

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Member Cathy Gleason — compiled as of August 28, 2015

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Check for updates on our webpage: [www.communitycouncils.org](http://www.communitycouncils.org)

## AUGUST 2015 NOTICES:

**August 31** — *A Special Notice from the Assembly:* **“Join us on August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Alaska Airlines Center (3550 Providence Dr.) from 5:30-8:30 p.m. – Doors will be open until building is full.”**  
**Rising Together/Get Involved to Welcome President Obama to Alaska:**

### Share a Warm Welcoming Message:

- 1) Record a brief (not longer than 30 seconds please) Video message welcoming President Obama and sharing what you think he needs to know about Alaskans and Alaska
- 2) Post on social media and AFN's YouTube channel
- 3) Use hashtags #RISINGTOGETHER and #OBAMA

### Share Your American Flag:

- 1) Display a flag in your yard, by your house, in the window, or on top of a mountain - be creative!
- 2) Take a photo or a selfie of you and your family with the flag
- 3) Post a photo of your flag [with your message welcoming President Obama] on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- 4) Use hashtags #RISINGTOGETHER and #OBAMA

## SEPTEMBER 2015 NOTICES:

- **September 3** — **Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.** *Please note earlier starting time, to allow for presentation and discussion of update to the Anchorage Land Use Plan Map.*  
*Info:* TCC President Danielle Bailey, [daniellebmt@gmail.com](mailto:daniellebmt@gmail.com), 406-270-4770
- **September 17** — **TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Title Wave Books, 1360 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**  
*Info and to confirm:* TCC President Danielle Bailey, [daniellebmt@gmail.com](mailto:daniellebmt@gmail.com), 406-270-4770
- **September 25** — **FAA Comment Deadline on TSAIA & Lake Hood Seaplane Base Noise Exposure Maps.** The specific maps under consideration are Figure D31 Existing Noise Exposure Map – 2009 and Figure 11 Future Noise Exposure Map – 2020 and the accompanying documentation. The final draft report along with previous public comments and responses can be found at [anc150study.com](http://anc150study.com).  
*For Info:* 271-5453 *Send Comments to:* Leslie Grey, Federal Aviation Administration, Anchorage, AK, Alaskan Region Airports Division, 222 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Box #14, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513.

**DATE TBA — TCC BBQ MEET & GREET.** Due to heavy rain, the TCC BBQ originally scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> was postponed. **New date to be announced soon — check TCC website, Facebook and email.**

**DATE TBA — FALL SAFETY FORUM.** TCC is taking the lead on organizing a Neighborhood Safety Forum, to provide an opportunity for residents to learn how to be safe in your neighborhoods. Information on Neighborhood Watch, Community Patrols, and other safety tips will be provided.

*Info:* TCC President Danielle Bailey, [daniellebmt@gmail.com](mailto:daniellebmt@gmail.com), 406-270-4770

## OCTOBER 2015 NOTICES:

- **October 1 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**  
*Info:* TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770
- **October 15 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Title Wave Books, 1360 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**  
*Info and to confirm:* TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770
- **October 26 — Continued Assembly Public Hearing on Ordinances to Related to a Land Trade Between the Municipality and the Airport involving Undedication of Point Woronzof Park, and Changing Management of Municipal Lands Within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge , 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** AO 2015-69 would approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the State/Airport and the Municipality for the fair market value exchange of land (commonly known as the proposed Comprehensive Land Trade in the West Anchorage District Plan). *(The hearing for this ordinance was opened on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; a vote to postpone indefinitely failed by one vote; a motion was then passed to continue the public hearing to October 26<sup>th</sup>.)*

### Mark Your Calendar

**2015 Health Fair in Anchorage , November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., Alaska Regional Hospital**

*Info:* <http://doa.alaska.gov/drbl/alaskacare/headlines/healthFairs.html>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **SIGN UP FOR ASSEMBLY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**NOTICES.** This Assembly Committee (formally titled Title 21 Committee) is holding weekly committee meetings to discuss potential changes to Title 21.

**To receive committee meeting notices, contact Municipal Clerk's Office Agenda and Records Assistant Amy Solberg at [SolbergAR@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:SolbergAR@ci.anchorage.ak.us) or 343-4243.**

**AWWU FISH CREEK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2.** Construction will begin soon on repair of the 36-inch sewer under the Alaska Railroad at the north end of LaHonda Dr. near Fish Creek. [Clearing and large construction equipment and dump trucks traffic through this area will occur, to access the construction site.](#) Construction will be trenchless technology, but excavation pits will be necessary to access the pipes on either side of the railroad tracks.

**For more info, contact AWWU Project Manager Mark Corsentino, [mark.corsentino@awwu.biz](mailto:mark.corsentino@awwu.biz), 564-2784.**

**MUNI CITYVIEW PORTAL.** The Municipality of Anchorage Planning Division is pleased to introduce new and improved on-line access to zoning and platting case information, as well as an updated e-alert system.

Through the new CityView Portal, you will be able to:

- Look up the status of active cases;
- View case applications;
- Find public meeting dates and/or decision dates;
- Submit case comments; and
- View case comments.

With the updated e-alert system, you will be able to:

- Sign up for case notifications by community council area;
- Receive case submittal email alerts by community council area; and
- Receive case decision emails.

**To register, go to the new CityView Portal at [www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/](http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/).**

**(Lots of) PROJECT UPDATES:** (Photos by Cathy Gleason)

**• Anchorage Coastal Cleanup Held June 6th**

The Alaska Marine Coastal Council organized its annual cleanup of coastal areas in Turnagain below the bluff of Lyn Ary Park and the Point Woronzof Overlook. The effort yielded 4,579 pieces of trash being collected, totally 316 lbs.

**• “Iditarod” Trail Built at Balto Seppala Park**

As part of the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks Dept. Youth Employment in Parks program, a trail was built in the wooded area on the eastern area of Balto Seppala Park in early June. Interpretive signage is part of the plan to highlight the park’s famous Iditarod dog namesake. **TCC passed a resolution at our January 9, 2014, meeting in support of this project.** To see KTVA’s coverage of this project, go to: <http://www.ktva.com/teens-spend-summer-vacation-sprucing-up-local-parks-266/>

**• Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Work Party**

With support from Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Fehribach, TCC sponsored a work party at the Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden June 11<sup>th</sup>. Sprinkles kicked off the event, but eventually the sun came out to shine on the volunteers who showed up to spread new mulch on pathways, pull weeds, repaint the arbor, and plant a tree donated by Dan & Cathy Gleason to improve this beautiful area along the Coastal Trail in Turnagain.

Organizer Cathy Gleason expresses **MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT!**



**Heather Tarrant**



**Pat Redmond pulling weeds**

**• New Trail & Interpretive Signage at Earthquake Park**

In mid-June, staff from the Youth Employment in Parks program also built a trail through the wooded area north of the Earthquake Parking lot as part of an effort to view newly-installed interpretive signage highlighting the 1964 earthquake and its impact on this area. **TCC passed a resolution at our February 5, 2015, meeting in support of this project.**



**Interpretive park panels**



### ▪ WNL Blvd. & Arlington Dr. Intersection Drainage/Paving Improvements

Drainage and repavement improvements at the intersection of WNL and Arlington Dr. were made in mid-June, as part of the Northern Lights Blvd./Benson Blvd. Road Improvement Project. **TCC approved this project as part of the Safe Routes to School Capital Improvement Project list at our February 5, 2015, meeting.** *Special thanks to Sandy Rabinowitch and Gloria Manni for their effort to get this project incorporated into the larger DOT project.*



### ▪ Aircraft Hanger Project Proposed in Turnagain Bog

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a wetland fill permit application June 23<sup>rd</sup> for a 30-day comment period on a proposal by Lake Spenard Airpark to fill 1.1 acres of Turnagain Bog along Aircraft Dr. The project includes construction of two aircraft hangers with three units each. **At our March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, meeting, TCC reaffirmed its long-held position of advocating for protection of the remaining high-value wetlands in Turnagain Bog.**

### • TCC Committee Recommends Spenard Beach Park Improvements

**With approval to form an ad hoc committee at our March 5, 2015, meeting,** the committee met in June to provide recommendations for expenditure of the funds anticipated to be donated to the Anchorage Park Foundation. These funds were originally collected for improvements to Didlika Park, but were no longer needed for that purpose. On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the committee forwarded its recommendation to the TCC Board to request that APF use the TCC donated funds on improvements to Spenard Beach Park, including installation of two additional picnic tables and a dog waste station.

### • Heritage Land Bank 2016 Work Program & Five-Year Management Plan Update

The HLB Advisory Commission approved these documents at their July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Some of the recommendations TCC approved at our May 7, 2015, meeting and submitted for consideration to HLB were incorporated by the Commission.** The final step is approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

### • Trees Planted at July 11<sup>th</sup> Balto Seppala Park Fix-It Day

The Municipal Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Anchorage Parks Foundation sponsored a June 11<sup>th</sup> park improvement day at Balto Seppala Park. With the help of volunteers — **including Mayor Ethan Berkowitz** — and Community Work Service, six trees were planted on the southeast area of the park along Milky Way Dr. These trees were donated by Dan and Cathy Gleason, in commemoration of their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (August 9<sup>th</sup>). More tree plantings in this park and other areas of Turnagain are planned for this fall. ***Dan and Cathy send a BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS BEAUTIFICATION EFFORT!***



Mayor Ethan Berkowitz



Trees at Balto

- **Herbicide Used in Lake Hood & Spenard Lake to Fight Invasive Elodea Plant**

Due to the presence of elodea, an invasive plant species with long tendrils that can pose a risk to aircraft because of its ability to snag rudders, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) invoked its emergency authority in July to grant a special herbicide permit. This action allowed the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) to do initial herbicide applications in these water bodies on July 24th.

*Info:* DNR Invasive Plan Coordinator Heather Stewart at [heather.stewart@alaska.gov](mailto:heather.stewart@alaska.gov), 907-745-8721.

- **Gateway Project Installed at Lyn Ary Park**

A Lyn Ary Park gateway project along the Coastal Trail northwest of the ball fields was installed in late July/early August that included interpretive signs covering the 1964 Earthquake, history of Turnagain resident Lyn Ary and the park named after him as well as benches and landscaping. **TCC passed a resolution at our February 5, 2015, meeting in support of this project.**



Lyn Ary Park Gateway along Coastal Trail

- **TCC Bylaws Revisions Approved by Assembly**

**After TCC approved Bylaws Revisions at our June 4, 2015, meeting**, they were submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office. Following a review by Ombudsman Darrel Hess to ensure that the bylaws conformed to Municipal Code, they were then approved by the Assembly August 11<sup>th</sup> (AIM 92-2015).

- **Bicycle Fix-It Station Installed along Coastal Trail**

A grand opening was held August 14<sup>th</sup> for the newly-installed Bicycle Fix-It Station along the Coastal Trail near Postmark Dr. CRW Engineering Group donated the funds and installed this station, and one along the Chester Creek Trail. Four more fix-it stations are planned in other areas. The station includes tools, an air pump and a stand to hold bikes while making small repairs. **TCC passed a motion at our May 7, 2015, meeting in support of this project.**

- **Northern Lights Blvd/Benson Blvd. Improvement Project Update**

Work continues on the Northern Lights Blvd./Benson Blvd. improvement project. The Alaska Department of Transportation states that upon completion, both roads will be repaved, there will be new signage and striping, the majority of problematic curb ramps will be upgraded to current ADA standards, and automated traffic recorders and signal system will be improved. This project is projected to be completed by June 2016.

*Info:* DOT at <http://AlaskaNavigator.org> or 770-2612.

To sign up for project updates, email: [NorthernlightsBenson@spawnak.com](mailto:NorthernlightsBenson@spawnak.com).

## Fish Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2

# SEWER WORK NEAR FISH CREEK & THE ALASKA RAILROAD

- WHO?** Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility
- WHAT?** Repair of 36-inch sewer under the Alaska Railroad.
- WHERE?** North end of LaHonda Drive near Fish Creek
- WHEN?** Late July through early November. Exact schedule has yet to be determined.
- WHY?** Pipe is showing signs of failure.
- HOW?** Construction will be trenchless technology, however, excavation pits are necessary to access the pipes on either side of the railroad tracks.

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Construction clearing will begin soon in your area. Large construction equipment and dump trucks will be traveling through your neighborhood to access the construction site.

Expect construction traffic noise during the hours of 7:00AM – 7:00PM, Monday - Saturday and occasionally on Sundays.

*We understand the inconvenience and we thank you in advance for your patience during this AWWU construction project.*



Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility  
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**Questions? Please call:**

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