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THE ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD BOARD ARBOR DAY EVENT



On March 16, a standing-room-only audience of Anchorage residents and guests from Prospect's forestry board attended the annual Arbor Day program at City Hall. Peter Stutts, Urban Forestry Coordinator of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, presented Anchorage with Tree City USA and Growth Awards. Dr. Paul Cappiello, Executive Director of Yew Dell Gardens, gave an entertaining and informative talk entitled "Yew Dell: From Humble Beginnings to Global Impact" and answered questions about local plant and gardening issues. On that evening and the following Sunday, 300 trees were distributed to residents free of charge during the annual Spring Tree Give-Away event.

ANCHORAGE AGAIN NAMED TREE CITY USA® COMMUNITY & WINNER OF GROWTH AWARD

For the 27th consecutive year, the Arbor Day Foundation has designated Anchorage a Tree City USA® Community in recognition of the City's commitment to urban forestry. Anchorage is the second-longest-running winner of this award in Kentucky.

In addition, for the sixth time Anchorage has won the Foundation's Tree City USA® Growth Award, which honors the City's forestry-related programs and projects. Anchorage has won more Growth Awards than any other city in Kentucky.



CARING FOR YOUNG TREES

Give your newly planted trees plenty of water. The root systems of fledgling trees are still undeveloped, so their watering

needs are much greater than those of established plantings. Add 2 to 4 inches of mulch around the trees to help retain moisture and reduce weeds.

- Tree Gators are available for \$20 at City Hall to help keep trees adequately watered.
- Tree Guards are \$3.00 each at City Hall. They help protect young trees from wildlife.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Now that spring is here, more people are enjoying outdoor activities. Keep in mind the following safety tips:

- Wear bright colored clothes or reflective materials.
- Carry a flashlight or wear a lamp.
- Use sidewalks when possible, if traveling on the roadway, always face traffic.
- Don't assume that traffic will stop for you.
- Watch for turning or distracted drivers.
- Look left, right and left again and continue checking until safely across the street.
- Do not use cell phones when crossing a street.
- Set a good example and teach kids these rules.
- Keep pets safe too. Use a leash and consider using a collar with reflective material.

Motorist should obey speed limits and use extra caution near crosswalks. Also be on the lookout for bicyclists and motorcyclists.

EASY CARE FOR STORM DRAINS

Over the winter, storm drains may become blocked by limbs and other debris. Homeowners are responsible for keeping their culverts and drains clear to avoid the ponding of water and possible flooding.



It is not necessary to remove grates from storm drains. Simply use a rake to remove debris and place it in an appropriate yard waste container for pickup. Please note,

limbs and sticks should be in bundles no longer than three feet in length. Any time you are clearing your driveway, sidewalks or gutters, take a moment to clear the storm drains.

Remember that storm drains are not to be used for dumping trash or chemicals. Many drains flow directly into local streams.



Arbor Day Artwork

Thank you to all of the artists for participating in the Arbor Day event by displaying your original pieces of art. This artwork made the 2016 calendar and Arbor Day fabulous!



2016 ANCHORAGE TAX NOTICES WILL BE MAILED SOON



Anchorage City, Anchorage Ambulance, and Personal Property tax bills for businesses operating in the City, will be mailed to property owners and businesses at the end

of April. Additional information concerning due date and early payment discount is noted on the tax bills and will be published in the next edition of *The Anchor Age*.

The 2016 Forestry Board Meeting

The Forestry Board holds meetings at 8:45 a.m. at City Hall on the first Monday of each month. Below is the 2016 meeting schedule. Anchorage residents are always welcome to attend the meetings.

April 4, May 9*, June 6, July 11*, August 8*, August 29*, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

* These dates represent changes from the usual meeting schedule.



PLAN NOW FOR SPRING PROJECTS



Spring is here, and with spring comes thoughts of improving our properties. When considering an addition or modification to the exterior of your home, a permit may be required before you can proceed with your plans. As a reminder, the following improvements require review by the City's Zoning Officer:

- Construction or demolition of any structure;
- Any addition or alteration to a structure (includes outbuildings and decks);
- Projects such as driveways, patios, sidewalks, pools, fences, retaining walls, and entries.

If you are in the Historic District or in a community with a homeowners association, additional approvals must also be secured.

Other activities that require a permit:

- Tree removal (trees with 3" or greater diameter)
- A trench in the ground that exceeds 12' in length such as drainage or septic system work, repair or installation of an irrigation system, burying invisible fences, gas, phone, or cable lines, or the installation of a driveway or patio.

For more information, please visit the City website at www.cityofanchorage.org. Please click the permits button on the left to get forms and instructions.

TORNADO SEASON

Tornadoes strike suddenly and violently. Advance planning can reduce the dangers of serious injury or loss of life. The Anchorage Emergency Preparedness Committee reminds residents to identify your safe place, and to have emergency and disaster supplies on hand, especially if utilities (including cell phones) are not functioning. In case family members are separated from one another due to school or work, families should develop a plan for reuniting after the disaster. Thankfully today's technology, including weather radios and weather apps, can provide advanced warning day or night. There are also emergency warning sirens located in and around Anchorage. When you hear the siren, head to your safe place immediately.



TORNADO FACTS

According to the Kentucky Climate Center, "the most tornadoes recorded in one year for Kentucky was 39" and "the most tornadoes recorded in one month for Kentucky were 29 in April of 1974 and 29 in May of 1995". April is Kentucky's peak month for tornadoes. Tornadoes have been recorded in Kentucky in every month and at any time of day or night.

REACH Alert

REACH Alert is the notification system used to send residents emergency and time-critical information that affects the City of Anchorage.



You are able to:

- Receive City messages via text, email, or phone (cell or landline).
- Add up to five addresses or phone numbers.
- Update contact information at anytime.

Register for REACH Alert: www.reachalert.com or find the link on the City website.

