



# HALO Neighbors!

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## **Message from the President**

If you missed our December meeting/special event, you really missed a great evening. What a fun and informative time we had in learning stories of early settlement on the Anchorage Hillside! Schools, food,

transportation, building homes, creating roads, wells and septic replacing outhouses, the miracle of electricity, fighting the cold - what was it really like? Janie Moen had us in tears laughing at her experiences. Millie Livesay shared life stories that really touched our hearts. David Michaels kept us on the edge of our seats, with dramatic and stunning stories of normal everyday life that is almost unimaginable to us today. Wayne and Dottie Westberg shared tales of roads, development, and struggles of creating what we today take for granted. Their responses to the question “what has been the biggest change on the Hillside that you never expected” were amazing insights into today’s choices.

Everyone leaving the meeting asked that we repeat this special event every December, and I agree. The stories, the clear and certain telling of the tales, and the humor of looking back at events that are so foreign to our lives today was incredible. For those of you that missed the event, thanks to James Kaufman you can watch the whole thing on HALO’s Youtube channel. Either look it up on YouTube or try this link:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgxwGDWqXmQvcQqqstddwFrtbFcxH?projector=1>

Our next event will be the HALO Candidate Forum that replaces our March meeting on Thursday, March 5, from 6 to 9 pm at O’Malley’s on the Green. Candidates for District 4 Midtown (our northernmost border is in Midtown) and District 6 South (our area from the border of District 4 to our southern border) will attend, as well as candidates for School Board seats C and D. We will also have speakers for and against several ballot propositions. Watch for the Agenda in your inbox.

Come join your neighbors and listen to the candidates who wish to represent you at the Candidate Forum. Ask them questions yourself, and see if they earn your support. And you can also enjoy some coffee and refreshments at the Candidate Forum. See you there!

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## HALO Candidate Forum

Your presence is needed to help interview some job applicants. We have several applicants that wish to represent us at the Anchorage Assembly and at the Anchorage School Board. Will you please come to their job interview, bring your questions and listen to their responses?

These job candidates will be interviewed on Thursday, March 5th, at O’Malley’s on the Green.

Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. See you there!

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# HALO Neighborhood Resilience Fair

HALO is supporting a very special event for the Anchorage Hillside: A Neighborhood Resilience Fair. So what is a Neighborhood Resilience Fair?

Last winter, we had a strong earthquake. We also had wind, but not like the wind of a few years ago, where trees were down throughout our neighborhoods and the power was out for three days. And then there were the wildfires of last summer, where the fire from the homeless camp could easily have been in our yard within minutes. How we survive these events and how we recover our neighborhoods is resilience.

So how do we achieve resilience? That is what the Neighborhood Resilience Fair is about.

The Resilience Fair will be held on Saturday, April 11th, at the Alaska Zoo. In the parking lot you will find AFD apparatus, exhibits and demonstrations, including the Seismic Event Booth. Inside the Community Room will be a variety of informational booths. There will be details of what we should all know about earthquakes, wildfires, biological threats, emergency evacuation and sheltering-in-place, weather events, crime, neighborhood watch programs and emergency preparation. A wide variety of governmental and non-governmental agencies will be participating, and there will be activities and demonstrations specifically geared to children and families as well as information and hands-on activities vital for homeowners and residents.

Do you have expertise in emergency management or as a first responder? Do you have knowledge you could share? Would you like to participate as a volunteer or staff an information booth? Please contact James at [hillsidecommunitypatrol@gmail.com](mailto:hillsidecommunitypatrol@gmail.com)

- Who: HALO in coordination with the Alaska Zoo, our Local Community Councils, Coalition of Community Patrols, MOA Office of Emergency Management/Health Dept, MOA's Firewise Program, Team Rubicon, Red Cross, AFD, CRW Engineering and many others
- What: Presentations and demonstrations of risk mitigation, emergency preparation and response. How to build stronger, safer communities and how to survive in the event of a major emergency.
- When: Saturday April 11, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Where: [www.alaskazoo.org](http://www.alaskazoo.org)
- For more information, contact James at [hillsidecommunitypatrol@gmail.com](mailto:hillsidecommunitypatrol@gmail.com)

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## New Stormwater Utility Advisory Commission Looking for Members

The Assembly will be looking for individuals who are willing to serve on the new Stormwater Utility Advisory Commission. This commission will represent the entirety of the Anchorage Bowl, and the plan is to have individuals who represent the variety of areas within the Muni, including one or more Hillside representatives. We will need one or more persons who are willing to represent Hillside property owners and our residents. Specialized expertise in stormwater issues or engineering is not as important as experience with our unique road service areas and a willingness to serve your community.

The new Stormwater Utility Advisory Commission is expected to meet at least quarterly, although monthly meetings will probably begin the process.

If you are willing to consider serving or would like more information, contact our Assembly Representatives.

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### **Your 2019 HALO Board of Directors:**

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## For Your Calendar

*HALO Meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month. We meet at Holy Spirit Retreat (corner Hillside & O'Malley)*

Thursday, March 5th - Candidate Forum at O'Malley's on the Green

Thursday, April 2nd - Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting

Hillside Resilience Fair - Saturday, April 11, 11 am to 3 pm

### Join HALO

If you haven't already paid your dues this year, you can do it now or bring this form to the next meeting. 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 next meeting!

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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