

# Rabbit Creek Community Council

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2006

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

## Letter from the Chair

August was an extremely wet month but you don't need me to tell you that. Many people have been impacted by the rains which caused in some instances road and property damage. The Council is interested in areas that were impacted as this information may be helpful to the Hillside District Plan. Drainage studies can be enhanced by the knowledge of the people who live in the area. If this is important to you please pass along your observations and photos. Please include your name, legal description of the property and/or the location as you can best describe it and a phone number where you can be reached. We will pass along the information. Write the Council at PO Box 112354, Anchorage, Ak. 99511-2354 or e-mail me at [badger1@acsalaska.net](mailto:badger1@acsalaska.net). Stay safe.

*Susanne*

## Rabbit Creek Flowerbed

The municipality has asked all volunteer gardeners to pull their flowerbeds by mid September due to the damaging rains and the prospects of an early freeze up. We will start this sad process on Saturday and possibly Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 am, rain or shine, although extremely heavy rains will cause us to reschedule for the earliest dry day.

Again, as in the past Arctic Roadrunner has provided free lunch coupons to the volunteers who have helped in the garden this year. Thank you Richard Sanchis.

## Draft Agenda Topics for September 14, 2006

### Community Council Meeting

**7:00 pm Call to order, intros, approval of agenda,**  
*please sign in and indicate if you would like  
to receive e-mails from the FCC other than  
the newsletter*

*Approval of Minutes from August and prior mtgs*  
*Treasurer's report*

*Legislative Report*

*ASD Report*

### Announcements & Comments

*Invitation for people to address the council*  
*The flower bed will be pulled Sep. 16 and 17*

### Old Business

*Forest Heights/Legacy Pointe*  
*Ashland Tract - HWMP exemption hearing date 8/29*  
*assembly*  
*RC Church Site Plan, P&Z hearing Sept. 11*

### New Business

*2006-136 Cell Tower at Inlet View Church*  
*Nomination Committee*

### Committee Reports

*Trails and Access*  
*Neighborhood Association reports*  
*LRSA reports*

### 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. If enough registered  
members attend to make the required quorum, the meeting  
will be a General Meeting. Otherwise, a Board Meeting is  
called. A quorum is 20% of membership.*

For information on the following municipal planning issues, go to [munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm](http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm), or call 343-7943 (Zoning), or 343-7942 (Platting).

## Platting ~ Loussac Library

S-11519, Oct. 4, 1 tract into 3, Goldenview/142nd

## Urban Design Commission

2006-136, Oct. 20, Site plan for cell tower relo, Turnagain  
Bluff Pkwy

## PLANNING & ZONING

2006-074, Sep. 11, Title 21 amend. for high voltage towers

2006-130, Oct. 2, Capital budget & improvement program

2006-138, New duties for Urban Design Commission

2006-124, Nov. 6, Appeal of denial of RC church site plan

## ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY Tuesdays, 6 PM Loussac Library

2006-052 Sep. 26, Decision on sewer extension to Ashland, Prominence Pointe

## 2006 Membership Form

Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511

**Dues (circle one): \$3 /person or \$5 /couple**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of property or rental within RC area \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

To receive the newsletter, circle the preferred format: **e-mail, U.S. Postage, none.**

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**Rabbit Creek  
Community Council  
2006 BOARD**

**Chair:** Susanne Comellas  
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**Treasurer:** Donna Van Flein  
243-1553  
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Dianne Holmes 345-1514  
Dick Tremaine  
Peter Crimp  
John Isby  
Gretchen Specht  
Ky Holland 345-2729  
Mike Flister, Alternate

**Volunteers Help with Trail Flooding**

Recent heavy rains flooded the lower portion of the Rabbit Creek Greenbelt trail, but two brave and brawny senior citizens used their collective wisdom and stash of tools to clear the debris. Another volunteer is completing a small set of box steps in one spot known to be icy at times. The steps are gradually being filled with gravel after a sign was placed at the old beaver pond inviting hikers to carry a small amount from the nearby gravel pile. The Firewise team completed their work begun last fall. Slash from downed trees was burned on-site and all logs removed from the trail area—a most amazing feat considering the amount of trees that were cut.

**Rabbit Creek Trail Work Party Sept. 16**

Before freeze-up the trails in the Rabbit Creek Greenbelt need our attention. Grass has overgrown the trails, Elderberry bushes extend over the trail in places. Some of the trail tread needs to be reshaped and water bars re-positioned. Bring work gloves and water for the two-hr party. Tools will be supplied. Please RSVP to [Rabbitgreenbelt@yahoo.com](mailto:Rabbitgreenbelt@yahoo.com). Meet at Storck Park parking lot (Clarks Road & Rabbit Creek Road), 10 am, Sat. Sept. 16.

**Links and Contacts**

**Assembly members for Rabbit Creek**

Janice Shamberg, 343-4124, [jcshamberg@gci.net](mailto:jcshamberg@gci.net)  
Chris Birch, 346-3265, [chrisbirch@gci.net](mailto:chrisbirch@gci.net)

**Zoning/Code Enforcement** 343-8380

**Private Dev/Subdiv,** 343-8310

**Planning Dept, Counter** 343-7900

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**LRSAs**

South Goldenview: Brad Kutzer, 345-1712  
Birchtree Elmore: Ed Bosco, 345-4530; Ted Pease 345-1235

**Rabbit Creek Community Council  
General Membership Meeting  
August 10, 2006, Rabbit Creek Community Church  
Meeting Minutes Summary [DRAFT]**

President Susanne Comellas opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Other board members present were Dianne Holmes, Wayne Skidmore, Dick Tremaine, Peter Crimp, Gretchen Specht, and John Isby.

**Approval of Minutes:** none

**Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report:** none. Wayne reported there are 131 paid members.

**Legislative/Assembly/ASD/APD/Mayor’s Office Reports:**

Macon Roberts, ASD Board member reported the teachers’ contract is scheduled for negotiations very soon. The ASD’s policy on weapons in school will be strictly enforced to help curb the gang violence that has surfaced this summer. 64% of ASD students graduate from high school; the national average is about 70%. The Cops in School program will continue even though one Assembly member would like to see it terminated; there may be a condition that the city continue the program or give back the federal funding.

**Announcements/Presentations:**

Susanne reported that Sgt Cindy Stanton will be back in October as the APD community liaison.

Shawna Popovichi, MOA Southeast Parks manager, reported on \$75K worth of vandalism to the playground equipment at Ruth Arcand Park recently. Other losses have been at Campbell and Taku parks. Having a locked gate is the best deterrent to crime but that a camp host program is being examined; that requires electrical and water hookups however. Question was asked about having video surveillance. Shawna would like to sign up residents to take small group tours of the parks in our council area to familiarize people with the parks and to help reduce vandalism.

Shawna was asked if she received the council’s letter of support for the permit for electric motor, model airplane flying at Storck Park. She has not. Susanne will ensure the letter is sent.

**New Business:**

No new land use cases or ordinances were discussed.

**Old Business:**

An update on the sewer amendment for the Ashland Tract—the hearing before the Assembly is August 29<sup>th</sup>. Neighbors at Mtside Village met to learn about the issue this week and some have agreed to write letters and testify opposing the amendment until the HDP is completed. The issue of the unresolved drainage impacts from Prominence Pte and its non-relation to the Ashland tract case was discussed. John Day reported on his discussion with the mayor recently about the fact there are no penalties for developers who cost the city for their mistakes. Consequences should be in place.

The RC church site plan was denied by Planning as not being sufficiently changed from the first submittal. The new addition would hold 846 people, bringing the capacity of the church from 299 to 1100. The church has appealed the decision and the hearing before the P/Z Commission is to be held on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Reports:**

*Neighborhood Associations:* John Isby reported that the 16-lot addition (Potter View/Crest?) on the south side of Potter Cr Rd will be developed soon. They are about ½ acre lots.

*Hillside District Plan*—Chris Hamre of HALO and a member of the HDP Oversight Committee reported that the lead consultant will be selected very soon and that the Citizens Advisory Committee members (12?) have been selected and that they should start meeting soon. When they do, things will progress very rapidly. The goal is for a completed plan in 2007. HALO has invited the CAC to their September meeting to discuss the HDP and its relation to 2020’s policies and goals.

Adjourned: 8:20 pm