

OCEANVIEW/OLD SEWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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NEWSLETTER April 2005

The next regular meeting of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council will take place on Wednesday April 13 in the Library of the Oceanview Elementary School on Johns Road starting at 7:00 PM.

Road Projects

In the January newsletter we said we would invite the State DOT to present their plans for the expansion of the Old Seward Highway between O'Malley and Huffman. Now that the elections are over, we will dedicate the April 13 meeting to discuss this important road project. At issue is the continuation of the widening of the Old Seward Highway past Lowe's to Huffman to alleviate the traffic backup when turning from O'Malley to the Old Seward. The trouble is that the business owners along the Old Seward Highway, particularly those businesses at the intersection with Klatt Road, will lose their parking lots and substantially affect their business. This applies particularly to Kehl's Forest Lawn & Mortuary, Value Liquors, Carlos Mexican Restaurant and other businesses.

We will also hear from Cheryl Richardson of the Anchorage Citizens Coalition who will talk about "Transportation Myths and Realities".

Assembly Action

We will ask our Assembly representatives to give us their outlook for the new Assembly and what are their priorities. We are particularly interested in the proposed sales tax and since this affects everyone, we should be prepared to provide our views to our representatives.

Legislative Reports

Now that the legislature is on the countdown for completing the 120 day session, we will talk to our legislative representatives in Juneau.

Be prepared to ask questions you want answers to, propose legislation on issues of concern to you, or give your input on legislative priorities during a teleconference with our legislative representatives Senator Stevens and Representative McGuire.

Cleanup Day

Anchorage Citywide Cleanup is a community event that has been taking place for nearly 40 years. When the snow melts each spring, five months of trash is revealed. Last year over 8 million pounds of trash was collected. Last year we participated with Oceanview PTA and sponsored a very successful Cleanup Day in our neighborhood. Do we want to do the same this year? If so we need help to put it together. We will discuss details at the council meeting.

138 kV Transmission Line in south Anchorage

The project team is still in the process of finalizing the route selection study and will be recommending a route to Chugach's Board of Directors at their April 20 meeting. Chugach will make its selection known to the people in the study area and will be featured at the May 11 council meeting.

Train Whistle Noise Reduction

A survey was sent to 5,000 households and businesses within the train/road crossing areas and all people should receive it by Friday April 1. The Alaska Railroad plan to give us an update at the April 13 meeting.

Federation of Community Councils Delegate

Katie Weidemaier, our very able delegate to the FCC, has had to resign due to the demands of her teaching career. So we are looking for a replacement. Any volunteers please contact Tim Bridgman. Job duties require attending the monthly FCC meeting at City Hall where all 37 community councils are represented and giving a report to the CC on what's happening throughout the city and any action required on our part.

Election of Officers

We are still looking for officers to run the council when we resume meetings in September after the summer recess. Please contact John Pletcher as chair of the nominating committee, or one of the officers

For those who want more information on what's happening in the City, consult the Municipality website www.muni.org

Contact your Community Council officers listed below:

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Community councils are the link in the local government chain between the resident and the municipal government and are only as effective as you, the membership want to make them by participating in the monthly meetings.

Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Oceanview Elementary School on Johns Road. Meetings start at 7:00 PM. We are collecting membership dues for 2005--five dollars for an individual, and ten dollars for a family.

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