

# HALO Neighbors!



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## **Special Event Replaces December Business Meeting**

Instead of our normal meeting in December, HALO is planning a very special event on Thursday, December 5th. We hope you will join us and contribute to the evening's success.

As we are all too aware, we are quickly losing the generation that created and built the Hillside we enjoy today. We are asking all of the long-term Hillside residents we can find to come and share their knowledge in an open "round table" discussion. We are losing the knowledge of our Hillside history, what life was like in the early days, and what changes - both good and bad - these settlers and founders have seen over the decades. The evening will be video taped to make a permanent record.

Do you know someone that could share their knowledge with us? Are you one of those people that settled our neighborhoods, created our roads, and built our schools? Do you have any photos or documents that you would be willing to let us see? Memories of your first Hillside home, the road or bridge you put in, or your family trapline on what now is Goldenview School?

If there is anyone who needs a ride to this event, please let us know. We will have snacks and finger food to share, and are excited about the possibilities for this special event.

Please come out and join us on December 5th at 7 pm, and bring a friend!

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# Life and Safety Access Roads on Hillside?

An ordinance has been submitted to the Assembly that will give the Municipality the ability to construct and maintain life and safety access roads on the Anchorage Hillside.

As we know, there are several areas of the Muni that have one way in and one way out. Many of these are on the Anchorage Hillside. This is a legacy problem, and has created bottlenecks that may prevent access by emergency vehicles or allow emergency evacuation methods. State funds were once used to solve these issues, but the Muni can no longer count on the State for funds.

The Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) process can address some of these problems through federal funding. Accessing federal funding requires a local match, which is generally 10% of the total project cost. The issue arises that the Muni cannot fund a match on roads outside of the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA), and most of the Hillside is outside of this boundary.

To solve this issue, the Assembly will be considering an ordinance that would give the Muni the areawide power to construct and maintain life and safety access roads. With that power, a Hillside life/safety road could be placed on a ballot as a bond issue for a public vote.

This ordinance would affect all residents of the Hillside, including current Limited Road Service Areas (LRSAs) and independent areas.

Public Hearing on this proposed ordinance will be heard on November 19th at the Assembly Chambers. If you wish to make a comment, contact Assembly Representatives John Weddleton at [john.weddleton@anchorageak.gov](mailto:john.weddleton@anchorageak.gov) and Suzanne Lafrance at [suzanne.lafrance@anchorageak.gov](mailto:suzanne.lafrance@anchorageak.gov). To contact the entire assembly, address your email to [wwmas@muni.org](mailto:wwmas@muni.org)

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## SOLARIZE RABBIT CREEK (and nearby Hillside areas)

If you missed The Alaska Center's presentation and sign-up at the Library a few weeks ago, it's not too late to join your neighbors in bringing solar power to your home on the Hillside! 2020 will be the third year for this Anchorage program that's brought solar power to about 200 homes around Anchorage with savings of about 10% for each homeowner, compared to if they initiated a solar project on their own. Plus you will be able to claim a 26% (of the total cost of your solar purchase/install) tax REBATE in 2020 - while using a clean, renewable energy source. For more info on the schedule and potential cost, check out the Rabbit Creek Community Council website or Facebook page, and here: <https://akcenter.org/climate-clean-energy/solarize-anchorage/>

**We need 50 households to sign up as "interested" by December 1st** (the commitment part will come about February 2020), and a few folks who are willing to help: (1) co-lead; (2) participate on the Outreach Committee; and (3) review responses to the RFP and select our neighborhood solar provider. We're almost there with the sign ups, and we may be able to have more than one Hillside neighborhood participate with a lot more interest. If you'd like to be added to our "interested" list, or have questions, please email me ASAP: [annr.rccc@gmail.com](mailto:annr.rccc@gmail.com)

By the way, we've had solar panels on our home since July 2017 and are quite pleased with our electric bill savings, reduced energy consumption, and likely increased value to our home!

Ann Rappoport, Co-chair, Rabbit Creek Community Council

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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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# For Your Calendar

*HALO Meeting 7 pm on the first Thursday monthly. We meet at Holy Spirit Retreat (corner Hillside & O'Malley)*

Thursday, December 5th - Special Hillside History Meeting  
No January Meeting - Happy New Year!  
Thursday, March 5th - Candidate Forum at O'Malley's on the Green  
Thursday, April 2nd - Regular Business Meeting

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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