

VIVA* Spenard! Community Council

Meeting at 7: pm, February 4th, 2004 at the Spenard Recreation Center
"NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME"

Agenda & Newsletter

1. 7:pm Legislative Tele-Conference, Juneau Reporting:
2. Introductions, Minutes and Agenda Action:
3. Assembly Reports:
4. Pizza Olympia Safe Streets Fund Raiser, Public Safety, Sam O'Connor:
5. Alaska Railroad, 2004 Program of Plans, Stephanie Wheeler:
6. "In & Out" Liquor License Transfer, Tony Kim 229-1513:
7. Zoning Committee Chair Report, Peggy Auth:
8. 2004 Officer Elections, Sam O'Connor, Chair of Nominations:
9. Old & New Business:
10. Adjourn.

2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Come to tonight's meeting bringing along your questions and concerns, as you can get them addressed via teleconference direct from Juneau. Learn the latest updates on legislative action being taken by our Alaskan politicians.

BUSINESS' BEING PRO-ACTIVE IS A MAJOR KEY TO CRIME PREVENTION

(I will recognize 3 businesses each month that has consciously made a difference here in Spenard.)

With all the horrible street crimes going on across town: I would like to commend the owners & management of various businesses within our Spenard bounds, for their unique ways of helping to deter street crime and/or cleaning up their own act in order to prevent further harm to anyone in their general vicinity. Having come from a communist country; **Alpina Auto Repair** is more than generous in allowing **Westside Community Patrol** to conduct their wonderfully successful volunteer Public Safety service during business hours & also how he strongly encourages each and every individual to speak up for what they believe in. And then we can't forget how **Phillips Restaurant** was the catalyst to business owners within the Z Plaza coming together, finding solutions through proper public process to deal with the serious crime that had been in their common parking lot. Thanks to you all for the awareness and improvements. Your neighborly cooperation and participation with Spenard Community Council & APD is much appreciated.

PIZZA OLYMPIA SAFE STREETS FUND RAISER

On January 12th, Demetrios, owner of Pizza Olympia was the first Spenard business to hold a fund-raiser towards deterring street crime! Proceeds go to Spenard Community Council & dispersed at recommendation of Westside Community Patrol; how and where the contributions will be best utilized is to be an agenda item at our Feb 4th meeting. Results from the event will be posted in March's Pulse Publication. So far, we have raised approx \$4600 with more to collect! We are still accepting donations and challenging other businesses to hold fund raisers, please call Brenda for more information at 222-3988.

APD REQUESTS OF US: REPORT ALL STREET PROSTITUTION 786-8900
Keep the calls coming in folks, even if you feel it isn't helping- that's what it takes!

IT'S ELECTION NIGHT HERE IN SPENARD!

We will be voting this night on Officers for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Please contact Sam O'Connor of the Nominations Committee 227-5157 to run, or for more information. Remember, only members in good standing with dues paid may vote.

NEW "JOHN LAW" (supposed to be) IN EFFECT

Thanks to Assembly Chair Dick Traini and all from Spenard Community Council & Westside Community Patrol that showed up at the Assembly to testify; ensuring this pro-active stance of MOA now being able to confiscate and impound "John's" vehicles when caught engaging in the solicitation of prostitutes. This is one more tool for APD to deter this supply and demand issue. We *shall* see it enforced; I am certain a towing contract arrangement would be simple enough for the MOA to arrange next ASAP so we all who made it happen don't feel to have wasted our time, right Dick?

* My son, USMC Corporal Smart, Brendan Jon has been released from the Marines as he completed his 4 years of active duty service! He returned to the USA since his 9 month tour during the start of the Iraq War and will be home via road-trip later this month. His platoon is currently being sent back to Iraq, so we are dually fortunate to have another Alaskan vet safely amongst us. We happily extend an invitation to all who may wish to join us in a 'Welcome Home' potluck celebration from 2-4:pm on Sunday, February 22nd to be held at 6115 Collins Way. Call Brenda at 222-3988 to confirm or for more information. Blessings to all of our veterans past, present, future, dead or alive, as freedom is *definitely* not free.

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