

- A working telephone provided as the "On-site Contact Number" on the Burn Permit Application must be available at the burn site.
- A charged water hose is required; it must reach 20 feet beyond the burn pile.
- A shovel, rake, Pulaski or hoe must be provided for each adult in attendance.
- One responsible and able-bodied adult over the age of 18 must attend the fire at all times. Must be wearing protective clothing such as sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, gloves, long sleeved shirt.
- Fire must be extinguished immediately if wind speeds exceed 15 mph.

III. Recreational and Cooking Fires

- A recreational or cooking fire does not require a permit if it is contained within an area less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. These fires must be located in a cleared area at least 25 feet from any structure, power poles, vehicles, trees, brush and dead grass. These fires must comply with the daily burn approval notice recorded at 267-5020 or at <http://afd.muni.org>.
- Recreational fires contained within an approved outdoor fireplace or barbeque grill do not require a permit if it has a total area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. It must be situated 15 feet or more from a structure. These devices are required to have a spark arrestor, chimney stack or screen over the top. The unit must be elevated off the ground at least 12 inches. These contained fires are allowed if burning is not approved for the day at 267-5020 or at <http://afd.muni.org>.
- The use of contained barbeque grills for cooking is not dependent upon burn day approval.
- Recreational or ceremonial fires larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height that do not follow all of the requirements for the residential burn permit require an inspection. Call Fire Prevention at 267-4900. Permit and inspection fees apply. Please schedule at least 2 weeks in advance.

The Wood Lot is scheduled to open on May 3rd at its new location at the South Anchorage Sports Park (off E. Klatt). This is primarily due to the high amount of snow still present in the usual lot. You can view more info on the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District website (<http://www.aswcd.org/woodlot.html>).

As always please be responsible when dealing with your spring clean up.

Submitted by Brian Partch, HOCC Steering Committee member and AFD Firefighter.

May Meeting

Plan to attend the May 17th meeting of the HOCC. Items on the agenda will include Jeff Coleman of AWWU, updating us on the completion of the water reservoir construction this season.

Remember that we always meet on the third Thursday monthly at 7 pm at the Shepherd of the Hills Church on Elmore Road at Klatt.

If you have any questions, please contact hoccpresident@gmail.com

**Vocabulary of the Month:
"Setbacks"**

According to current Title 21, "No new structural or land development activity requiring a building or land use permit shall be permitted within the minimum setback ... from the existing or projected centerline of a street..." So what does that mean? First, you need to determine what type of street you live on according to the Official Streets and Highways Plan. You can determine this on the maps available at muni.org. Most of our streets are designated either "Residential" or "Collector". Depending on your street classification, this setback can be from 30' to 75' from the actual centerline of the street.

Permitted uses within the setback include sidewalks and pathways, bike trails, bus shelters, kiosks, fences, retaining walls and driveways.

What happens when you have an existing structure that is in the setback? This may have happened with a road that was not built on the actual line, but instead created to one side or the other due to construction issues. If your structures existed prior to May 19, 1987, it can be remodeled as long as the construction does not further intrude into the setback. If built after that date, it is an issue.

Is there a word or acronym you would like defined? Let us know by contacting HOCCnewslettereditor@gmail.com

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Just a Random Thought...
Go Away, Snow!
Go Away!
I want to Play in my Yard!

HOCC - Area Crime Statistics

The number of crimes reported between March 29, 2012, and April 30, 2012, and the cumulative counts are recorded in the table below.

Crime Types	Monthly # of Incidents	2012 Yearly Total	Crime Types	Monthly # of Incidents	2012 Yearly Total
Theft	4	18	Liquor violations	0	0
Assaults	0	0	Disorderly conduct	0	0
Burglaries	4	6	Prostitution	0	0
Disturbances	2	8	Vehicle theft	2	2
Fraud/Forgery	0	3	Drugs	2	5
Vandalism	19	22	Drunk problem	0	0
Weapons	0	0	Homicide	0	0
DUI	0	1	Arson	1	1
Robbery	0	0	Other	1	3
Sexual assaults	0	0	Domestic violence	0	0

If you are a crime victim, please be sure to report it to the Anchorage Police Department so that the information is logged into the MOA's crime statistics database. **HOCC also wants to remind everyone that the APD does not log reports unless you ask for a case number. Please remember, if you are making any police report regarding anything from noise to vandalism or suspicious behavior, always ask for a case number.**

This month's statistics are heavily skewed by the acts of vandalism that made the news on the weekend of April 27th. However, it's interesting to note that the event may have been foreshadowed by many other acts of vandalism in the same area earlier in the month. The first act of arson was also reported in our council area.

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Compiled by Wayne Crayton, HOCC Steering Committee Member. Information is from Anchorage Police Department records at <http://crimemap.muni.org/>

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From the President's Desk

Yes, Spring is finally here! Although many of us still have way too much snow in our yards, we can definitely see the light at the end of the tunnel.

As we turn our thoughts to the Summer months - camping, fishing, hiking and bike riding, ball games, outdoor meals, and all of the other reasons we love the season - let's not forget how important it is to remain involved in our community council.

This month we have elections of a new Steering Committee. We also have the new by-laws to vote on. There are so many issues facing our council, from new sports stadiums to park encroachments, that it is very important to remain involved. I know that the community is grateful that they have an active Community Council to come to with the issues that affect their lives.

I have been proud and honored to be your President this past year and look forward to being involved with this exceptional Council for many years to come.

Thank you.

*Pete Nolan, President
Huffman/O'Malley Community Council
hoccpresident@gmail.com*

Welcome New Members!

Thanks you for your support! Dues paying members are vital to our mission of two-way conversation and grassroots community input.

If you are not yet a dues-paying member, simply use the form at the bottom of this newsletter. Membership fee is only \$10 per person each year, and yes, we do accept larger contributions (please see instructions below). For our "snail mail" residents, you can become an "email person" by just letting us know, and save us some postage in the process!

And remember to contact us with your comments and concerns, because YOU CAN make a difference! Feel free to pass this e-Newsletter on to your neighbors, then remind them to join.

**Yes, I want to become a contributing member of HOCC
Enclosed is my contribution of \$10 per person for this year.**

Name:

Physical Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone (home & other)

E-Mail

Comments & Concerns:

**Mail to: Huffman/O'Malley Community Council, 1120 Huffman Road,
Suite 24, PMB 420, Anchorage, AK 99515**

Please note: Donations in a higher amount are greatly appreciated. If you want your donation to be tax deductible, please make your check out to: FCC (Federation of Community Councils) on behalf of "Huffman O'Malley Community Council". Please send this donation to the above mailing address and a tax deductible receipt will be provided. Thank You!