

Turnagain Community Council

Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of July 29, 2016

Turnagain Community Council is on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/turnagainforum/>

Check for updates on our webpage: www.communitycouncils.org

JULY 2016 NOTICES:

- **July 30 — Fish Creek Corridor 'Fix-It', 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Meet at Woodland Park picnic shelter, 3508 Iowa St.** Volunteers are invited to this event to pull invasive plants along the Fish Creek Trail. All tools provided. Come dressed in comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty! Lunch provided afterwards. Sponsored by the Parks Dept. and the Anchorage Park Foundation.
Info: Parks Volunteer Coordinator, FehribachMR@muni.org, 343-4587
- **July 30-October 1 — Spenard Farmer's Market, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Spenard Road, W. 26th & Spenard Rd.** Enjoy food, flowers, crafts, music and fun at the market!

AUGUST 2016 NOTICES:

PLEASE NOTE:
TCC WILL NOT BE HAVING A GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST —
OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8th
Continue to Enjoy Your Summer!

- **August 1 — DEADLINE — AMATS Public Participation Plan Update Survey.** Express your general interest in transportation issues and how much you know about AMATS (Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions), and the work they do.
To respond to the survey, go to:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgP7kj4vqKli12CYWJgsqn4jO9git-De7mtsStORyzvrqMeg/viewform?c=0&w=1>.
- **August 1-15 — TSAIA Runway Closures.** The Airport will be closing Runway 7R/25L at 7:00 a.m. August 1st, until 7:00 a.m. August 3rd, for preventative maintenance. Additionally, Runway 15/33 will be closed August 8th & 9th between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., for an FAA survey. During these times, aircraft may be departing over Anchorage midtown. People in that flight path will experience significantly greater aircraft noise than normal.
For questions, comments, feedback, or to track flights over your area, go to: www.anchorageairport.com
- **August 11 — Mayor's Open Office Hours, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Tastee Freez, 3901 Raspberry Rd.** Take this opportunity to ask questions, share your concerns, or discuss matters important to you with Mayor Ethan Berkowitz. (Ice cream not included — but you might as well enjoy some while you're there!)
For questions, comments, feedback, or to track flights over your area, go to: www.anchorageairport.com
- **August 19 — Turnagain Social Club Grand Opening Block Party, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 3201 Turnagain St.** (old Unitarian church) Meet the staff and tour the fully-renovated building that will house this new daytime adult social center in Turnagain. Music, food, and kids activities will be part of the event.
For info: <https://www.facebook.com/turnagainsocialclub/>
- **August 22 — DEADLINE — Applications for the APD Citizens Academy.** The Anchorage Police Dept. and the Anchorage Police Citizens Academy Alumni Association is hosting its annual Citizens Police Academy beginning September 7th through December 7th, 2016. The program is designed to promote and enhance citizen understanding and awareness of the role of APD in our community. Topics include drug investigations, firearms safety, cyber crimes, financial crimes and much more. The academy is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the APD Training Center, 3760 W. Dimond Blvd. There is also one Saturday session from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
For application: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/police/Documents/fall2016CitizensAcademyApp.pdf>.
For info: Anita Shell, Public Affairs, ashell@muni.org, 786-8664

SEPTEMBER 2016 NOTICES:

- September 7 — Assembly Worksession RE: Anchorage Talks Transit-People Mover Route Discussion, 1:00-1:30 p.m., City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave., Room 155.** Survey results are complete; the next step is to translate the findings into service changes.
For comments, questions, concerns, email: transitplanning@muni.org
To join the mailing list and receive notifications and updates, go to:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/TransitTalks.aspx>
- September 7 — Platting Board Public Hearing on Lot Subdivision Proposal at 1822 Forest Park Dr., 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** *(Please note: new, temporary Assembly chambers building entrance is farther west of the old first floor library entrance.)* Application proposal is to subdivide two lots into one lot, with vacation of Right-Of-Way. **The proposal was presented at TCC's June 7th meeting.**
Petitioner representative contact: Ken Lang, Lang & Associates, 455-4625
- September 8 — PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TCC MEETING DATE & LOCATION — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location To Be Announced.** **The September TCC meeting is being changed to the second Tuesday for this month only,** due to Labor Day weekend. Also, due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in a different location until further notice (likely either West-Romig or Lake Hood Elementary). **We will let you know the meeting location closer to the Sept. 8th meeting date.**
Info: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresent@yahoo.com
- September 9 — APPLICATION DEADLINE — Leadership Alaska Development Program.** Through group experiences, readings, community projects, mentorships and personal reflections, participants explore the lessons of the humanities and their relevance to the dynamic issues and opportunities leaders face. Sessions run from November 12th-May 13th.
Info. and Application: www.akhf.org, Kitty Farnham, Program Director, kfarnham@akhf.org, 272-5324
- September 10 — Kiwanis Fish Creek Park 'Fix-It' & Ribbon-Cutting, Time TBA, 3907 E. Turnagain Blvd.** Along with a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate park upgrades happening this summer — including installation of new playground equipment! — volunteers will be planting five donated trees (by Cathy and Dan Gleason) at this Fix-It event. Other improvement projects may also be done. Sponsored by the Parks Dept. and the Anchorage Park Foundation.
Info: Parks Volunteer Coordinator, FehribachMR@muni.org, 343-4587

PROJECT UPDATES:

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

Expect nightly LANE RESTRICTIONS and CONSTRUCTION RELATED NOISE on Northern Lights Blvd. and Benson Blvd. between Arctic Blvd. and Forest Park Dr. from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., until approximately Sunday, July 31st, due to milling operations. Then, beginning Monday, August 1st, nightly LANE RESTRICTIONS will resume through Saturday, August 6th, due to paving operations.

Please use caution when traveling through the project area, and be alert to construction workers near the roadway, and double traffic fines throughout the project area.

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

To sign up for project updates, email: NorthernlightsBenson@spawnak.com.

- Upgrades to AWWU Pump Station 10 Landscaping**

Pump Station 10 along the Coastal Trail was constructed in 2009, and including landscaping surrounding the facility. **TCC provided fairly extensive input on the landscaping plan during the development of the project.** AWWU has announced they will upgrade and improve the deteriorating landscaping and ground cover this summer; they will be working with TCC committee members on this effort.

Info: Shawn Dooley, AWWU Civil Engineer II, 564-2786 or Paul Hatcher, AWWU Engineering Technician III/Real Estate Coordinator, 564-2721

To join the TCC Committee, contact: Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map Update**

The Municipal Planning Dept. has posted more maps and information on the project website (see below), including Map Folio (Appendix A, draft) with 20 maps showing city planning factors and issues; “Traded Sectors” report (Appendix B) identifying land uses that are key export sectors of the local economy; the “Anchorage Industrial Land Assessment Update, Volumes 1 and 2, which assesses the remaining supply of industrial land in the Municipality; and Public Comments (Appendix D) received regarding the February 29 Community Discussion Draft Land Use Plan Map.

Also posted is an “Area-Specific Plans Map, which allows users to zoom in and link to the actual plans of Anchorage’s neighborhood and district plans:

<http://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapAndAppGallery/index.html?appid=9019159eada3425f83afd9c894515ec8>

In June, TCC submitted a lengthy comment letter (summarized at our June 2nd TCC meeting and approved by the Board) on the LUPM Update Community Discussion Draft.

Anchorage Bowl LUPM website:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>

Info: MOA Planning Dept., Long-Range Planning Section, 343-7921

To join the TCC LUPM Committee, contact Committee Co-chairs:

Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **Aquatic Invasive Plants (Including Elodea) at Lake Hood & Spenard Lake Update**

The elodea control measures implemented last year appear to be effective so far this season. The Alaska Department of Resources (DNR) continues to carefully monitor the lakes. If you spot elodea or any other invasive plants, please report them to DNR at 1-877-INVASIV (468-2748).

Info: Heather Stewart, Invasive Weeds and Agricultural Pest Coordinator, Heather.Stewart@alaska.gov, 907-745-8721.

Pilot Tips: <http://dot.state.ak.us/anc/business/generalAviation/Floatplane-InvasiveSpeciesPrevention.pdf>

- **Airport 2016 Summer Construction Projects**

2016 Airport Construction Projects Map and associated project descriptions: www.anchorageairport.com

- **Spenard Corridor Plan Survey #1 Now Available**

Development of a Spenard Corridor Plan (SCP) is now underway and the first project survey is online. The SCP will become Anchorage’s first transit-supportive development corridor planning document, and will present an area profile, goals, and objectives for the corridor, and it will link recommendations for land use, multimodal transportation and connectivity, future road upgrades, and transit in a single document.

Link to Survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdoykwMW4vydiYu8HPlyifpH0pOHAVvTzz-G2PUd2z0exYPGg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

- **Cell Tower Revisions Approved By Assembly**

On June 21st, the Assembly approved AO 2015-142 (S-1), as amended. These revisions address, among other things, public notice requirements, landscaping requirements and height allowances and tower types in zoning districts. Regulations for small cell technology were incorporated into the Code.

To view the approved ordinance, go to:

[http://www.muni.org/PublicNotice/Documents/AO%202015-142\(S-1\),%20As%20Amended%20OCR.pdf](http://www.muni.org/PublicNotice/Documents/AO%202015-142(S-1),%20As%20Amended%20OCR.pdf)

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**

A Draft Report and Airport Layout Plan will be drafted this summer, with a Public Review Draft released this fall; Final Plan projected to be released in Nov./Dec. timeframe.

Info, submit comments and join email list and receive meeting notices: www.lhdmasterplan.com.

Questions? Teri Lindseth, Airport Planning, 266-2544, teri.linseth@alaska.gov.

TCC submitted comments on the Draft Plan, including the motion we passed at our April 7th meeting:

“Turnagain Community Council strongly opposes development projects located in Turnagain Bog land at the Airport, specifically the three projects identified in the [LHMP] Draft Plan:

- ⇒ *Tie-down GA parking and lease lot/tie-down space east of the Lake Hood gravel strip runway [identified as CIP Projects 10A, 10B, and 10C in the draft];*
- ⇒ *Proposed trail east of the gravel strip near the Turnagain residential boundary [identified as Other Project J]; and*
- ⇒ *The tie-down GA parking lot west of the existing Echo tie-down parking lot [identified as Other Project K].”*

- **TCC Work Party/Pizza Party at Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden**

Many thanks to those who participated in TCC's event on June 28th! On a sunny evening, lots of weeds were removed, bushes pruned, and a new tree (donated by Cathy & Dan Gleason) was planted near the interpretive area along the Coastal Trail. Everyone enjoyed pizza and other refreshments after our beautification efforts. *Special thanks to Parks Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Fehribach, for her help with this event!*



- **2016 Park and Trail Projects in Turnagain**

Upgraded Playground Equipment and other amenities — Ground has been broken and new playground equipment will be installed soon!

Barbara Street Park
Kiwanis Fish Creek Park

Volunteer Events:

July 30th — Fish Creek Corridor Cleanup at Woodland Park
(focus on removal of invasive plant species)

September 10th — Kiwanis Fish Creek Park
Improvements Ribbon Cutting & Volunteer Tree Planting/Fix-It Day

Coastal Trail Bridge Replacement:

Fish Creek Bridge
Sisson Loop Bridge

Info: Taylor Keegan, MOA Park Planner, 343-4518, keeganth@muni.org

- **Fish Creek Trail to Ocean Working Group**

A multi-council/citizens working group is continuing its efforts to explore the possibility of a trail along Fish Creek between W. Northern Lights and the Coastal Trail.

If you are interested in participating in the working group, contact: Meghan Holtan, holtan.meghan@gmail.com OR
Fill out the form linked at: <http://goo.gl/forms/l3Bp81JCK1>

- **Fish Creek Trail Improvements Project Design Study**

This mile-long project includes upgrades to a southern section of Fish Creek Trail between 45th Ave. and the Taft St./W. Tudor Rd. intersection and a northern section between Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and Barbara Street Park. Trail upgrades include resurfacing trail, replacement of four Fish Creek bridges, replacement of lighting, minor improvements to the trail grade and alignment, and removal of select nearby trees and installation of root barriers to reduce future pavement damage caused by root intrusion. Design will continue through 2016, and construction is anticipated to begin summer 2017. **The 2016 Alaska Transportation Alternatives Program (ATAP) recently awarded the "Fish Creek Trail Extension" project \$860,000!**

Project Info. www.anchoragetrailsrehab.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

▪ AIRPORT COMMUNITY FLIGHT TRACKER:

The Airport is now providing an online application that enables the community to track aircraft flight patterns over their residences. This is one of the measures identified and approved by the FAA in the recently completed FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. It will enable residents of Anchorage to determine, in many cases, what aircraft are flying over them 24 hours a day in 'near real time,' including info. on airline, aircraft type, the flight path, the altitude and the origin and destination communities.

For application and User's Guide, go to: www.anchorageairport.com, News and Highlights section

▪ #ANCWORKS PROVIDES NEW WAY TO REPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS & ISSUES:

On June 22, 2016, the Municipality of Anchorage launched #ANCWorks!, an online tool 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.

For more information, contact: Myer Hutchinson at 343-7133.

▪ PEOPLE MOVER GOOGLE MAPS NOW AVAILABLE:

Two new tools are available to help plan your next trip with People Mover. Google Maps now show real-time People Mover trip info. — and an innovative application that provides estimated bus arrival times based on your stop via text message.

To find the estimated arrival time of buses at a certain stop go to: bus.codeforanchorage.org (No smart phone or data plan is required to use the texting application.)

Text the bus stop id # to: (907) 312-2060.

To plan a trip, go to: www.peoplesmover.org

Access Google Maps online or through the Google Maps app on a mobile device

For more information, contact: Bart Rudolph at (907) 343-8490

▪ MAYOR BERKOWITZ INVITES INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS WITH “ANCHORAGE INNOVATES”:

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has announced “Anchorage Innovates” — a new place for the Mayor to receive feedback, comments, questions, and concerns.

A link to “Anchorage Innovates” can be found on www.muni.org and on the Mayor's page at: www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx.

Comments, questions and concerns can also be submitted through emailing: mayor@muni.org, calling 343-7100, or if you are feeling nostalgic, mailing a letter to: P.O. Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska 99519.

For more information, contact: Myer Hutchinson at (907) 343-7133.

▪ SIGN UP FOR ‘BERKOWITZ BULLETIN’:

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has a new newsletter called *Berkowitz Bulletin*.

Sign up to receive by email at: www.muni.org, then click on ‘Mayor's Corner’ on the home page, then click on the newsletter graphic on the right-hand side.