



Alaska State Legislature

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December 2023 Community Council Update

Snowplowing in Anchorage— In response to the heavy snowfall in Anchorage in November, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and the State Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOTP&F) came to an “informal” agreement for the MOA to plow some state-owned roads. The Anchorage Daily News published an article on November 15 that described this “informal” agreement. The Mayor’s office recently advised that the State will pay \$30,461.71 for the plowing the MOA did for the State.

CAPIS Reminder— Every year, the legislature uses the Legislative Finance Capital Project Submission and Information System (CAPIS) to allow communities and potential grant recipients to submit project requests to their legislators.

The Legislature recently announced that CAPIS is open online to enter capital projects and key information about them. We encourage community members to work with their community councils to identify projects or get in touch with our office about specific capital projects.

The deadline to enter capital projects will be announced soon.

Harvest Your Own Christmas Tree on State Land— Many Alaskans participate in the fun tradition of cutting their own Christmas tree every December, and the Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection supports this annual holiday tradition. Alaska residents who enjoy getting out in the woods and harvesting their own tree can use the [Christmas Tree Cutting on State Land](#) site to find maps and information for Southcentral Alaska.

Each household is limited to one tree, which can be no more than 15 feet high. There are no fees, and a permit is not required. Maps and information on Christmas tree harvesting in Southcentral Alaska—as well as information about how to care for your fresh-cut tree—are available at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/christmastree.htm>

For a directory of area forestry offices, including addresses and phone numbers, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov>. Answers to additional questions are available at the Department of Natural Resource’s Public Information Centers in Anchorage (907-269-8400).

Pre-Session Constituent Meeting— Please join the offices of Senator Claman, Representative McKay, and Representative Armstrong to discuss the upcoming legislative session.

When: Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Where: Anchorage Legislative Information Office (1500 W Benson Blvd)