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Neighbor to Neighbor

Weekly Newsletter

January 5, 2026



This year marks a monumental milestone: the 50th Anniversary of the Federation of Community Councils (FCC). Since the 1970s, our Community Councils have been the backbone of Anchorage, and the FCC has been proud to support their mission of local advocacy and civic action.

Throughout 2026, we are celebrating this golden anniversary by honoring our past achievements and inspiring the next fifty years of community leaders.

Over the next twelve months, you will see our work celebrate the 50th anniversary through new and existing programs.

Our newsletter is returning to its original name—Neighbor to Neighbor. From 1976 to 2000, the FCC ran a free monthly newsletter that was mailed to anyone who signed up. The newsletter would share community council updates, public meeting notices, community service announcements and more - much like our email newsletter today!

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as we share historical facts and archival images of the councils that shaped our city.

Don't forget the [Leadership & Officer Summit](#). Join us on January 31 for a day of training and collaboration as we kick off our next 50 years.

You can find more on our website soon, including the newly digitized record of the Neighbor to Neighbor and links to all our upcoming events.

Democracy Fair

Saturday, Jan. 10 @ 11am
Z. J. Loussac Public Library

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage invites the community to the Z. J. Loussac Public Library on January 10 for Democracy Fair. From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, this event will serve as a central hub for civic education and engagement. Attendees

can explore all four levels of the library to learn from experts, view historical exhibits, and connect with more than 20 local organizations dedicated to public service and advocacy.

The Democracy Fair is a free, family-friendly event, and every member of the community is encouraged to attend. Whether you are a first-time voter or a lifelong resident, this gathering offers a welcoming environment to learn about the democratic process and our shared civic duties.

[Learn More](#)

DEMOCRACY FAIR

YOUR ROLE IN DEMOCRACY

Z.J. LOUSSAC PUBLIC LIBRARY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

11AM - 3PM



Safer Seward Highway Updates

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) invites you to join us for the Safer Seward Highway Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation public hearings. These formal public hearings, conducted in accordance with the DOT&PF Environmental Procedures Manual, are being held to consider the economic, social, and environmental effects of the project and its consistency with the goals and objectives of community planning.

- January 13th - Girdwood Library
- January 14th - Loussac Library
- January 15th - Valley Bible Chalet

All events are from 5:00–7:30 p.m. (presentation at 5:45 p.m. and public hearing at 6:15 p.m.) Snacks will be provided.

Individual testimony will be limited to 3 minutes, and group or agency testimony will be limited to 5 minutes to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak. Sign up at the meeting. A court reporter will be available to record comments.

[Learn More](#)

SAFER
Seward Highway

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join us!
January 13, 2026 – Girdwood Library
January 14, 2026 – Anchorage Public Library
January 15, 2026 – Valley Bible Chalet
5:00–7:30 p.m.

The graphic features a blue and white logo for "SAFER Seward Highway" in the top left corner. The main text "MARK YOUR CALENDARS!" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, there is an illustration of a black pickup truck towing a white Aliner travel trailer on a winding road through a mountainous landscape. At the bottom, the text "Join us!" is followed by the dates and locations of the public hearings: January 13, 2026 at Girdwood Library; January 14, 2026 at Anchorage Public Library; and January 15, 2026 at Valley Bible Chalet, from 5:00–7:30 p.m.

AMATS Opportunities for Public Input

A 45-Day Public Comment Period is now open for three important transportation planning items!

[Amendment to the 2050 Transportation Plan \(MTP\)](#)

This plan shapes the long-term vision for our region's transportation system. Email your comments to rhiannon.brown2@anchorageak.gov

[Amendment to the 2023–2026 Funding Program \(TIP\)](#)

Review proposed updates to near-term transportation projects for the last year of funding. Email your comments to aaronjongenelen@anchorageak.gov

[Draft 2027–2030 Funding Program \(TIP\)](#)

Review proposed projects for the next four years of funding. Email your comments to aaronjongenelen@anchorageak.gov

Review all documents and send us your comments by February 15th!



Our Muni, Our Budget

We're back in 2026, talking about our Muni budget & fiscal future! Join us on two evenings this month for "Our Muni, Our Budget," a civic conversation hosted by Assembly Members Anna Brawley and Erin Baldwin Day. Learn more about how our city budget works, how it's changed over time, and some of the fiscal choices ahead for our community.

Registration is now open for two interactive programs - one online and one in-person - scheduled in January:

- [Tues. Jan. 6, 2026 @ 6PM - Online \(Zoom\)](#)
- [Thurs. Jan. 22, 2026 @ 5:30PM - Mountain View Community Center](#)

Please use the links above to register for whichever upcoming event works best for you. (You are welcome to attend both events, but the content will be very similar, both presentation and discussion format.)

A blue rectangular graphic with a yellow banner in the top left corner that reads 'COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS!'. In the top right corner is the circular logo of the Anchorage Assembly, which features an anchor and the words 'ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY'. The main text in the center reads 'Our Muni, Our Budget:' in white, followed by 'Real Talk about Revenue, Spending, and What Comes Next' in yellow. At the bottom, it says 'VIA ZOOM >> TUESDAY, JANUARY 6' and 'IN PERSON >> THURSDAY, JANUARY 22' in white.

**Our Muni,
Our Budget:**

**Real Talk about
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Wednesday, January 7

- [Downtown](#), 5:30pm
- [Hillside](#), 6:30pm
- [Spenard](#), 7pm
- [University Area](#), 7pm

Thursday, January 8

- [Taku/Campbell](#), 6pm
- [Turnagain](#), 6:30pm
- [Eagle River](#), 6:30pm
- [Fairview](#), 6:30pm
- [Rabbit Creek](#), 7pm

Community Council Calendar

Assembly Calendar

Mayor Calendar

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