

Neighbor to Neighbor

Weekly Newsletter

March 23, 2026

Local Lens: Municipal Bonds

Monday, March 30 @ 6pm | Zoom

Ever wondered how Anchorage pays for major infrastructure like road repairs, park upgrades, and public safety equipment? It all starts with a municipal bond. Join the Federation of Community Councils for an insightful session with Nolan Klouda from the Mayor's Office as we pull back the curtain on the financial mechanics of our city. This session is designed specifically as a basic voter explainer to demystify the bond process. Nolan will walk through why municipal bonds exist in the first place, how they function as a tool for long-term planning, and why the law requires a public vote before the city can take on this type of debt. He will also cover the 2026 bond package and the projects they include, as well as the education levy.

Following the talk, there will be a dedicated Q&A session where you can ask questions and learn more about how Anchorage manages its investments.



Municipal Bonds

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[Register for Zoom](#)

2026 CIP Survey is Live

The Community Council Capital Improvement Project survey is now available for 2026. All Community Councils are encouraged to review their survey and submit changes through the portal.

A Capital Improvement Project refers to a substantial, non-recurring expenditure used to make significant physical improvement to a public asset like a building, park, or infrastructure. Projects typically have a long useful life such as constructing a new

library, replacing aging water pipes, and repaving streets. Every year the Municipality and State Representatives ask Community Councils for their Capital Improvement Priorities. They use these priorities to find funding & resources. The annual Community Council Survey is an important tool in assessing proposed capital project needs in Anchorage. Once a community's highest priorities are identified they can be properly considered when developing the proposed CIP.



You can learn more about the CIP Process on the FCC Website:

communitycouncils.org/capital-improvement-program/

To get involved, contact your Community Council Chair/President for more information.



Last Call for Public Comments on Trails Plan Draft

The Recreational Trails Plan is an updated community vision for improving local trails in Anchorage, Eagle River, and Chugiak

A draft plan is available and public comments are being collected until March 31!

The Plan also introduces a new type of trail standard (Trail Class 6) that provides separation for bicyclists, pedestrians, and skiers on a wider or parallel multi-use path.

Use the interactive map to learn about proposed projects. Types of comments that can be helpful include ones that reference specific project numbers.

[Interactive Map](#)

[Project Website & Comment Form](#)

Chugach Electric Town Hall

Tuesday, March 24 @ 6pm
BP Energy Center

Join us for a Chugach Town Hall on March 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the BP Energy Center - Birch Room. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Chugach's

recent successes, how they benefit you as a member, and future priorities.

You'll also have the chance to ask questions directly to our leadership team and be part of the conversation. We hope to see you there.

You can find the link to the [Facebook event here](#).

Town Hall
Stay Informed. Ask Questions.
March 24, 2026 * BP Energy Center, Birch Room * 6 to 7:30 p.m.



Applications Open for 2026-2027 Anchorage Assembly Youth Representative



The Assembly Youth Representative program offers local high school students the opportunity to participate directly in local government and share youth perspectives on issues affecting the community. The selected student(s) will participate in regular Assembly meetings, share input, and cast a preferential (non-binding) vote during the 2026–2027 school year.

The position is a unique opportunity for students to learn how local government works, develop leadership skills, and help shape conversations about the future of Anchorage. The position is open to municipal residents who are between the ages of 16 and 19 at the time of appointment.

Students interested in applying can learn more about the position, eligibility requirements, and application process on the Assembly website. Applications must be submitted by May 8, 2026.

[Learn More](#)

**This
WEEK**
In Community Councils

Wednesday, March 25

- [Mountain View](#), 6pm

Thursday, March 26

- [South Addition](#), 7pm
- [Abbott Loop](#), 6:30pm

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