



## Crime and Safety – Are You Concerned?

Have you been concerned about rising crime in our neighborhoods? Several members of the Scenic Foothills Community Council area have suggested that this is their number one issue.

In response, Scenic Foothills Community Council will resume monthly meetings September 1 with the first of two sessions to be devoted to Public Safety.

Other parts of Anchorage have started a Community Patrol that acts as a deterrent to crime and assists individuals when crime does occur. Please read a recent (8/21) *Alaska Dispatch News* article describing one such patrol: <http://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2016/08/21/the-anchorage-residents-who-work-overtime-to-prevent-crime-in-their-neighborhoods/>

We have set a very light agenda for our September 1 meeting, highlighted with a discussion of community patrols and the desire for you to describe what you would like a patrol to do for you.

It is very important for you to attend.

By keeping this meeting short, we will follow with some time to visit your neighbors at the meeting with cookies and punch furnished by our President, Roger Shaw.

We hope to see you there.

Thursday, September 1, Scenic Foothills Community Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University, 7801 East 32nd Avenue (enter via Old Muldoon Road off 36th Avenue).  
Agenda: <http://www.scenicfoothillsc.org/pdf/agenda.pdf> additional copies at the door.

## Agenda Highlights

**Community Patrol:** Past President Mark Hill has asked that our Council look at the possibility of establishing some form of Community Patrol to address the frequency of vandalism and car break-ins as well as home invasion. We will invite members of the community to describe what a patrol can do for our neighborhoods and how such a patrol might be formed. (This topic will be continued during our November SFCC meeting when the Fire and Police Departments have been asked to make presentations.)

“Welcome Back From Summer” social:

Sparkling cider, biscotti and cookies will be provided by SFCC President Roger Shaw after our short meeting. Here is a time to meet your neighbors and talk about the wonderful summer adventures we all had.

**Nextdoor.com** is a free and private social network just for Scenic Foothills neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, information on missing pets, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. In January 2015, Scenic Foothills Community Council board members rather cautiously began an evaluation of **Nextdoor.com** as a way of interacting with more of our neighbors – the folks next door.

Several smaller neighborhoods were combined into one large Scenic Foothills neighborhood. We’ve since grown to more than 600 Nextdoor neighbors, more than the number on the SFCC e-mail list and with less than 25% overlap.

More than 1/3 of our Nextdoor neighbors participated in the Capital Improvements Project survey last spring and many more have been active on park safety, bike trails, bear awareness and other neighborhood issues.



**Nextdoor.com** is an effective way to interact with more people who are actively involved in our neighborhood issues. If you are not already participating, we suggest you consider becoming a Nextdoor neighbor as a way of keeping up on neighborhood concerns, whether or not you choose to attend the SFCC meetings. Please join us on Nextdoor Scenic Foothills to build ourselves a better neighborhood. We also suggest you consider turning off some of the e-mail and notifications options, especially if you are using a smartphone.

**E-mail newsletters:** send your e-mail address to [sfcc@alaska.net](mailto:sfcc@alaska.net) to get the freshest news! Or use the contact form on the website: <http://scenicfoothills.org/council/contact-form/>

All committees are open for membership and support. Committee chair **contact information** posted on website.

**Our Scenic Foothills website info is moving to an easier to read, mobile-friendly website – the legacy website remains to preserve historic information, including newsletters, minutes, etc. An updated Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) page can be found under the “Council” menu.**

**[scenicfoothills.org](http://scenicfoothills.org) (new site) • [scenicfoothillsc.org](http://scenicfoothillsc.org) • [facebook.com/scenicfoothills](https://facebook.com/scenicfoothills)**

Our part of town—from the Tudor-Muldoon curve to the swerve onto the Glenn Highway—is named after Anchorage pioneer homesteader **Arnold L. Muldoon**. He put up a log cabin among the spruce trees near Northern Lights Boulevard in the winter of 1940. He packed the materials out on his back, along a muddy trail that became Muldoon Road. Arnold L. Muldoon Park, named in his honor, preserves a portion of his original homestead.

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