

The Newsletter of Home And LandOwners Organization, Inc. Spring 2018

Message from the President

Spring is on the way and the days are getting longer. We're antsy to be in our yards and get out our fishing poles. But in the meantime, it's also time to look around us and see what needs to be done.

Since the adoption of the Hillside District Plan, we have discussed area-wide solutions to drainage, trail connectivity and roads. We have seen the State cutting funding for our road maintenance and snow removal, and wide discrepancies in maintenance between State, Muni and private roads. HALO has formed a committee to finalize potential solutions and bring them to the residents. This committee is looking for your input on solutions for your neighborhood. Please visit www.anchoragehalo.org and complete the survey on your neighborhood. And please make sure your LRSA or independent area has a representative at our meetings and is on our mailing list.

Remember that we meet at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Holy Spirit Retreat, corner of Hillside and O'Malley. Our Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, June 7, when we will be electing new representatives, organizing into new offices, and updating our ByLaws. We try to have representatives from each of the area Community Councils involved, as this helps us with great communication across the vast stretches of our boundaries. We don't know what's going on in your neighborhoods or how we could help unless you let us know. Yes, there will be door prizes and refreshments. Plan now to attend!

Rodney Powell, President

We are updating our HALO website! Visit us at <u>www.anchoragehalo.org</u> or contact webmaster <u>cmonette.hocc@gmail.com</u> with suggestions.

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For Your Calendar

HALO Annual Meeting Thursday, June 7 at Holy Spirit Retreat Center

HALO Round Table Discussion on Hillside Roads, Trails and Drainage Thursday, September 6

HALO Fall Candidate Forum Thursday, Oct 4 at O'Malley's on the Green

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It's Construction Season!

Alaska DOT project this season include:

Minnesota Drive: Tudor to Old Seward Highway Pavement Preservation

This project will resurface Minnesota Drive from Tudor Road to 15th Avenue including improvements to guardrail, signage, drainage, signalization, signs, striping and ADA access.

Brayton Drive: DeArmoun Road to O'Malley Road Pavement Preservation

This project will resurface Brayton Drive from DeArmoun Road to O'Malley Road including as necessary replacement of curb ramps, curb, gutter, signage, and striping.

Abbott Road Phase II - Jupiter to Birch

This project will rehabilitate Abbott Road between Jupiter and Birch Road, including widening for 2-lanes with two-way- left-turn- lanes and including improvements to drainage, intersection, ADA, curb ramps, pathways and utilities.

Dowling Road, Old Seward Highway to Lake Otis Parkway Pavement Preservation

This project will resurface Dowling Road from Old Seward Highway to Lake Otis Parkway including as necessary improvements to pedestrian curb ramps, dig-outs, drainage repair, sign replacement and striping.

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Who is HALO and What Do We Do?

The HALO Mission statement reads: "HALO's mission is advocacy through education and the advancement of issues related to living in the southeast area of the Municipality of Anchorage."

To Accomplish this Mission, HALO is committed:

1. To inquire into matters of interest in the Anchorage community, particularly within the area of interest within the Municipality of Anchorage on the Anchorage Hillside using boundaries established in the Bylaws by the Corporation's board of directors, to bring matters of community importance to the attention of the public, to appear and testify at public meetings on pending zoning, planning, subdivision and public works projects, and other actions of private persons or public organizations having an impact on the community life style, and in all of these activities to defend the community's unique heritage of a largely natural, pure and healthful environment.

2. To engage, without any obligation to do so, in cooperative community activities for the mutual benefit of home and land owners within the Anchorage Hillside, including community councils within such boundary.

3. To promote communication between the home and land owners within the Anchorage Hillside on one hand, and their municipal government on the other hand, in order that the people may know what their government proposes, and the government may know what the people desire.

4. To promote responsive government free of conflicts of interest.

5. To promote within the Anchorage Hillside the rural way of life in a community of low density settlement, in which the forest and water resources may be adequate to the people's needs, and the character of the community experience remain.

6. To promote public policies that favor the home and land owners, rather than the speculator; that will postpone or eliminate the need for expensive services and utilities by prevention of haphazard, inappropriate, and untimely development; and that will tend to place squarely upon the shoulders of the developer the entire cost to the community of his development.

7. To negotiate for the common interests and speak for the members on public issues.

8. To hold meetings of the members to discuss matters of common concern.

9. To meet and provide educational and scientific purposes and serve as a civic league or organization for the promotion of social welfare, education, science and good government in Anchorage, Alaska.

10. To provide any other purpose permitted non-profit corporations under the laws of Alaska and permitted to tax exempt corporations by the Internal Revenue Code.

We always try to have two representatives from the Hillside area community councils serve on our Board. If you are willing to participate in two-way communication between HALO and your council or road service area, please let us know!

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Join HALO

If you haven't already paid your dues this year, you can do it now or bring this form to the Annual Meeting in June. HALO is supported solely by membership dues and donations. Dues are just \$10 per year, and your participation ensures the future of this worthwhile organization.

Do you have a neighbor who should be involved in HALO? Forward this E-Newsletter to them, or bring them with you to the Annual Meeting!

If you can't attend the event, fill out and return this for your membership renewal:

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