

# Thorne Bay City Newsletter

## City of Thorne Bay, Alaska

### THORNE BAY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR MARCH 2019 WILL BE HELD ON

- Tuesday, **March 5th** at 6:30 p.m., and
- Tuesday, **March 19th** at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the City Hall Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a workshop of the City Council beginning at 6:00 p.m.

*The Public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the city council*



**Thorne Bay Grapple, largest in the World!**

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## Thorne Bay Boys Basketball Team Makes Regionals

### *Congratulations Wolverines*

Our very own Thorne Bay Basketball Team has made their way to Regionals with a 15-1 Conference Play. The Regional Tournament started in Juneau February 27th.

The Thorne Bay City Council commends the team and their

coach for their dedication and hard work this year.

This years High School Basketball Team players are: Eli Brookins, Jacob & Kyle Congdon, Payton Cottrell, Jonathan Duffield, Brandon Ehorn, Ethan Harvey, Joshua

Hayes, Danny Jennings, James Lacour, Ben Moots, Jakob Nelson, Devin Reid, Donny Savage, Stockton Schwab, Tyler Stutzman, Joseph Vondoloski.

**Congratulations Coach Mark**

### LANDSLIDE CLEANUP UNDERWAY

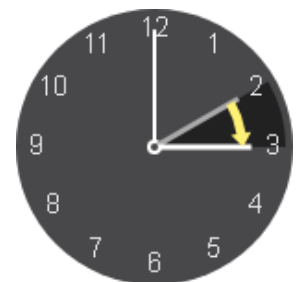
#### OVK BEGINS WORK ON CLEANING UP THE LANDSLIDE!

- ⇒ Cleanup of the Landslide that occurred on January 1, 2019, is underway. Crews are working as fast as they can to get the road open for travel. Thank you to all of those that have showed support during this time and have stepped

### State of Alaska Proposed FY20 Budget

#### HOW WILL YOU BE EFFECTED?

- ⇒ Find out how the current proposed FY20 state budget effects your community by visiting our website at [www.thornebay-ak.gov](http://www.thornebay-ak.gov).
- ⇒ If you want to know how to participate in Public Testimony Opportunities on upcoming Legislative Bills, visit: <http://akleg.gov/pages/testify.php>



**Daylight Savings  
March 10th**

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## Mar 10, 2019 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10, 2019. This change will take effect at **2:00:00 am** when they will be turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, March 10, 2019, **3:00:00 am** local daylight time instead.

## Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.

Every day, **seven people die in home fires** and the Red Cross wants to do everything we can to prevent these needless tragedies - that's why they launched their [Home Fire Campaign](#). Volunteer participants work alongside fire departments and other local groups, canvassing at-risk neighborhoods to install free smoke alarms, replace batteries in existing alarms, educate families about fire prevention and safety, and fundraise to help sponsor this life-saving mission.

1. In just four years, our home visits have accomplished so much, including the installation of more than 1 million smoke alarms and preparing more than 1 million people against home fires.
2. A fun day of preparing families against home fires and making your community safer. Together, we will canvass neighborhoods, knock on doors, check smoke alarms in homes and replace if necessary, education families about home fire safety, build evacuation plans with them and document our services.

To sign up for this lifesaving program visit:

<https://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.html>

## FY20 Governor Proposed Budget



While we all may agree that the State must begin to make some hard choices in order to bring the expenses in line with revenues, the current FY20 Governor proposed Budget has some serious negative impacts on Alaska, and even more so the rural communities of Alaska.

### The impacts to municipalities are diverse, and range from:

- ⇒ Increased and added taxation
- ⇒ Costs absorbed by current savings in near term
- ⇒ Decreased or eliminated public services
- ⇒ Loss of education services

Based on the proposed FY20 budget, highlighted below are some of the impacts that the Governors FY20 Budget decisions will have on Thorne Bay residents.

- ⇒ Elimination of Community Assistance funding which has been \$85,249.90 and makes up 6.41% of our budget
- ⇒ Residents depend on \$35,431.68 in PCE funding to offset high energy costs
- ⇒ Elimination of Shared Fisheries Business Tax which has been between three to five thousand dollars annually.

The public is encouraged participate in the public testimony opportunities provided. You can view a list of **bills with public testimony** at <http://akleg.gov/pages/testify.php>

Contact your Legislative Information Office ([local LIO](#)) for more information, or call 907-465-4648.

**VETERAN'S TRAVEL GRANT  
APPROVED!!**

Beginning March 1, 2019, the IFA has been authorized to issue both passenger AND vehicle tickets to qualifying Veterans traveling in conjunction with healthcare needs!

For Additional Grant Information, contact Dennis Watson 907-617-2800 or

[dwatson@interislandferry.com](mailto:dwatson@interislandferry.com). For Reservation Information:, contact Reservations at 866-308-4848

# Support Your Library in Thorne Bay Alaska

## THORNE BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Way's YOU can Help the Thorne Bay Library:

#### VOLUNTEER!

- ⇒ If you are interested in volunteering at the Library we are interested in having you! The Library can always use help and your time is valuable to them! Pick up Volunteer Applications at City Hall.
- ⇒ Help with the Children's Garden. Are you a gardener with no place to garden? Then the Children's Garden is for you. Sign up at the Library

## Thorne Bay Library gets a Children's Garden



In 2018 the City of Thorne Bay Library was the successful recipient of a Gardening Grant. The purpose of the grant was to build a garden next to the Library that would give children in the community a chance to see how vegetables are grown. Volunteers adopted the planting beds, and each volunteer was responsible for planting, weeding and watering their own bed. During the Summer Reading Program the children would go out to the garden and pick vegetables or see how certain plants were growing. The highlight of the summer garden was making Kale Smoothies for the snack!

The garden was built by donated labor—the students in the Thorne Bay school helped put up the fence posts, and community members built the beds and filled them with soil.



**Thorne Bay Children's Garden with a new garden shed and the "deer proof fence". This photo also shows the**

<https://thornebaylibrary.wixsite.com/>

### Way's YOU can Help the Thorne Bay Library:

1. Did you know that the Thorne Bay Library participates in the [AMAZON | SMILE](#) program? Every purchase you make on Amazon qualifies for a donation to the Friends of the Thorne Bay Library. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Friends of the Thorne Bay Library from the drop down menu!
2. Your purchases at the Thorne Bay Market can also go toward a donation to Friends. Just put your receipt in the bin near the magazine rack and we do the rest!
3. VOLUNTEER! We can always use help at the Library and your time is valuable to us!
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