

# CivicAnchor

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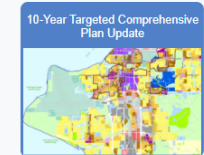
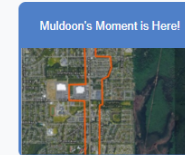
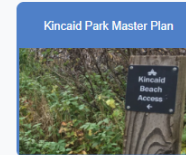


## Welcome to CivicAnchor!

A program of the Anchorage Assembly, CivicAnchor helps our community understand local & Municipal issues, connect with neighbors, and be part of solutions.

### Share Your Thoughts

The Municipality regularly creates and updates plans for the future of departments, neighborhoods, transit services, and parks. We need your input to make them better. Learn more about current plans and surveys open for public participation:



[View All Plans](#)

### Share Your Time

The Municipality relies on the time and expertise of community members to make our government run. Several departments have volunteer opportunities, including options for teens, and there are over 50 Boards and Commission looking for neighbors to serve and help advise Municipal departments.

[Current Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Apply to a Board or Commission](#)

[Opportunities for Youth](#)

### Take a Deep Dive

Do you ever wonder why our Muni is set up the way it is? Get confused about a program or acronym? Maybe you're a civic nerd and like to geek out over all things local government? Take a Deep Dive to learn how the Muni works.



#### Deep Dives

For civic nerds who want to go beyond sound bites and blurbs, Deep Dives are articles, webinars, and presentations explaining how the Muni works, from budget and finances to department operations and plans.

[Take a Deep Dive](#)



#### City Nerd Nite

7 Anchorage locals each get 7 minutes to geek out on the theme of the night! The talks are held in community spaces so people can enjoy food and drink and join neighbors in conversations about being Alaska's biggest city.

[Explore City Nerd Nite](#)



#### Local Lens

Hosted by the Federation of Community Councils, Local Lens focuses on current topics in our neighborhoods, municipality, and state. The sessions are on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join. You can also view past recordings.

[Explore Local Lens](#)

# MOA PLANS



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2026 Annual Action Plan for HUD Funding

**Municipality of Anchorage**

Anchorage Health Department

Housing and Community Development  
2026 Action Plan

May 6, 2026

Kincaid Park Master Plan




May 4, 2026

Muldoon's Moment is Here!



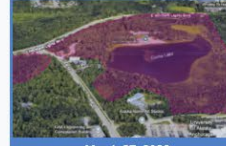
April 3, 2026

10-Year Targeted Comprehensive Plan Update



March 31, 2026

Goose Lake Park Master Plan Update



March 27, 2026

Transit on the Move



March 26, 2026

Potter Marsh Watershed Park - Master Plan



March 24, 2026

Downtown and Muldoon Transit Center Studies



March 23, 2026

Chester Creek Sports Complex Master Plan



March 20, 2026

Recreational Trails Plan



March 19, 2026

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## CivicAnchor Initiatives



CivicAnchor at Loussac Library



Assembly Newsletter



City Nerd Nite



Youth Civic Action



Deep Dives

# DEEP DIVES



## Municipality of Anchorage **Deep Dives**

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### Budget, Finance & Taxes

**Q1 Budget Revisions**  
Revising the Municipal budget before levying taxes  
Apr 2025

**The Other Taxes**  
A look beyond property taxes to the tax revenues that fund our government  
Feb 2025

**Property Assessments**  
How property assessments and taxes work  
Jan 2025

**Our Muni, Our Budget**  
A series by Assembly Members Braseley & Baldwin-Day on the big picture of the municipal budget  
1/6/25

REVENUES FROM:	1983	1994	1994
PROPERTY TAXES	\$49.4	\$77.6	\$60.2
LOCAL BUDGET	\$58.6	\$52.9	\$51.6
STATE GOVERNMENT	\$66.4	\$52.7	\$52.7
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$19.1	\$16.6	\$16.6

**The Tax Cap**  
A post-unification policy that endures  
10/11/25

### Municipal Operations

**Why We Plan for Parks**  
How and why the Municipality creates plans for our parks  
March 2025

**Equal Rights Commission**  
The long and winding road to Solution One  
Anchorage Equal Rights Commission  
10/12/25

### History & Governance

**Bonus Dive: New Assembly Leadership**  
A word from the new Chair and Vice Chair  
May 2025

**Native Village of Eklutna & MOA**  
The Native Village of Eklutna and MOA, Governing and Growing Together  
1/13/25

**The Short Story of Unification**  
A look at Alaska's most significant municipal merger  
10/16/25

**City? Borough? Neither? Both?**  
The history of the Municipality's Service Areas  
10/19/25

**50 Years of the Municipality**  
Stories, recordings and activities to learn about and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MOA  
Sept 2025

# YOUTH CIVIC ACTION



## Youth Civic Action

The Anchorage Assembly is dedicated to connecting students to their local government. The Assembly offers youth and educators multiple opportunities to experience civic engagement firsthand, from the Youth Representative program which gives young people a direct role in the Assembly, to extra credit opportunities for attending Assembly Meetings.

FOR YOUTH

FOR EDUCATORS

### Youth Representative

The Anchorage Assembly Youth Representative is a unique position on the Assembly reserved for residents ages 16–19. Created by Municipal Code (AMC 2.30.025), the program gives high school students the chance to engage in the legislative process of local government while fostering leadership, civic knowledge, and public service. Youth Representatives participate in regular Assembly meetings, share input, and cast a preferential (non-binding) vote. It's an opportunity to experience local government in action and share youth perspectives on community issues.

### Contact

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Youth Representative Advisor

[Email Jennifer](#)

BECOME THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY'S

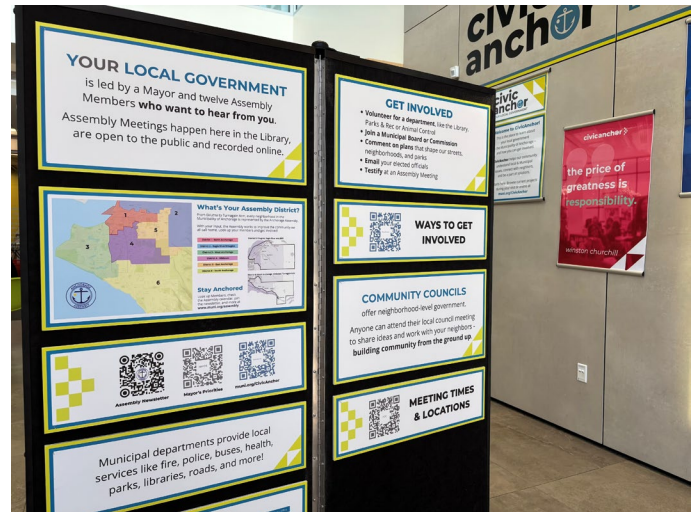
# 2026 YOUTH REP

SHARE YOUR VOICE   MAKE CONNECTIONS   **APPLY NOW!**

Applications for the 2026 Anchorage Assembly Youth Representative are now open!

[Apply Now](#)

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