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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor of Anchorage



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## ARBOR DAY IN ANCHORAGE

Mayor Hewitt signed a proclamation declaring March 21, 2018 to be Arbor Day in the City of Anchorage. Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard led the Arbor Day event featuring landscape designer Barbie Tafel's presentation to a standing-room-only crowd. Tafel shared great insight into creating outdoor rooms with entrances, driveways, gardens, and entertaining areas because "dividing the exterior is just as important as dividing the interior." She also stressed the importance of simplifying outdoor designs and creating low-maintenance surroundings that have 365-day appeal. Good designs use combinations of layers, textures, sizes, and color.



## ANCHORAGE MIDDLETOWN FIRE & EMS

On March 1, 2018, Anchorage Fire and EMS officially merged with the Middletown Fire Protection District. In early March, two new 2017 Super Duty Ford F550 ambulances arrived. Response times in Anchorage and Middletown are expected to decrease with the realignment of current staff, and the addition of new staff and ambulances.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AAA GOLD AWARD

AAA presented the Anchorage Police Department with the 2017 Community Traffic Gold Award at a ceremony held at Martini's Bistro. The Department received the award for initiatives directed to pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular safety in Anchorage.



## 2018 ANCHORAGE TAX NOTICES

Anchorage City Real Property, and Personal Property tax bills for businesses operating in the City, will be mailed to property owners and businesses by April 30th. The Ambulance tax will be included on the Jefferson County tax bill, which will be sent out near the end of this year. If you have any questions concerning your invoice, please contact Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie at City Hall, 245-4654, Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## City of Anchorage 2018 Tax Collection Schedule

	Start Date	End Date
1% Discount	5/1/18	05/31/18
Face Amount	6/1/18	06/30/18
1% Interest per month	7/1/18	until paid
25% Penalty	11/01/18	

## IMPORTANT INSERT IN THIS EDITION

The City of Anchorage is required to publish a notice to announce a public hearing. This information is made available to all property owners in the City.



## JOIN OCCC JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER

Owl Creek Country Club in Anchorage is now offering a unique membership opportunity! OCCC's Golden Ticket Membership Drive is cutting initiation fees on both social and full golf packages by 50 percent now through June 15, 2018.

Find a ticket from any OCCC member or call the Owl Creek office at 245-4157 for more information. Offer is good for new memberships only. Don't wait! Summer will be here soon.

Current members can save money too! Sponsor a candidate and your club dues will be waived for one month, or upgrade your current membership level and save 50 percent.

## Smart911

The Anchorage Emergency Preparedness Committee encourages residents to plan ahead. One way to be prepared is to use the free Smart911 service that allows individuals and businesses to create online safety profiles with information that would be valuable to 911 operators and first responders during an emergency. Smart911 safety profiles are confidential and secure and are only available to 911 operators in participating 911 centers across the country. This allows dispatchers to access profile information for traveling mobile phone users. Sign up for LENSAlert (Louisville Emergency Notification System) and complete their Smart911 profile by visiting [louisvilleky.gov](http://louisvilleky.gov) then clicking on Services and "Sign Up for Community-wide Alerting with LensAlert." Mobile phone users can text "LENSAlert" to 67283 – this will automatically opt you in to emergency alerts and a link will be sent in a text message to complete your safety profile.



## 2018 CIVIC CLUB EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these great events sponsored by the Anchorage Civic Club and made possible by everyone who joined the Civic Club.

- ◆ June 2 - **NEW!** Rosé and Croquet
- ◆ July 3 – Fireworks
- ◆ July 4 – Firecracker Run, Parade and Picnic
- ◆ September 8 – Anchorpalooza
- ◆ September 30 – Dog Show
- ◆ October 11 – Anchorfest
- ◆ November 22 – Turkey Trot
- ◆ December 1 – Light Up Anchorage/Tree decorating

Civic Club members who have not picked up their 2017 - 2018 directories may do so at City Hall.

## DONATED BEARS TO COMFORT KIDS

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, Gordon and Joann Wooley, who live just outside of Anchorage, donated 48 new stuffed animals.

Mr. Wooley called the Anchorage Police Department to see if they had a use for the teddy bears. Chief Hayes gladly picked them up and shared some of the bears with Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS. The officers will use them when working an incident involving a child to try to calm them.



## NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Just one year ago, the APTA Board shared the dream of an outdoor classroom for Anchorage School. Through hard working parent volunteers, many generous donations, and auction fundraising, the project was made possible. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the APTA Board and Anchorage School hosted an official ribbon cutting by members of the Student Council. The beautiful and sustainable, outdoor classroom includes three distinct seating areas, pathway lighting, landscaping, footprints of native Kentucky wildlife, and a white board housed within a cedar cabinet. Teachers and students visiting the space have easy access to a storage area that is stocked with commonly-used supplies, such as clipboards and containers for specimen collection. In the coming weeks a compass will be added to one of the seating areas and a weather station will be installed.

Anchorage School would like to thank the amazing community and volunteers for making this dream a reality. They invite all families to come enjoy the space over weekends and during the summer.



## ST. LUKE'S PRESCHOOL LETTER

Dear Anchorage Families

The staff of St. Luke's Preschool would like to thank the many families in the community that have supported our beloved preschool that will close permanently the end of May. We feel so fortunate that we have been such a vital part of this wonderful community for 20 years. The love and support that we have received by so many has helped to ease the sadness we have felt during these past months. We will miss the children greatly and the families that have embraced us as their own.

With all our love, we wish you all the very best.

Heather Hunt, Director, and the Preschool Staff

## PERMIT REQUIRED FOR INSTALLING PET FENCING



Warm weather is coming, and spring will be a great time to allow pets to play outside. Underground, electric pet fences are a popular way to contain pets while letting them enjoy the outdoors. Any underground fencing being installed in the City requires a proper permit. By Ordinance, a Trenching Permit is required for any cut in the ground exceeding 12 feet in length. The application for a Trenching Permit is available on the City's website, [www.cityofanchorage.org](http://www.cityofanchorage.org), under the Permits menu. A detailed drawing of the proposed work must be submitted, and the installer must schedule and attend a meeting on site with the City Forester and the homeowner to review the trenching plan. Forestry appointments are scheduled for Monday mornings by calling City Hall at (502) 245-4654. Failure to comply could result in a stop work order and fines. Fines are \$100 per violation plus \$10 per foot for each length of trench in excess of 12 feet up to a maximum of \$500.00.

## FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD



### ANCHORAGE NAMED TREE CITY USA & WINNER OF GROWTH AWARD

The Arbor Day Foundation designated Anchorage as a Tree City USA® Community for the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. For the eighth time, Anchorage was awarded the Foundation's Tree City USA® Growth Award in recognition of the City's forestry-related programs.



Thank you to the Forestry Board Members, volunteers, and the Public Works Department for all your work and effort to achieve these recognitions and for making the 2018 Arbor Day event and Tree Give-Away a huge success.

### ARBOR DAY AND TREE GIVE-AWAY

On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Anchorage residents who attended the Arbor Day event at City Hall were given tickets to pick up free trees at the Public Works building. A maximum of three trees were allowed for each property. Approximately 220 of the 300 available trees received new homes that evening. The Spring Tree Give-Away continued on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, when the remaining trees were claimed by residents.



If you have not yet done so, please consider protecting your new trees with tree guards. These are available at City Hall for \$4 each.

## REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING

Recycling service occurs weekly on Thursdays throughout Anchorage. Acceptable items include: plastics (numbers 1 through 7), aluminum beverage containers, tin food cans, glass bottles and jars, newspapers, slick advertisements, cardboard, phone books, and magazines. Cardboard boxes should be broken down small enough to fit in the recycling cart. If the cart is full, boxes can be broken down, bundled, and placed next to the recycling cart. They should be small enough so the driver can empty the cart in the truck, put the bundled boxes in the cart and then empty it into the truck. Items that are not accepted include: plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam, paint, motor oil, plastic cutlery, mirrors, window glass and light bulbs. To sign up for recycling service, email [recycling.signup@cityofanchorage.org](mailto:recycling.signup@cityofanchorage.org). For questions about trash, yard waste or recycling, contact Republic Services at (502) 638-9000.

