

**GIRDWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE &
GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

**A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH LT. RYAN BROWNING
OF THE HOMER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
6:00 - 8:00PM**

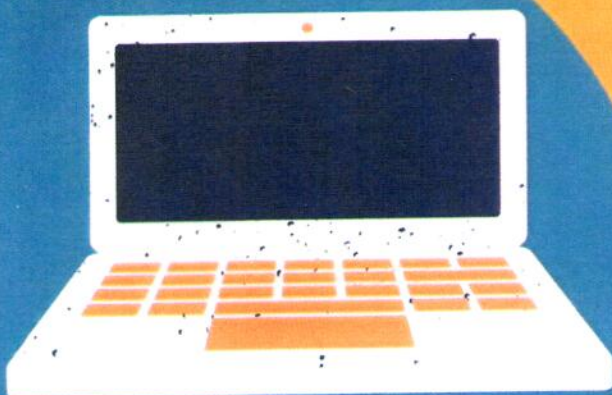
**GIRDWOOD
COMMUNITY ROOM
250 EGLOFF DRIVE**

- **LEARN WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING ONLINE AND HOW TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE THE INTERNET SAFELY.**
- **THESE ARE MATURE TOPICS AND LANGUAGE WILL BE EXPLICIT.**

**TEENS & PARENTS OF
KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

**THOSE AGE 11 - 14 MUST
ATTEND WITH A PARENT
OR GUARDIAN.**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
COURTESY OF
GIRDWOOD FIRE & RESCUE**



Whittier Police Department – Girdwood Substation improvements

- Separation of Office and living quarters.
- Secure door upstairs that limits non-police personnel from having access to restricted areas without police presence
- Install Secure Storage in the entry area for police equipment.
- Window screens
- Utility sink with a larger countertop to replace the current sink/vanity in the bathroom.

Estimated cost: \$15,000.00

Municipality of Anchorage



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<http://www.muni.org/gbos>
David Bronson, Mayor*

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Briana Sullivan and Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs
Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

Resolution 2023-17 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors Support for a Property Tax Exemption in the GVSA for Volunteers serving Girdwood Fire Department

WHEREAS, volunteer fire departments provide critical public safety services to many non-urban communities across the state of Alaska and across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) is the public safety department responsible for providing emergency response to the citizens and visitors of Anchorage, providing fire services across most of the Anchorage Bowl and much of Eagle River, with EMS coverage extending throughout the 1,961sq miles of the entire Municipality of Anchorage (MOA); and,

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has two volunteer fire departments within its boundaries, namely Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company (CVFRD), serving the communities of Chugiak, Peters Creek and Eklutna, and Girdwood Fire and Rescue (GFR) serving the Girdwood and Turnagain Arm region; and

WHEREAS, the community of Girdwood is located over 30 miles from the closest AFD Fire Station 9 in Anchorage; and,

WHEREAS, Mutual Aid agreements exist between the AFD, GFR and CVFRD, and others; and,

WHEREAS, Girdwood Fire Department was originally established in 1959 to provide fire protection in Girdwood Valley and took on responsibility for Emergency Medical Services in 1974; and,

WHEREAS, Girdwood Fire and Rescue was incorporated in 1998 as a member run non-profit organization to provide fire, EMS and rescue services in the Girdwood and Turnagain Arm region under contract with the Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) and the Municipality; and,

WHEREAS, retention of qualified volunteers continues to be a challenging aspect of managing a volunteer fire and EMS department; and,

WHEREAS, significant time and taxpayer funds are allocated to the recruitment and training of volunteers to meet and maintain state qualifications, so it is in the fiscal interests of both the GVSA and the Municipality to retain qualified volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, other Alaskan boroughs, including Fairbanks North Star and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs, have established a property tax exemption for volunteer fire and EMS personnel to acknowledge the significant investment of time and energy these community members make to their fellow citizens; and,

WHEREAS, at their August 29, 2023 meeting, the GFR Board of Directors passed a resolution of support for a property tax exemption for creating a property tax exemption for current and active volunteers;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors recommends that the Municipality adopts policies to encourage retention of qualified volunteer firefighter and emergency medical providers, both to acknowledge the critical service such volunteers provide to our community and as good fiscal policy,

ALSO THEREFORE, GBOS requests that the Anchorage Assembly establish a property tax exemption for current and active volunteers of a registered fire department operating within the Municipality, modeled on similar exemptions in Fairbanks North Star and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs, by amending AMC 12.15.015.E and prepare an associated ballot proposition on the 2024 Municipal election.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed this 18th day of September 2023.

Briana Sullivan

Briana Sullivan
GBOS Fire Supervisor

Margaret Tyler

Attest

Upcoming Community Events:

Parenting in the Digital Age workshop	Oct 6	Community Room
Girdwood Trails Marathon	Oct 7	All Trails
Kids and Cops	Oct 14	Ice Cream Shop
Health Fair (Rotary)	Oct 14	Community Room
Tsunami mapping	Oct 17	Community Room
Challenge Alaska Drive in movie	Oct 20 & 21	Alyeska Daylodge Parking
PTA Trunk or Treat	Oct 27	Girdwood k-8 school
Halloween	Oct 31	Cabanaland
FVCS Sports Swap	Nov 4	Daylodge
Coffee with Cops	Nov 18	Girdwood Grind

Community Concerns for follow-up

DOT Items:

DOT Alyeska Highway Pedestrian Safety Corridor (Bike Path) concerns

Refresh of painted stencils indicating ped/bike only: This is DOT ROW and GVSA cannot make changes without approval of DOT. Stencil painting cost previously was \$1500 and was covered by funds remaining from construction work. Those funds are now exhausted. GVSA does not have authority or funding mechanism to work on DOT ROW.

Bridge abutment over Glacier Creek: DOT is monitoring and working on a plan to repair the abutment, likely in 2024. The creek has shifted for now away from the eroding bank. DOT emergency repair is unlikely to include pedestrian access, which is not currently included in any planning documents and has no source of funding. Pedestrian access is in the GTC Trails Master Plan, which is up for review and adoption via municipal process.

Unrestricted access to airport property. Gate access restriction is the responsibility of those with property beyond the gate (hangar owners). Public should call police to report illegal activity.

Enforcement Concerns

Alyeska Highway Speeding. Speed limit enforcement by Whittier Police. Speed limit is unlikely to change as it is a state road; changing the designation of a state road has consequences having to do with maintenance and funding.

Unsafe parking on roads (Loveland): This road was an issue seasonally, Alyeska Resort has new plan for 2023/24 parking that should improve capacity in Daylodge lot. Call Whittier Police for parking enforcement if emergency vehicles are unable to pass.

Traffic Study results are pending for
MOA Roads
State Roads

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<u>Forte:</u> Open daily 6:30am-10pm; Bar: 10am-12am; <u>Room Service:</u> Open daily 7am-10pm; <u>Aurora Bar & Grill:</u> Closed for Renovation; <u>Tramway Café:</u> Open daily 6:30am-3pm; <u>Seven Glaciers:</u> Open Tues-Sat 5-9pm, Night Cap 8:30pm-10pm, Closed Sun/Mon; <u>Bore Tide Deli & Bar:</u> Open Daily 11am-6pm, Deli closes at 5pm; <u>Sakura:</u> Open Thurs-Mon 5-9pm, Closed Tues/Wed; <u>Sitzmark Bar & Grill:</u> Closed; <u>Daylodge/Carve:</u> Closed <u>Sundry Shop:</u> 9am-9pm Daily; <u>Mountain Sports Shop:</u> 9am-5pm Sun-Thurs, 9am-8pm Fri/Sat; <u>Glacier Gallery & Gifts:</u> 9am-5pm Sun-Thurs, 9am-8pm Fri/Sat; <u>Max's:</u> Open Fri-Sun 11am-6pm thru 9/10; <u>Sitzmark Shop:</u> Closed; <u>Tram:</u> 10am-6pm Sun/Mon, 10am-8pm (10pm for Night Cap guests) Tues-Sat; <u>Ticket Office:</u> 9:30am-5:30pm Sun/Mon, 9:30am-7:30pm Tues-Sat; <u>Nordic Spa:</u> 9am-9pm						1 Bike Park Open 12-6pm	2 Bike Park Open 12-6pm
3 Bike Park Open 12-6pm	4 LABOR DAY <i>ASD No School</i>	5	6	7	8 Bike Park Open 12-6pm	9 Bike Park Open 12-6pm	
	State Fair Ends					Hope Social Club @ Sitzmark	
						Alyeska Climbathon	
10 Bike Park Open 12-6pm BIKE PARK CLOSING DAY	11	12	13	14 Bore Tide Deli Buyout Close @ 4pm	15	16	
17 Veilbreaker Sky Bridge Closing Day	18	19 Bore Tide Deli Buyout Close @ 4pm	20	21	22	23	
	Sitzmark Buyout	Seven Glaciers Buy Out					
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
						Seven Glaciers Fall Wine Dinner	
					Oktoberfest @ Daylodge		



OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Girdwood Trails Marathon
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						
8	9 <i>Indigenous People's Day</i> <i>ASD No School</i> 	10	11	12	13	14
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>ASD No School</i>	21
					Challenge Alaska Drive In Movie Night @ Daylodge	
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						
22	23 	24	25	26	27 <i>ASD No School</i>	28
						Halloween Party @ Sitz
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						
29	30	31 <i>HALLOWEEN</i>				
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						





NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			1	2	3	4		
			Snowmaking Begins		Tram CLOSED for Maintenance			FVCS Sports Swap
			Tram CLOSED for Maintenance					
5 <i>Daylight Savings</i>	6 	7	8	9	10 <i>ASD No School</i>	11		
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						Season Pass Holder Appreciation Event @ Hotel		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance								
19	20 	21	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>ASD No School</i>	24 <i>ASD No School</i>	25		
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance				GVT Turkey Trot	Tent. Passholder Day	Tent. Ski Area Opening Day		
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance								
26	27	28	29	30				
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance								





DECEMBER 2023

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22 Night Ski	23 Night Ski
				Santa Visits Alyeska Columbia 7pm	ASD Winter Break	
24 No Night Ski	25 CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Open at 12pm</i> Night Ski	26 Night Ski	27 Night Ski	28 Night Ski	29 Night Ski	30 Night Ski
31 <i>NYE</i> <i>Torchlight</i> <i>Parade &</i> <i>Fireworks</i> No Night Ski	Christmas Buffet					

ASD Winter Break December 22—January 8





JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Night Ski 	2 Night Ski	3 Night Ski	4 Night Ski Town League Registration	5 Night Ski	6 Night Ski
ASD Winter Break December 22—January 8						
7	8 <i>ASD Back to School</i>	9	10	11 Night Ski Town League Race #1	12 Night Ski	13 Night Ski
ASD Winter Break						
15 Holiday Night Ski	15 MLK Day <i>ASD No School</i> 	16	17	18 Night Ski Town League Race #2	19 Night Ski	20 Night Ski
21	22	23	24	25 Night Ski Town League Race #3	26 Night Ski	27 Night Ski
28	29 	30	31			





FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Night Ski Town League Race #4	2 Night Ski	3 Night Ski
4	5 <i>MILITARY MONDAY</i>	6	7	8 Night Ski Town League Race #5	9 Night Ski	10 Night Ski
11 Super Bowl Sunday	12 	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Night Ski Town League Race #6	16 Night Ski	17 Night Ski
18 Holiday Night Ski	19 President's Day <i>ASD No School</i>	20	21	22 Night Ski Town League Race #7	23 Night Ski <i>ASD No School</i>	24 Night Ski
25	26 	27	28	29 Night Ski Town League Final Party & Fun Race	<div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Fur Rondy Starts</div>	





MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Night Ski	2 Night Ski
3	4 <i>MILITARY MONDAY</i>	5	6	7 Night Ski	8 Night Ski	9 Night Ski
ASD Spring Break March 8-17						
10 Night Ski Daylight Savings	11 Night Ski 	12 Night Ski	13 Night Ski	14 Night Ski	15 Night Ski	16 Night Ski
ASD Spring Break March 8-17						
17 Night Ski	18 <i>ASD Back to School</i>	19	20	21	22	23
ASD Spring Break						
24 31 <i>EASTER</i>	25 	26	27	28	29	30



APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>MILITARY MONDAY</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 	9	10	11	12	13
						Nordic Hillclimb
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>ASD No School</i>	20
					Spring Carnival April 19-21	
21	22 	23	24	25	26	27
Spring Carnival						
28 SKI AREA CLOSING DAY	29	30				
	Employee Ski Day & End of Season Party					
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						



MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Tram CLOSED for Maintenance			
5	6 	7	8	9	10	11
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13	14	15	16	17	18
Tram CLOSED for Maintenance						
19	20 	21	22	23 <i>ASD Out of School</i>	24	25
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JUNE 2024

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JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4 <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	Girdwood Forest Fair July 5-7	Hwy closed 10am on July 6
Girdwood Forest Fair July 5-7	14	15 	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31			
						Ted Stevens Day



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SEPTEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY <i>ASD No School</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 	10	11	12	13	14 Alyeska Climbathon
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



OCTOBER 2024




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>ASD No School</i> Indigenous People's Day	15	16	17	18 <i>ASD No School</i>	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25 <i>ASD No School</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN		

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Daylight Savings	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 ASD No School Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING ASD No School	29 ASD No School	30



DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20 <i>ASD No School</i>	21 Night Ski
						ASD Winter Break
22 Night Ski	23 Night Ski	24 CHRISTMAS EVE No Night Ski	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Night Ski	26 Night Ski	27 Night Ski	28 Night Ski
ASD Winter Break December 20—January 5						
29 Night Ski	30 Night Ski 	31 NEW YEARS EVE No Night Ski				
		Torchlight Parade & Fireworks				
ASD Winter Break						





JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Night Ski	2 Night Ski Town League Registration	3 Night Ski	4 Night Ski
ASD Winter Break						
5	6 <i>ASD Back To School</i> Military Monday	7	8	9 Town League Race #1	10	11
ASD Winter Break						
12	13	14	15	16 Town League Race #2	17	18
19 Holiday Night Ski	20 MLK DAY <i>ASD No School</i>	21	22	23 Town League Race #3	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Town League Race #4	31	





FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Night Ski
2	3 Military Monday	4	5	6 Night Ski Town League Race #5	7 Night Ski	8 Night Ski
9 SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	10 	11	12	13 Night Ski Town League Race #6	14 Night Ski VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Night Ski
16 Holiday Night Ski	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY ASD No School	18	19	20 Night Ski Town League Race #7	21 Night Ski	22 Night Ski
23	24 	25	26	27 Night Ski Town League Final Party & Fun Race	28 Night Ski ASD No School	
					Fur Rondy Starts	





MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Night Ski
2	3 Military Monday	4	5	6 Night Ski	7 Night Ski ASD No School	8 Night Ski
9	10 Night Ski 	11 Night Ski	12 Night Ski	13 Night Ski	14 Night Ski	15 Night Ski
ASD Spring Break March 10—14						
16	17 ASD Back to School	18	19	20 Night Ski	21 Night Ski	22 Night Ski
23	24	25	26	27 Night Ski	28 Night Ski	29 Night Ski
30	31 <i>Seward's Day</i> 					





APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		6	7 Military Monday	8	9	10	11
13	14 	15	16	17	18 ASD No School	19	
20 EASTER	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Easter Buffet							
Easter Egg Hunt							
27	28 	29	30				



MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12 	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22 <i>ASD Out of School</i>	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27 	28	29	30	31





JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH	20	21
22	23 	24	25	26	27	28
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JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
		Girdwood Forest Fair—Parade 10am Saturday				
6	7 	8	9	10	11	12
Girdwood Forest Fair						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25	26 Ted Steven's Day
27	28	29	30	31		






AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>ASD Back to School</i>	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY <i>ASD No School</i> 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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October 2022

Call Types	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
Traffic / DUI / Driving Violations	6	53		
Security Checks	54	113		
Suspicious Activity	2	8		
Property Crimes	3	2		
Assault / Disturbance	6	9		
Welfare Checks	3	4		
Other (includes wildlife issues)	7	19		
Fire / EMS	2	n/a		
<u>Total Calls:</u>	83	208		

November 2022

Call Types	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
Traffic / DUI / Driving Violations	2	46		
Security Checks	40	162		
Suspicious Activity	3	5		
Property Crimes	1	1		
Assault / Disturbance	10	5		
Welfare Checks	4	8		
Other (includes wildlife issues)	3	6		
Fire / EMS	4	n/a		
Total Calls:	67	233		

December 2022

<u>Call Types</u>	<u>Whittier</u>	<u>Girdwood</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Traffic / DUI / Driving Violations	7	59	1	
Security Checks	15	190		
Suspicious Activity	2	10		
Property Crimes	3	0		
Assault / Disturbance	5	3		
Welfare Checks	1	3		
Other (includes wildlife issues)	11	23	1	
Fire / EMS	4	n/a		
Total Calls:	48	288	2	338

January 2023

<u>Call Types</u>	<u>Whittier</u>	<u>Girdwood</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Traffic / DUI / Driving Violations 7	5	56		
Security Checks	28	169		
Suspicious Activity	2	5		
Property Crimes	0	3		
Assault / Disturbance	2	5		
Welfare Checks	2	9		
Other (includes wildlife issues)	6	15	1	
Fire / EMS	2	n/a		
Total Calls:	47	262	1	310

	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Traffic / DUI / Parking	34	43	92	126	71	65	43
Area and Business Security Check	10	50	112	68	53	71	59
Suspicious Activity		4	3	2	6	8	4
Property Crimes (Theft / Vandalism)	5	3	7	3	3	8	3
Assault / Disorderly Conduct	8	7	12	6	9	11	6
Drug Problem (Sale / Possession)			1			1	
Civil Problem / Citizen Assist	3	1		3	5	6	5
Welfare Check / Alarm Drop	5	7	9	4	7	5	8
Animal Control / Wildlife			2	1	5	4	1
Agency Assist	3	3	2		2	2	
Other	3	4	2	2	2	6	1
Annual Sub Total	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
	71	122	242	215	163	187	130