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# ABOA DIGEST

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## **Annual Meeting & Elections**

In accordance with our bylaws, the annual meeting of the Association will be held on the second Wednesday of February, **February 9, 2011, 7 p.m. at Bayshore Elementary**. There will be three open positions on the five-person board. Two terms are expiring. There is one vacant seat that the current board could fill if a volunteer would come forward. There are also standing committees that need chairman and members: architectural control, grounds and maintenance, and vehicle control. The board elects the officers and approves the committee chairman. The officers and chairman do not have to be board members so please consider volunteering to support your neighborhood.

## **A note from the ABOA Secretary House Rules & Home Values**

While chatting with a co-worker about house hunting, I discovered ABOA is considered by many to be a desirable neighborhood because of the restrictions imposed by our active Homeowners Association. My co-worker was looking for a neighborhood that kept the blue tarps out of sight and didn't allow out of season toys to become part of the landscape. This conversation served to remind me that when we purchased a home here we all agreed to live by the ABOA rules. Like

others, I don't love all the rules but am willing to abide by them to keep our neighborhood desirable. I hope you are willing to do the same and you will find some time to support your neighborhood by volunteering to serve on the Board or Chair a committee.



## **Holiday Decorations**

Many of us enjoying decorating outdoors bringing more light to our dark winter months (and many of us enjoy your efforts!). Please remember those lights must be removed at the end of the appropriate season. Plan on taking down your decorations early this spring when it is safe to do.

## **Mears Middle School Improvements**

The Mears Middle School project is complete. The Associated General Contractors of Alaska gave Rogers Hickel Contracting an Excellence in Construction Award for the Mears Middle School site improvements in the transportation, marine, heavy, earthmoving under \$3 million category. The improvements are impressive. Especially noteworthy are the connections between multiuse trails that used to "dead end." Check out the first class running track!

### **Scoop the Poop**

Did you know that there are an estimated 65,000 dogs in Anchorage eliminating an average of one-quarter pound of waste per day? That waste includes E. Coli and may contain roundworms and roundworm eggs. E. Coli can be the source of many different illnesses from sore throats to diarrhea in humans. Roundworm eggs are passed into feces and take two weeks to become infective. Roundworm infections in humans cause a variety of symptoms. Old poop is a health risk and shouldn't be left in the yard all winter to be dealt with in the spring. In the springtime, rainwater and melting snow may wash away feces and their contaminants into Anchorage's creeks, streams and lakes. Clean up after your pets. It's a real public health issue.

### **Bayshore Clubhouse**

Check out our neighbors at Bayshore by looking at [www.bayshoreclub.org](http://www.bayshoreclub.org) for activities and services that are **open to the general public**, including, Preschool and K/1 Before-After Care, Water Aerobics, Tennis Lessons (summer), Swim Lessons and Party Rental. There is a lake at the clubhouse surrounded by a lighted boardwalk that makes it easy and fun to view the wildlife year round. When the ice is out, check out the beaver that lives in the pond.

### **Energy Audits**

If you haven't already done so, you may want to have an energy audit done on your home and possibly do improvements that will make your home more comfortable and save you energy (and money). For information about having a state of Alaska energy audit and the related Energy Rebate program go to:

<http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/energy/energy.cfm>