

# HALO Neighbors!

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## **Message from Your Board of Directors**

Thanks to all who helped us create another successful Candidate Forum! These events are always a popular opportunity to meet - and question - candidates wishing to represent us. We especially thank Bear Valley, Hillside, Huffman/O'Malley and Rabbit Creek Community Councils for their help in hosting this community event.

Our April meeting featured APD Officer Chris Wright, the designated area patrol officer for Hillside. As you will read later in this edition, Hillside is now a dedicated patrol area, from south of O'Malley and east of the New Seward all the way up the hill! Officer Wright, a resident of Bear Valley, is on the midnight shift (11 pm to 9 am). Having an officer assigned to the area lets the officers get to know the area. For anyone with concerns, Officer Wright plans to attend as many community meetings as possible in order to create strong community relationships and gain knowledge of the area. He can be reached at 786-3152 or <a href="mailto:cwright@muni.org">cwright@muni.org</a>. The phone is a message phone, but he checks it often (mid shift workers sleep days!). He welcomes your questions and concerns. We look forward to meeting the day and swing shift officers on Hillside Patrol.

Our May Meeting is also our Annual Meeting. Plan now to attend on May 2nd, when we will be electing new Board of Directors. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm

at the Holy Spirit Retreat, corner of Hillside and O'Malley. Meanwhile, if you or your neighborhood have any specific concerns, please feel free to contact your area representative.

Please come out and join us!

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# **APD Has Designated Patrol Areas on Hillside!**

From the Anchorage Police Department Facebook page:

"We're patrolling our beats - new ones - to serve you better.

You've said that you would like to get to know us better. That you would like to see the same officers assigned to the areas where you both work and live. We heard you and we made the changes!

While our overall service area has not changed, the boundaries of our beats have. They have become smaller which means we have more of them to better serve you. We are assigning officers to the same areas every day which means you will become more familiar with those answering your calls. In turn they will be able to hone in and address the specific needs in your neighborhood.

Are you an active member of your community council? Excellent! Our new beats now allow us to better serve you in that arena as well. As you well know, you like to have crime stats for your neighborhood available to you at these meetings. Prior to the boundary changes, it took our stats folks several hours to pull those numbers. Our old areas were not computer friendly. Now each beat's boundaries are defined by the community councils' boundaries which makes the data make sense to you. Those numbers are also being pushed out to the patrol officers. Each officer is now able to access the most current call-for-service data for the area they are working. It is easy for them to see if there is a "hot spot" in the neighborhood that needs some extra attention. If that particular problem can be addressed by the patrol officer then they will do so. If it's an issue that requires a long-term plan and additional resources, then the patrol officer is now in a position to make those arrangements.

"Boundary changes enable us to provide better service to the public," said Captain Sean Case, Commander of the Patrol Division. "The Anchorage Police Department's Mission is to protect and serve our community in the most professional and compassionate manner possible. This change allows us to aggressively continue that pursuit."

Please also remember that every citizen can see what crimes have been reported in their community by accessing the Community Crime Map at <a href="http://communitycrimemap.com">http://communitycrimemap.com</a>. The data on that site is updated three times a day."

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# For Your Calendar

HALO Meeting 7 pm Thursday, May 2nd, at Holy Spirit Retreat

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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 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:

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