newsletter, circle the pr	referred format: <b>e-mail, U.S. Postage, none</b> .

# Agenda Topics for the April 14th Meeting

6:30 Land use committee meeting

7:00 pm Call to order, Introductions, Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's report Minutes from March meeting Legislative Report Comments from Floor ~ 10 minutes Announcements~Parks Planning, RCCC Spring volunteer activities

#### Committee Reports:

Hillside District Plan -Ordinance, Scoping Trails and Access-Charlie/Jess Neighborhood Association reports, INFO LRSA reports, INFO Federation of Community Councils Update, Suzanne/Dianne Bear Valley Meeting with Mayor, INFO

#### Old Business:

Potter Ridge/View-Revised proposed plat Bylaws-General Meeting-May Sub area circulation study, INFO Views at Prominence Point Cloud 9 Subdivision

#### New Business:

New Land Use Cases New Elementary School Site Selection Process

#### 9:00 pm Adjourn

Meetings are held at Rabbit Creek Community Church (Rabbit Creek and Snowshoe Lane), the second Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m..

# Rabbit Creek Community Council

#### **2005 BOARD**

President: Ky Holland 346-1729 kyholland@gci.net Vice President: Wayne Skidmore

345-3268, wayneskid@msn.com Secretary: Susanne Comellas Treasurer: Donna Van Flein

#### **Other Board Members**

Charlie Barnwell

Dan Case
Carol Fries
Jess Grunblatt
Dianne Holmes 345-1514
Thom Janidlo
Mike Flister
Jerry Krieter, Alternate

# **Wildfire Mitigation Operations Continue**

As a continuing effort to reduce the hazard of wildfire in the Municipality, the Anchorage Fire Department is continuing tree cutting and slash pile burning operations starting Tuesday, March 8th. The Division of Forestry crews will be working in the Hillside Drive and O'Malley Road area for the month of March. Time permitting, they will continue work on Goldenview Drive north of Rabbit Creek Road with two small projects off of Bluebell and Goldenview. Expect to see smoke in the area.

Neighborhood fuel reduction projects help reduce the potential for fire. Most of the work that the Anchorage Fire Department does for hazardous fuel mitigation is coordinated between multiple homeowners. Excessive amounts of dead and dying spruce trees or dense stands of white and black spruce burn readily in dry weather conditions. Homeowners and neighborhood organizations are encouraged to contact the Anchorage Fire Department to assess their exposure to wildfire.

Free Firewise Home Assessments will be available again in May. The Anchorage Fire Department provides home assessments to evaluate the risks and hazards around the home that could lead to a structural ignition. Log onto <a href="www.muni.org/fire1/wildfire.cfm">www.muni.org/fire1/wildfire.cfm</a> to learn more and apply for an assessment. Some areas warrant tree removal and other vegetation modifications; ask about reimbursable tree work.

# **Parks Planning Workshops Continue in April**

Anchorage Parks and Recreation has scheduled a series of workshops to assist in the parks planning process. The district including the Rabbit Creek area is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27. The complete schedule for the parks planning workshops are listed below.

For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department, 343-4504.

NW Park District, April 25, 6 - 9 PM Spenard Community Recreation Center NE Park District, April 26, 6 - 9 PM Russian Jack Park Chalet C & SE Park District, April 27, 6 - 9 PM Springhill Elementary **SW Park District,** April 28, 6 - 9 PM Kincaid Outdoor Center **All Park Districts,** April 30, 1 - 4 PM Vote on Priorities Loussac Library Assembly Chambers

### **Links and Contacts**

#### **Assembly members for Rabbit Creek**

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#### State Legislature

Con Bunde, 800-892-4843; Senator.Con.Bunde@legis.state.ak.us Rep. Michael C. Hawker, 800-478-4950, Rep.Mike.Hawker@legis.state.ak.us

#### **LRSAs**

South Goldenview: Brad Kutzer, 345-1712

Birchtree Elmore: Ed Bosco, 345-4530; Ted Pease 345-1235