

Hello Neighbor,

March 7, 1999

The Butte Community Council (BCC) Board of Directors has put together the enclosed survey to ensure it is accurately and fairly representing the needs, desires, and opinions of residents living in the Butte, Maud and Smith Road Areas. We **are** interested in hearing from you about issues that concern you, particularly as it relates to local government, schools, taxes and the neighborhoods you live in. The responses we receive back from this survey will be used to guide our decision making and set our priorities for future actions. You can be sure we will also be forwarding the results of the survey on to your local representatives, just to let them know how you feel.

You may not have known it before, but if you are reading this letter, then chances are good you are already a member of the Butte Community Council. In fact, anyone over 18 years of age living within the Council boundaries is automatically considered a member and eligible to vote at our monthly meetings. When someone says "the Butte", many people think of the area immediately surrounding the intersection of Plumley Road and Old Glenn Highway. However, for our purposes, the boundaries of the Butte Council area encompasses a much larger area - basically, it's everything south of Smith Road to Knik River (see the map on the reverse side).

The Butte Community Council holds regularly scheduled meetings at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of every month at the local Community Center, located on Butte Road near the Elementary School. A seven-member board serves to represent the interests of the Council. Council members elect members of the Board to two-year terms in attendance at the annual meeting in November. The activities of the Board are entirely funded through an annual dinner and auction held at the Butte Elementary School.

Major council initiatives/accomplishments for this year include;

- Incorporation of Butte Council as a Non-Profit Entity.
- Finalize purchase of our Community Center & surrounding 30 acres.
- Manage the Community Center with a policy to allow all community groups.
- Develop an educational trails system in cooperation with Butte School.
- Organization of an Annual Cleanup Day, with assistance from Army Guard
- Secure and identify a use for a \$ 9,000 trail grant.
- Complete a community survey for broader participation.
- Representation of council interests to the Borough with testimony and resolutions.
- Nominations for Capital Improvement Projects

Factual highlights of our community

1. Population of the Butte

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Pop.	2039	2111	2192	2346	2307	2387	2450	2538

2. Your Property taxes - How are they spent?

	Education	Areawide	Non-Areawide	Road	Fire	Total
Mil rate	11.03	0.70	0.36	1.75	2.40	16.24
Percent	67.92	4.31	2.22	10.78	14.78	100.00

Note: Area wide includes planning & zoning, ambulance service, assessment & collection of taxes, parks and recreation. Non Area-wide includes; solid waste, libraries, animal control, motor vehicles

3. Traffic Counts 1997 - Old Glenn Hwy intersections - cars per day.

Clark/Wolverine	Maud	Bodenburg Loop (N)	Bodenburg Loop (S)	McKechnie Loop	Knik River
6300	4406	3200	2400	2433	2069

4. Potentials for Increased Pressures / Impacts - (what might change in our Area?)

- Large Residential Subdivision/Golf Course Development
- Increased population resulting from gas line extensions & road improvements
- Projected Borough Land Sales in our area
- Tourist Development at the Knik Glacier
- Development of Native Owned Lands along the Knik River Valley
- Core Area Zoning
- Noise Ordinance

5. Butte Council Boundaries and Neighborhood Areas

