



# RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER

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## COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Hi All,

After giving thanks and as we anticipate the joy and delight of the new beginnings remaining in this holiday season, consider supporting some of the fine organizations serving our community. It is decent and enhances both giver and receiver.

And speaking of giving and receiving, the municipal budget process grinds on. It is most always so. We are all givers; some with a better attitude than others. The trick is in the receiving part; who gets funded and how much funding is truly necessary.

It is easy for many in our neck of the woods to believe that we are a “cash cow”. We pay the same mill rates as other Anchorage residents on properties with consistently higher assessed values while receiving far less in services.

For the most part we accept that public transit, police patrols with or without four-wheel drive and chains, school buses, and more, are services we pay for but either are not provided or barely provided.

The surplus of tax dollars collected from us subsidizes other areas of the municipality with high rates of service usage.

Judging from comments of folks in our community, this state of affairs is mostly tolerated. Many of us treasure the quality of life available in the Rabbit Creek community and pay the premium.

Now the trust is broken.

We have paid the high premiums for fire and emergency service to make certain that firefighters, EMT's and paramedics at Fire Station 10 are there when we need them. We feel that our Rabbit Creek, Bear Valley, and Potter Valley residents must have the same level of this service as any other resident in the municipality.

Time is a matter of life and death.

Taking away the Engine Company at FS 10, will increase response time to emergencies. It is not a question of whether this will lead to increases

## AGENDA

*RCCC Monthly Meeting*

*Thursday December 9, 2010*

### *Goldenview Middle School*

- ❖ *Call to order*
- ❖ *Introductions*
- ❖ *Approval of minutes*
- ❖ *Treasurers report*
- ❖ *Announcements & comments from the floor*

### *1. Legislative reports*

#### *2. Guest Speakers*

*\_AWWU purchase Legacy Point “B”*

*\_Former HLB chief Bill Mehner*

#### *3. Ongoing Business*

*\_142<sup>nd</sup> & GV Dr.*

*\_SGV East or West or No collector*

#### *4. New Business*

*\_HLB to Dev. Authority*

*\_Elmore Rd./RC Rd. project*

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in death and destruction; rather, it is a question of how much death and destruction will increase.

The Mayor plays politics with our lives and property while inviting increased premiums for fire insurance; for a decade the Municipality fought hard to have the same risk rating for all of Anchorage. Now, when the risk increases for the FS 10 area, it can increase for all FS areas. A premium increase could be more than \$10 million a year for going up one risk class. That is \$10 million of our money leaving Alaska.

The two Assembly members from Eagle River have spoken out against a similar shut down in their community. We have yet to hear our two Assembly Members clearly and unmistakably speak against this crass proposition the Mayor puts on the table.

Assembly person Jennifer Johnston is quiet.

Assembly-person Chris Birch mutters something about making all fire apparatus in town decrease manning from four to three, in theory saving enough money to reopen Engine Company 10. Unfortunately, a cursory review of the manning will reveal that crews are predominately already at three.

Assembly-person Birch has proposed to change the Charter so the Mayor's long desired sales tax can be passed with less than the Charter mandated 60% voter approval. He carries the Mayor's water when his constituents do not lack water. The water tanker remains at FS 10. We require fire fighters and the engine to pump the water when (ASAP) and where it is needed.

Please contact your Assembly members & the Mayor; demand safety and security in equal measure with other residents.

Be Well...                      Mike Kenny