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## WHY DO WE LIVE ON THE HILLSIDE?

That question has been asked many times in this newsletter. The question gets to the heart of much of what we look at as a community council. Residents of Anchorage are fortunate to have the large lot alternative we enjoy. But how long will this last as the city grows? Will Anchorage's growth require that more homes per acre be built on the Hillside? Will growth on the Hillside require commercial services closer to home? And why do you want a large lot anyway? To store all of your toys or to get a little space so you don't have to look at your neighbor's junk? Regular readers of this newsletter know that these questions all point to the Hillside District Plan.

We have talked about this plan many times and it is becoming closer to a reality. Over the summer, Hillside area Community Council members and representatives of the Home and Landowners Organization (HALO) met with MOA planners to get this plan on track. The MOA is twiddling its thumbs until funding can be assured by the Assembly. There is confidence that will be forthcoming in the next budget.

But anxious Hillsideers can't wait until that budget issue is resolved so we are getting things rolling on our own. And you are invited! Plan to attend and bring your friends to a round table discussion on the Hillside District Plan. Hosted and funded by HALO, this event will be **Thursday, September 29, 7 pm, at O'Malleys on the Green.**

The evening will include the eight Hillside area Community Councils: Abbott Loop, Basher, Bear Valley, Glen Alps, Hillside East, Huffman/O'Malley, Mid-Hillside and Rabbit Creek. Planning Department Director Tom Nelson and Planning Staff will attend, as well as Assembly and State Representatives.

Why do you live on the Hillside? If you don't take the time to answer that question, other people will answer it for you! The only way to create an effective Hillside District Plan that represents the opinions of its residents is with community input. That means you!

For more information about the event, contact HALO President Chris Hamre at 561-1840.

### **THE BUCKETLOADS OF RAIN WE'VE BEEN GETTING**

have probably kept you from worrying about wildfire. But the local wood lot is still open until October 1, 2005. Go fill it up with your flammable brush and wood. Hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Anchorage Wood Lot is located at Valley Sawmill, off Minnesota and "C" Streets. For more information, call 267-4956 or go to <http://www.muni.org/fire1/Woodlots.cfm>

### **TRASH HOURS AND DAYS ARE CHANGING**

To reduce the risk of bears roaming our neighborhoods to chow on garbage, the Municipality and Alaska Waste are changing the hours and days for residential trash pick up.

There will be no more Saturday residential trash pick up and from May through September trash pick up for all residents will begin no earlier than 7:30 a.m.

**Our next meeting is Thursday September 15 at 7:00 pm  
at O'Malley Elementary School.**