

# Huffman/O'Malley Community Council

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## September 2003 Newsletter

Next meeting **September 18th** 7-9 pm,  
Christian Church of Anchorage, corner of Lake Otis and O'Malley Roads



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### **NEW HOCC MEETING LOCATION**

We are very proud to announce that The Christian Church of Anchorage will be the new home for our Council. They are located on the south-west corner of Lake Otis and O'Malley Roads, please use either parking lot, but only the north entrance will be open, signs will direct you from there. There will be a security change in that the outside door will be locked during our meeting. If you arrive late, please ring the bell and someone will let you in.

### **AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH MEETING**

We will have Riki Lebman with Hoefler Consulting will be discussing the DeArmoun Road upgrade from Westwind to 140th Ave (Phase 1); discussing and passing a resolution regarding the proposed Bragaw Extension; Lake Otis Gravel Pit platting hearing final update; the Tanglewood Golf Dome; Code Enforcement; the First United Pentecostal Church at 12245 Jerome Street, has applied for a church site plan review for an addition to their building; and the Municipality has also drafted two new ordinances which amend Title 21, one dealing with senior housing and the other with assisted living homes.

### **BRAGAW EXTENSION**

There is a public scoping meeting for the Bragaw Extension scheduled for Monday September 15th from 7-9 pm at Kasuun Elementary, 4000 E. 68th Avenue. If you are available, please come and give your opinions, this project could have huge impacts on our area.

### **PLANNING DEPT. ALERTS**

A new service is being offered by the Municipality. If you go to [www.webapps1.muni.org/pdpw/planning/mycommunity/](http://www.webapps1.muni.org/pdpw/planning/mycommunity/) and sign up for the service, the Planning Department will notify you by email of any proposed land use ordinance changes, draft plans and other planning and land use related issues happening in your area.

### **AREA CRIME AND PROBLEM AREAS**

Anchorage Police Department has asked for suggestions on which areas in our council area are having problems with crime, vandals, etc. Please let the HOCC know if you have any problems or suggestions of where they should focus their efforts. We have heard that there are many burglaries happening in the area, but haven't heard any specifics. If you are one of those people who have been burglarized, can you please email or call?

### **ELMORE ROAD**

Work continues pretty much as planned on the Elmore Upgrade project. The contractor has completed most of his heavy excavation, the main exception being the hill near Huffman Rd. Storm drain lines and manholes have been going in, starting near DeArmoun and working north. Utility crews including Enstar, ACS, and Chugach Electric are now relocating their lines so they will be in the proper location and at the right elevation to fit with the finished road. This is supposed to take two more weeks.

Once the utility work is done, the digging will really be over. This should make travel around the neighborhood a lot easier. The pace of filling will accelerate as trucks bring in road bed material to bring the road close to it's finished grade. Asphalt paving work is scheduled to start in the Spring.

Progress is being made on resolving the engineering issues associated with the cut through the hill near Huffman. The soils here made the original design for retaining the slopes with keystone blocks unworkable. On the East side of the road, the slopes were re-engineered so that the Keystone blocks will work. Engineers are examining several possible solutions for the slopes on the West side of the road. Even though the final solution here has yet to be determined, it looks like the sheet piling some were concerned about will not be used.

**SOUTH ANCHORAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL**

Work continues on our new school. All the curbs and most of the side walk are complete on the south side of the school. The first asphalt is down in the student parking lot, and the contractor plans to finish all paving by mid October. The only major outside work left for spring will landscaping.

On the inside of the building framing, sheet-rocking, mechanical, electrical, and finish work are all going forward. Tile is in in the first four restrooms. By November, the first classrooms will be ready for final inspection.

Chuck Fannin is now on the job as the school's Principal. He has started to recruit staff and will be planning and buying the furniture for the new school. He will also be working with a comittte that will select the school name, colors, and mascot. If you wish to nomiate a Name for our new High School, you can do so through the ASD Web Page. Go to ASDK12.org, and look for the Link on the left side of the main page.

**LAKE OTIS GRAVEL PIT**

The Lake Otis Gravel Pit was platted on September 8th. There was a big turn out of neighbors and all concerns seem to have been addressed.

**PIT TO PARK**

The Pit To Park people have completed the design and compilation of their donation books and are searching for a printer to donate their services. Their website can be viewed at www.PitToPark.com and includes information such as their statement of goals, preliminary plat, articles of incorporation and bylaws, and donation information with further information on their non-profit status with Alaska Community Foundation.

Because of PCD's relationship with The Alaska Community Foundation, donations can be made in most any form, including cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, IRA funds, insurance proceeds, etc. Donations should be made payable to Alaska Community Foundation, with "pit to park" on the memo line for credit to this project's account and should be mailed to:  
AK Community Foundation/Pit To Park  
701 W. 8th Avenue, Suite 230  
Anchorage, AK 99501

For more information or to donate time, materials, or expertise, please contact Ryan Stencil at 345-4316 or e-mail her at AKStenc@aol.com.

**EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Have you ever wondered what the William Clark Chamberlain Equestrian Center really is? Have you been tempted to take the drive off Abbott Road, back through the forest and take a look? Let me give you some encouragement to do it.

WCCEC formerly known as Section 16 is a city owned horse park. It was built in the eighties by the city for the use of the public who owned or were interested in horses. There are five arenas and stalls to house over 100 horses plus miles of multipurpose trails and a public park. The facility is operated by a 15 volunteer board members known as the Anchorage Horse Council. The council hires a manager and support personel who actually do the day to day work that keeps the place together and open to the public. The users pay a daily or annual fee that pays the bills. Occasionally there is an event that charges a gate fee that contributes to the operation of the facility. The organization is incorporated under 501c3 of the IRS code as a nonpofit organization.

The Rainbow Connection disabled riding program is a regular user and is sponsored by the facility. Nearly every weekend is full of horse activites. Some of our future plans include Winter operations with sleigh rides, the building of a clubhouse/equestrian museum and a sign with city approval on Abbott Road to announce upcoming events.

To join us contact our manager at 522-1552. Leave a message if no one answers and you will be contacted. An annual individual membership is \$75 or a family membership is \$150. Come in see what we're all about.

**MANURE SURVEY**

The Anchorage Horse Council is considering a project to help with a very sensitive issue. Our animals (horses, cattle, goats, chickens, sheep, etc.) create waste that is at the same time a valuable product and a nuisance if left unaddressed. As individuals, it is expensive and time consuming to deal with this problem, so they are cooperating with the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District to find a solution. The proposal is to provide a facility in the local area that will compost and process manure into a useable commodity that will support the beauty of Anchorage.

To start this project, they need some quick, anonymous information including the volume they can expect to be available to compost. For a copy of the five question survey, please visit your feed store, contact the Anchorage Horse Council at 522-1552, or the HOCC also has copies available.

I/we want to become a contributing member of HOCC.  
Enclosed is my \$5 - \$250 yearly contribution.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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