



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 20th:

Board Meeting @ AWC Office

5:30 pm

February 6th:

Annual Meeting @ bp Energy

Center 5:30 pm



Potter Marsh

Are you curious about Potter Marsh? Many people are and there are some very interesting facts about the marsh as we have found in our investigations. Potter Marsh has become a significant destination for migrating waterfowl and the people who like to watch them. Find out how the marsh was created, where it fits in our community, and some things that are affecting its ecology.

The **AWC Annual Meeting** will be held on February 6th, 5:30pm, at the bp Energy Center located immediately south of bp's main office building at the corner of Benson and the New Seward Hwy. The meeting will start with a short year in review and then our program, "Potter Marsh, Past and Future" will begin at 6:30pm. We have some excellent speakers including Rick Sinnott of Fish & Game. The speakers will be presenting historical perspectives on creation of the Marsh, resident wildlife, recreational uses, current sediment inputs, and speculation about the future of the Marsh.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about Potter Marsh and see all of the great things that the AWC has been doing for our community in the past year.

Thank-You Anchorage!

The Anchorage Waterways Council is a citizen based non-profit organization which has succeeded only because of concerned citizens participating in enhancing our waterway community. We have many incredible volunteers donating their time and efforts to make Anchorage creeks a clean and healthy element of the Anchorage environment and economy. Anchorage has the highest concentration of creeks of any comparably sized community in the United States; the time given to us by volunteers has a massive impact on the AWC's success in maintaining the health of these central water bodies.

We would also like to acknowledge all those who have contributed monetary donations as these are the muscles propelling



AWC development and execution of projects. Our recent sampling project on Little Rabbit and Little Survival Creeks has been supported by the Rabbit Creek community with over \$2,200 in donations thus far! We have also received many vital non-project

donations and memberships creating the necessary means by which AWC can create healthier waterways. AWC memberships and membership renewals are the main tool in maintaining an educated community and support for our projects. The AWC would like to say thank-you to all those who have been making it possible for us to complete restoration projects, inform the community on various waterway concerns, and improve the waterways and wetlands of Anchorage.

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Poodles, Parrots and Puppies in Pink tutus, Oh my!

If one were to toddle through the halls of Northway Mall Saturday Jan. 6th, they'd be joined by a parade of furry felines, cuddly canines and silly costumes. Yup, you guessed it. It is the annual Bring-Your-Pet to the Mall day! Anchorage Waterways, as usual, provided our infamous Scoop the Poop display equipped with poop stickers, the 'Wheel of Poop' and a vast supply of tootsie rolls. A favorite quote from anonymous spectators would be "Wait, so this station is all about . . . poop?" Yes sir! Spin the wheel of poop and win a tootsie roll. While one cannot complete a sentence about poop without at least a slight smirk, Anchorage Waterways is keeping its poker face. Fecal Coliform and other equally disturbing diseases resulting from dog feces are anything but funny. Crack as many poop jokes as you like, and believe me, AWC has many, but when it comes to your puppy's waste, AWC is here to say, seriously, Scoop the Poop!

The Doggy Dooly



The word is out. Dog poop is harming our environment and no; it is not "good fertilizer". We are all becoming familiar with the problems that 65,000 dogs in Anchorage have created. An example is the eight water bodies in Anchorage polluted with fecal Coliform bacteria, a very serious health concern for Anchorage citizens. So once more, Anchorage Waterways Council is here to say Scoop the Poop! But if you are looking for other ways to help do away with the dog doo, we introduce, the Doggy Dooly. Some may have heard of the system that has been spreading through cities dealing with the harmful effects of dog poop pollution. These set-ups are almost like a doggy septic system. Upon being buried in the yard, the Doggy Dooly provides a place to dump dog poop, which will then slowly filter through the soil. Doggy Doolys can be found on the internet for a cost of close to \$50.00! That is a lot of money spent on dog doo! For those of us looking for a more affordable solution, the following is a simple building plan for constructing your own (equally efficient) Doggy Dooly:

Materials:

- Trash Can
- Septic Starter Powder

Instructions:

1. Drill holes in the sides of garbage can.
2. Cut out the bottom of the garbage can.
3. Dig a hole.
4. Put rocks in the bottom for filtering.

5. Place garbage can in hole.
6. Add the package of septic starter.
7. Put lid on garbage can.
8. Paint a cute little dog doo label on top!

This is an environmentally healthy way to get rid of dog waste. This method also keeps the area around the home clear of poop and safer for kids to play in the yard without contacting any of the harmful bacteria growing rampant in dog poop.



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