

VIVA SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL!

August 6th, 2003, 7:PM at the Spenard Recreation Center

AGENDA & NEWSLETTER

1. Introductions, Minutes & Agenda Action:
2. Anchorage Assembly Reports:
3. Governor Murkowski Representative, Q&A w/ Marilyn Stewart 269-7456:
4. Zoning, Treasurer and/or Public Safety Reports:
5. Northwood Park Upgrades, PM&E Ralph Rentz 343-8035:
6. Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Assoc., Ed O'Neill 563-3815:
7. MADD Courtwatch Monitoring Program, Janies 562-6890:
8. J.S. (XXX) Bookstore, License up for Renewal: Ryan Kim 250-4679:
9. Minnesota Billiards, Community Reassessment with APD:
10. Old & New Business:
11. Adjourn.

14 YEAR OLD DEMOLISH ORDERS AT 33RD & OREGON COMPLETED

Thanks to Mayor Mark Begich and our Ombudsman Greg Moyer; the 3 dangerous burnt ruin dwellings located at 33rd & Oregon are gone! We are happy the Mayor has prioritized public safety by removing these eye sore and crime scene magnets AND how he intends to give teeth to our code enforcement policies in Anchorage. The next buildings in Spenard to come down are the pink hotel located at 37th & Oregon as well as the blue house located at 3600 Oregon.

GOVERNOR MURKOWSKI REPRESENTATION COMING TO SPENARD

Marilyn Stewart, Deputy Director of Community Relations for the Anchorage Governors Office will begin attending our meetings, to address Q&A on behalf of the Governors budget plan. A formal presentation on the Governors Budget Plan is scheduled for our upcoming October meeting, so be sure to attend.

NEW BOUNDARIES TEMPORARY; SPENARD WELCOMES MIDTOWN

Spenard supports P&Z recommendations and Dan Coffey's plan for a whole new Midtown Council to be implemented from Fireweed Lane in the north, Seward Hwy to the east, International Road in the south and Arctic Blvd to the west. Public hearings are scheduled at 7:PM Aug 20th & Sept 17th, call Dan 274-3385 for more information. Spenard gained over to Fish Creek as the natural divide from Turnagain in the west, resulting in being able to *officially* now include the House of Harley and Lake Spenard area! Also, we forfeited willingly West High and Romig Junior High Schools along with their surrounding neighborhood, as it is a socio-economic as well as geographic divide of sorts; though the children in our bounds still attend them both for their education. We look forward to new maps and FINALLY an Area-Wide Survey for your concerns- as soon as the highly political process is complete.

9TH ANNUAL SPENARD DOODAH PARADE WAS A SUCCESS

A great thanks to Nita Backes, *our angel*, who had passion enough to keep this year's Parade alive! Since the established parade route is no longer in the Spenard bounds and since Chilkoots is not coordinating it with their carnival anymore; we will be looking into a better location for the future that reaches to you all more from the heart of Spenard. Thanks to all who participated.

MINNESOTA BILLIARDS IMPLIMENTING A SECURITY PLAN

In response to our crime concerns in the parking lot, related to this game room located in the Z Plaza at Benson & Minnesota; please report any incident complaints to APD 786-8900. This historic problem will be reassessed at our August 6th meeting with the business owners both involved and affected, the mall property owner, APD and concerned citizens. We are allowing 2 months time for their new security plan to prove it self before reviewing for next course of action.

APD REQUESTS OF US: REPORT ALL STREET PROSTITUTION 786-8900

It is happening 24 hours a day now; they are approaching customers in business' parking lots as soon as their doors open. Senator Hollis French is talking with Chief Bill Miller to come up with legislative solutions to repeat offenders, etc. Conclusion seems to be it boils down to resources: funding.

CARE TO BECOME STREETWISE, FOR HEALTHY REASONS?

We need more community members to step forward and help enhance public safety by taking a pro-active approach towards reducing street crime in our neighborhoods. Sam O'Connor, President of Westside Community Patrol announced they are again ready to recruit and hold free training for volunteers. Courses Include recognizing street problems and how to deal with them, by developing a working relationship through a compatible line of questioning formula with APD officers & dispatchers; becoming an extra set of eyes and ears. Education in Disaster Preparedness also is a large part of the program. "We have made a difference and we will continue to make a difference by neighbors helping neighbors". If you are interested in joining or for more information please call Westside Community Patrol 243-3777 or Sam at 227-5157.

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