

# Mountain View Community Council December 2019

## Annual Holiday Potluck

The council has enjoyed having an event where we share food potluck style with our neighbors at our December meeting. This year is no different. Please join us at the Mt. View Public Library on December 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to mingle with your neighbors and get updates from our elected officials, then share a meal together. We will have several door prizes for community members.

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## WORD SEARCH! WINTER FUN

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST...WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY  
--FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

### WORD LIST

- BOBSLED
- DOGSLED
- HOCKEY
- HUNTING
- ICE FISHING
- ICE SKATE
- SHOVEL
- SKI
- SKIJORING
- SLED
- SLEIGH RIDE
- SNOW
- SNOW ANGEL
- SNOWBALL
- SNOWBLOWER
- SNOWBOARD
- SNOWMAN
- SNOWMOBILE
- SNOWSHOES
- TOBOGGAN

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## Jasmin Smith, President

# Meet Our Executive Team

Jasmin Smith, President, has been serving on the community council for the last three years. She is well known in the community for her ability to coordinate large events. She is a small business

owner, and a mom. Some recognitions she has received include: Alaska Top 40 under 40 and for her work with the Anchorage Community Land Trust and Set up Shop as well as her



Entrepreneurial start up called Baby Vend. She also owns the Business Boutique that has been supporting entrepreneurs for 10 years.

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*“The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.” - Henry Ford*

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## Rayette Sterling, Council Secretary



Rayette Sterling, is the Branch Manager of the Mt. View Library. Previously she was a Leadership Programs Manager at the Alaska Humanities Forum from 2016 – 2019. She moved to

Alaska in 2013 taking a position as Adult Services Coordinator at the Loussac branch of the Anchorage Public Library and have chosen to make Anchorage her home.

She considers herself to be a part of the Mt. View community. She also believes it is up to each of us to create the community we want to see. She strives for the Mt. View Library to be an excellent and welcoming library experience supporting lifelong learning and strengthening our community.

She is a first-generation high school and college graduate. She has a BA in American History from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master’s degree in library and Information Science from San Jose State University.

Throughout her career she has developed partnerships with community and other groups, working to advance and encourage human connections, lifelong learning, and a love of reading.

When she is not sharing her love for books, or facilitating leadership programs, she likes to spend time exploring and learning about her Alaskan community.

## Tasha Hotch, Vice President



Tasha Hotch, serves as the community council Vice President, and the Education chair person. She has organized safety rallies in the neighborhood, assisted with community and park clean ups, and serves as a commissioner on the Municipalities Budget Advisory Commission. Her day job she works as a Program Manager with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Tasha has son that attends East High School, and they have a beautiful husky lab named Bella. You can sometimes see them walking around the neighborhood.

They have lived in the Mt. View Community for nearly two decades, and have many family and friends in the neighborhood. Tasha has a B.S. in Technical Management, and an MBA with an emphasis in Project Management, and is currently working on a graduate certificate with APU for Alaska Native Executive Leadership.

She does participate on other boards: Alaska Native Sisterhood, Central Council Tlingit and Haida, and Neighborworks Alaska. She has been recognized as an Alaska top 40 under 40 for her volunteer work in the community.

In her free time she enjoys playing board games, card games, and playing in the water. She also enjoys traveling back to Southeast Alaska to participate in subsistence and traditional native dancing.

## Barbara Hogan, Treasurer



Barbara Hogan, recently moved back to the neighborhood and wanted to get involved with the community council. She has a background in finance, and loves doing arts and crafts with her family. This time of year you may see her at a bazaar selling her handmade gifts. She also serves on the Habitat for Humanity Board. She is actively involved with the local schools and what programs they have to offer since her grand-daughter attends Clark Middle School.

Barbara is working hard to get more community activities sponsored by the council. If you are interested in helping her, please reach out.

### Voting

To vote on council related activities you must be a member of the community and at least 16 years of age.

To register to vote in Municipal and State elections you must be a U.S. Citizen and at least 18 or within 90 days of being 18. The voter registration is available online or in paper form.

You must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election.

### Upcoming Elections

**Municipal Elections** will be April 7, 2020 by mail in ballot.

-Assembly Members

-School Board Members

-Ballot Propositions

**State Elections** will be

Primary: August 18, 2020

General Election: November 3, 2020

## Survival Kit

- Water-enough 72 hours/per person or animal
- Water Purification Tablets
- High Calorie Food Bars
- Flashlight
- Blanket
- Whistle
- Poncho
- Compass
- Toothbrush/Paste
- Soap
- Hygiene Kit
- Waste Bag
- First Aid Kit

## State of Alaska Legislators

The Mt. View community is part of Senate District J, which is represented by Senator, Tom Begich. He currently serves as the Senate Minority Leader. His office number is: 907.269.0169

The community is part of House District 19, which is currently represented by Representative, Geran Tarr. Her office number is 907.269.0144.

## Municipality of Anchorage

Local government has several tiers.

**Mayor**, Ethan Berkowitz, runs day to day operations of city government, addresses any crisis that occur in the city-example Earthquake November 2018, and connects with state and federal governments.

**Assembly Member**, Christopher Constant, currently represents District 1-Seat B, Downtown Anchorage.

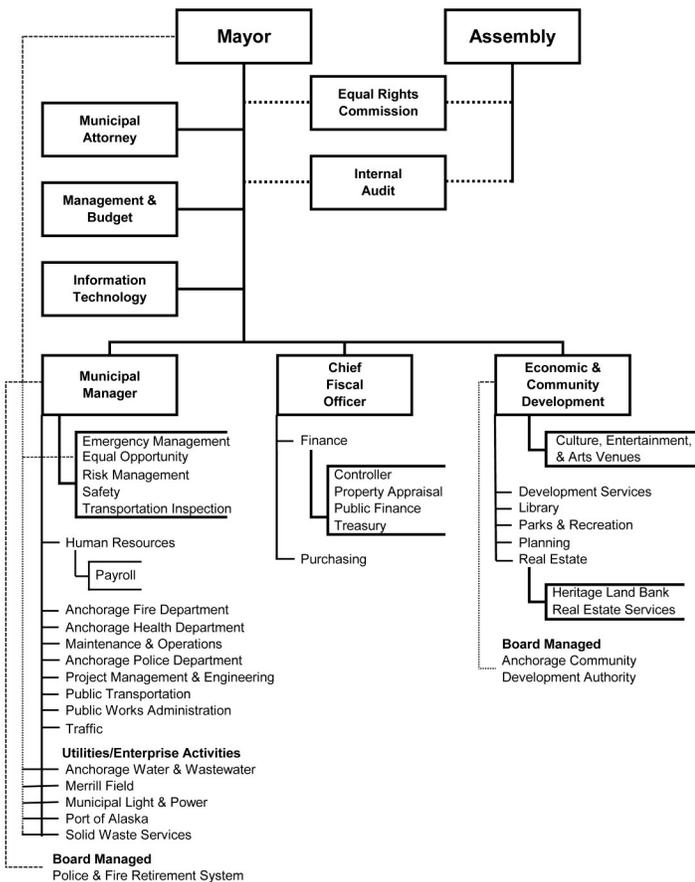
**School Board**, is made up of at large members from all over the district. Their role is to provide governance to the Anchorage school district. They take turns rotating to different council districts. Currently our representative from the school board is Margo Bellamy.

**Community Council**, Community councils are private, nonprofit, voluntary, self-governing associations composed of residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives from other entities located within geographical areas designated by the Assembly. Community councils serve an advisory function to the Assembly in the local government process.

**Boards and Commissions**, Advise the assembly on different matters. They are volunteers that are appointed by the mayor and approved by the assembly.



### MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



# Anchorage School District Bonds



Proposition 1: Districtwide earthquake Recovery, Security Improvements, and Planning & Design, including seismic resilience and mitigation, and planning and design in the amount of \$82.833 million.

Inlet View Elementary School Replacement School Design	\$3,346,000
Aquarian Charter School Capital Improvements	\$6,800,000
Earthquake Recovery Projects: Bartlett, East, King Tech, Fire Lake, Chugiak Elementary, Bear Valley, Chugiak High, Eagle River High, Mirror Lake, Dimond, Central, and Whaley	\$26,926,000
Earthquake Recovery and Educational Improvement Projects: Gruening and Eagle River Elementary	\$45,510,000
Planning & Design Projects-2022 Deferred Requirements Projects	\$3,251,000
<b>Proposition 1 Total</b>	<b>\$82,833,000</b>

“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.”

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Show me the Money .....

The Municipality has several ways that it generates revenue. Here is a high level overview.

Tax Cap: amount of taxes collected the previous year to be the base for calculating the tax cap for the current year.

What are some sources we use to generate revenue to run our government?

Property Tax: taxpayers pay a flat rate per dollar value of taxable property that they own.

Room Tax: 12% tax on short-term room rentals (less than 30 days).

MUSA/MESA (Municipal Utility Service Assessments & Municipal Enterprise Service Assessments): payment in lieu of taxes from AWWU, ML&P, Merrill Field, Port of Anchorage, Anchorage Community Development Authority.

Tobacco Tax: Cigarette rate and tobacco rate are calculated differently based on either the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the whole sale price of tobacco.

Aircraft Tax: registration for your single engine aircraft is \$75/year.

Marijuana Sales Tax: 5% on retail sales.

Motor Vehicle Rental Tax: 8% tax on the rental up to 240.00 if a truck, van or motorhome. Up to \$120 for passenger cars.

Fuel Excise Tax: 0.10 per gallon, to be reviewed for adjustment every 5 years.





## Calendar

Mt. View Community Council: Meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Mt. View Library Community Room.

Anchorage Assembly: Meets from 5 p.m. until done, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Lousaac Library in the Assembly chambers.

Anchorage School Board: Meets from 6 p.m. until done, on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the ASD Board Room.

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