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Alaska Community Forest Council seeks new members

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Community Forest Council is seeking to fill five council seats this year in the following categories: Landscape Architect; Construction/Right of Way; Community Forestry or Beautification; Cooperative Extension Service; and Member at Large.

The council is a nonprofit organization and advisory body to the Division of Forestry that works to improve Alaskans' quality of life by expanding and caring for urban and community forests. The council promotes the management of trees and forests within communities to maximize the many economic, environmental and social benefits that trees provide.

Applications and information about the council and the Division of Forestry's Community Forestry Program are available on the web at: http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council or by contacting the Community Forestry Program office at 269-8466 or stephen.nickel@alaska.gov. Completed applications are due no later than **Wednesday**, **May 2**, **2018**. New appointees will be notified in late May and the terms begin on July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2021.

Council members are asked to attend all-day meetings four times each year. Members serve on working committees, handle the normal business responsibilities of a nonprofit, and support the care of trees and forests in the towns where they live. Members attend orientation before the first meeting and are provided educational opportunities and hands-on training. Council members are reimbursed for travel expenses if applicable.

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