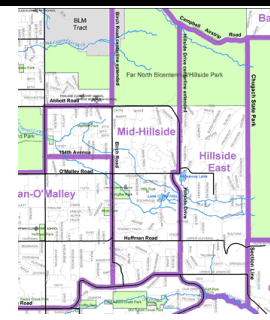


# MID-HILLSIDE & HILLSIDE EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

## March 2005



**CANDIDATES FORUM !** It's that time of year when the somber dirty snow gives way to the cheery colors of the political signs that sprout like dandelions throughout town. If you would like to learn more about the folks that plant those signs, come to a forum hosted by your local Community Councils and HALO (Home And Landowners Organization, Inc.). This year's Candidates Forum will be on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7 to 9 pm. at O'Malleys On The Green. This has always been a lively and well attended event.

The evening will feature Assembly candidates **Chris Birch** and **Dick Tremaine** and School Board candidates **Thomas Lamb, Mary Marks, Rod McCoy, Russell Mjolsnes** and **John Steiner**. Every candidate will share brief opening statements before being asked questions submitted from the audience. Candidates will be given time for brief closing remarks.

### HOW WOULD YOU SPEND \$44.5 MILLION?

Get an earful on the benefits of the Road Bonds up for a vote. A group of engineers and construction firms traveling under the banner "Anchorage Tomorrow" is supporting the upcoming Roads and Drainage bond. **Dennis Linnell** will plead the case for spending the \$44.5 million. Road Bonds usually pass and it's not much money out of our pockets since folks further down the hill are the ones who pay the most.

The list of projects on our road bonds is typically long and offers vague information on what is actually planned. A vote for these bonds can be a leap of faith that it all makes sense! Take this opportunity to learn more from someone who knows the bigger story.

### ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

representative **Sgt. Cindi Stanton** has twice made the Grand Tour of the numerous Thursday Community Council meetings from Chugiak to the Hillside.

We will add her officially to the agenda this month so you can come prepared to ask questions about crime in our neighborhood and how we stack up to the rest of the city. Sgt. Stanton has reports that show crime statistics by Community Council area.

### UNDERGROUNDING ORDINANCE PASSED

We've reported on this several times over the past couple years. The changes lightened the load on the utilities while offering hope that someday in the distant future, most utility lines will be out of sight. This is good news today, but the real party will be around the year 2055. See you then!

**WHY DO YOU LIVE HERE?** We asked that question last month and got just four responses. The theme of all was summed up by one response "For the space, trees, and privacy."

It's not too late to respond. We'll store these up to help define "Rural" as the first step of the Hillside District Plan.

You can fax your answer to 349-8376 or email to [john@weddleton.com](mailto:john@weddleton.com).

### SITE PLAN FOR A CHURCH ON BARONIK

We mentioned this in last month's newsletter and had it on the agenda but got no comments at that meeting. Since then, the few neighbors to this development have gotten active and are protesting the extent of the development.

There are some substantive issues to address such as proper buffering,

#### Agenda

O'Malley Elementary School  
Thursday, March 17, 2005

- 7:00 pm Introductions and approval of previous minutes
- 7:05 Presidents' & FCC reports
- 7:10 Assembly report
- 7:20 Legislative Teleconference
- 7:35 Old & New Business
- 8:00 Road Bonds Info from Anchorage Tomorrow
- 8:30 Police Report
- 9:00 Adjourn

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**Our next meeting is Thursday, March 17.**

**We meet at 7pm on the third Thursday of the month at O'Malley Elementary School on Rockridge off O'Malley. For more info see**

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