

**Huffman/O'Malley Community Council**  
***It's your HOCC!***  
**October 2012      Newsletter**

**September Recap:**

We had a lively discussion about two important issues at our September meeting! We had a presentation on remediation efforts the neighborhood has asked AFD Foresters to do next to Rabbit Creek Elementary School. Then we discussed relocation plans for AFD Station 9. What we soon realized is that this is a topic that needs a meeting of its own!

Are you interested in Station 9's possible relocation? Then plan to attend our October 18th meeting and join the discussion!

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**Hot Button Issue:**  
**New AFD Station 9**

Huffman AFD Station #9 has outgrown its present location. As land use codes have changed, today it does not conform to standards and cannot legally be substantially rebuilt or enlarged on that site ("grandfathered" site). In addition, since it was built, its area has had a population boom, and it is no longer in the 'center' of activity for the desired four-minute response time to any emergency.

The proposal to relocate Station 9 has been studied, including looking at potential locations in this area. The existing site is under an acre, and a minimum 2.5 acres is preferred. Several sites were selected for study, and one has been selected. However, this site is located in a residential area next to Rabbit Creek Elementary.

In order to allow the entire community to participate in a discussion about this project, the HOCC will devote our October 19th meeting to this issue. This will include a complete presentation about the needs, the process, and the criteria used, and an opportunity for everyone to ask questions and present potential solutions.

Please plan to attend and participate in this important community discussion.

You can read the case detail at the municipal website, [muni.org](http://munimaps.muni.org/website/htmlviewer/generic/casebody.asp?case=2012-110), or by following this link:  
<http://munimaps.muni.org/website/htmlviewer/generic/casebody.asp?case=2012-110>

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**Could your neighborhood use a little Community  
Action Policing?**

APD has created a dedicated unit designed solely to assist neighborhoods. The Community Action Policing CAP' unit is a seven-unit response team that can respond to individual area issues.

Does your neighborhood have a recurring problem? Noise, loud parties, suspected drug activity, abandoned vehicles, after hours trespass or potentially dangerous situations? The CAP team can address these problems.

Is it time to start a Neighborhood Watch group? CAP can help you.



Assaults	4	7	Disorderly conduct	0	0
Burglaries	4	13	Prostitution	0	0
Disturbances	6	22	Vehicle theft	3	7
Fraud/Forgery	0	3	Drugs	1	8
Vandalism	6	38	Drunk problem	0	0
Weapons	0	1	Homicide	0	0
DUI	2	3	Arson	0	1
Robbery	1	1	Other	1	6
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.**

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***

*We just had another great example of what a community council is supposed to be.*

*In case you missed it, in August, we had a presentation regarding site selection for a new AFD Station 9. At our September meeting, there were a number of persons who wanted to discuss site selection for Station 9 -- and a lot of issues with the proposed site!*

*Instead of saying "oh well", the members of HOCC offered a solution: host a true community meeting that allows a real exchange of information. Bring all the parties together and see if a better solution can be found. Can we find it? Who knows? But at least we can discuss it face-to-face and explore all the possibilities.*

*We were able to approach the parties and request a delay of the public hearing, and they readily agreed. Having community input is always the appropriate solution. This will give the entire community opportunity to delve into this issue and perhaps discover a potential solution.*

*Is having a fire station closer to our neighborhoods a good idea? What type of calls are most dominant - rescue/EMS or fire? What about response times? Will they be shortened or lengthened? Can a fire station fit in with a primarily residential district? How many calls come from our schools? Is having service closer to our schools a good idea? Can a fire station structure be designed that "feels" like part of our community? What kind of neighbor is a fire station?*

*We need feedback from each and every person that lives in our area, as this is a decision that will affect each and every one of us. To achieve that, I need your help, whether or not you live in the area of the proposed relocation. Please share this information with a couple of your neighbors, too. If you are unable to attend the October meeting, you can email*

*me with your thoughts. The public hearing on Case 2012-110 has been postponed to Nov 5 at the Planning & Zoning Commission.*

*By the way, if you haven't yet joined your Council, now is the perfect opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Pete Nolan, President  
Huffman/O'Malley Community Council  
[hoccpresident@gmail.com](mailto:hoccpresident@gmail.com)*

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### **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.

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**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:**

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

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