

CITY NEWSLETTER

City of Gustavus

April 9, 2025

Dear Community Members,

Spring has sprung! I don't know about you but I have been trying to soak up these beautiful sunny days. I just recently started some of my garden starters as I'm sure many of you have as well.

As the weather gets warmer we will see an increase in pedestrian and biker traffic on our roads please share the road and help keep everyone safe. Here are some great reminders from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

"Motorcyclists, Bicyclists and Pedestrians Share the Road"

Just like drivers behind the wheel, **bicyclists** and **motorcyclists** must obey signs and signals. Ride defensively, assuming others cannot see you, and don't let yourself be distracted by music, an electronic device, or anything else that takes your focus off the road. Bicyclists should always ride with traffic

Pedestrians should also follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals — which are there to protect you. If there isn't a sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from vehicles as possible.

Drivers Share the Road

For drivers, sharing the road begins with the understanding that **bicyclists** and **motorcyclists** have the same rights as you. They also face unique safety challenges, such as being smaller and less visible. Look for cyclists where vehicles do not appear, like before making a left-hand turn at an intersection. Also, be aware that motorcyclists may have to downshift and weave to avoid bumps and road hazards." (NHTSA)

MEETINGS

City Council Work Session - 04/07/2025 at 6pm at City Hall all are welcome to join in person or via zoom. [MEET-Packet-8f812e7713c348bb8ff87b3cbeb35222.pdf](#)

Policy (Endowment fund) Advisory Committee Work Session - 04/09/2025 at 4pm at City Hall all are welcome to join in person or via zoom. [04-09-2025_pacwsmeetingnotice.pdf](#)

City Council General Meeting— 04/14/2025 at 7pm at City Hall all are welcome to join in person or via zoom. Agenda and Packet will be posted 5 days prior.

City Council Special Budget Townhall - 04/16/2025 at 6pm at City Hall all are welcome to join in person or via zoom. Agenda and Packet will be posted 5 days prior. This meeting is to hear from you're the public about the City's budget for fiscal year 2026 (fiscal year starts July 1st, 2025— June 30th, 2026)

BUSINESS OWNERS

The Southeast Alaska Conference is looking for Gustavus business leaders to participate in a 6 minutes survey. They want you to tell them about your thoughts on the Gustavus economy, the outlook for your sector, and what Gustavus needs to do to grow into a more vibrant community. Your input is invaluable.

[SOUTHEAST ALASKA BUSINESS CLIMATE SURVEY 2025](#)

OTHER UPDATES

The Juneau Community Foundation is seeking applications for the Friends of Gustavus Fund grant. For more information [REQUEST FOR FUNDING](#) or [Friends of Gustavus Fund - Juneau Community Foundation](#)

There is still time to purchase and receive a heat pump incentive. For more information [Heat Pump incentive program](#).

Want to serve on City Council? Seat C is open please fill out and return appointment application by Wednesday April 9th at 10:30am. [Want to serve on City Council? Now is the time! | City of Gustavus Alaska](#)

Stay safe and have a great week. ~ Liesl Barker, City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sally McLaughlin—Mayor
Shelley Owens—Vice Mayor
Susan Warner
Lucas Beck
Mike Taylor
James Kearns

CITY HALL STAFF

City Administrator— Kathy Leary
City Treasurer—Ben Sadler
City Clerk—Liesl Barker

DEPARTMENT HOURS

City Hall— Monday through Thursday
9am-3pm 907.697.2451

Library— Tuesday 9a-4p
Wednesday 12p-7p
Thursday—Saturday 12p-4p
907.697.2350

DRC— Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
11a-3p 907.697.2118

Community Chest— Wednesday 11a-1p and
Saturday 11a-2p

GVFD—24/7 and only a phone call away
(911)