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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
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THE ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD ARBOR DAY EVENT



At press time, the Board expected a large turnout for the annual Arbor Day program at 6:00 p.m. on March 22nd, featuring Erin Thompson, Louisville Metro's Forester. In the Spring Tree Give-Away, 300 young trees were to be available for

Anchorage residents, free of charge, following the program and on March 26th.



On Monday, March 20th, Forestry Board members Lucy Spickard, Jan Ruzich, Donnie Walker, Jim Williams, and Paul Wessell were on hand to unload the Spring Give-Away trees. Tree varieties included Magnolia, Weeping Cherry, Lilac, Snowball, Black Gum, and Yellowwood.

ANCHORAGE IS A TREE CITY USA & GROWTH AWARD WINNER



For the 28th consecutive year, Anchorage, KY was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. For the seventh time, the community also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and higher level of tree care. Anchorage has won more Growth Awards than any other city in Kentucky. Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

From the National Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org):

More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a TREE CITY USA. They must meet four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2.00 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day. A community can achieve the GROWTH AWARD if it qualifies as a Tree City USA for at least the second consecutive year and completes a significant level of activities in the categories of education and public relations, partnerships, planning and management, and tree planting and maintenance.

CARING FOR YOUNG TREES

If you adopt and plant a new tree, please remember to water it sufficiently. To help retain moisture and reduce weeds, add 2-4 inches of mulch around – but not touching – the base of the tree. Free brochures on planting and caring for new trees are available at City Hall. The Forestry Board strongly recommends the use of tree guards to prevent damage by wildlife or lawn equipment. Also, available this year are doughnut-shaped hydrators, which will help to keep trees well-watered. Both may be purchased at the Spring Tree Give-Away or at City Hall year-round. Tree guards are \$4 each; hydrators are \$16 each. Pay with cash or check payable to City of Anchorage.

IMPORTANT INSERT ENCLOSED

The City of Anchorage is required to publish all ordinances passed by City Council. This information is made available to all homeowners in the City.

Madelynne Grace Myers Day

Madelynne Grace Myers, a resident of the City of Anchorage, was crowned Miss Kentucky USA in January. Madelynne will compete in the Miss USA pageant in June and hopes to compete in the Miss Universe competition next January. In honor of Ms. Myers' achievements and the recognition they have brought to the City of Anchorage, the Mayor and City Council have proclaimed March 13, 2017 as Madelynne Grace Myers Day in Anchorage. Madelynne's father, Larry Myers, was on hand at the March City Council meeting to accept the Proclamation from Mayor W. Thomas Hewitt.



LOWER TAX RATE PASSED

The Anchorage City Council conducted the second reading of the 2017 Tax Rate Ordinance during their March meeting. The Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance, which will reduce the current real property tax rate from \$.416 per \$100 of assessed value to \$.366 per \$100. The \$.05 tax reduction equates to a \$50 savings per \$100,000 of assessed value. 2017 tax bills mailed in late April will reflect the new rate.



ANCHORAGE GARDEN CLUB RECOGNITION FOR HOBBS CHAPEL GATES

In recognition of contributions by Bill Wetherton of Carman Industries and City Council member, pictured left, to refurbish the gates at Hobbs Chapel, the Anchorage Garden Club awarded him a Friend of the Anchorage Garden Club certificate and made a donation to Bernheim Forest. On behalf of the Anchorage Garden Club, Lucy Spickard also recognized the Anchorage Public Works Department (Director Erwin Booth, pictured right; Trevor Whitaker and John Bishop) for their assistance in transporting and installing the gates.



PILLARS OF PRESERVATION

Properties within the Anchorage Historic Preservation District must receive approval from the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC) before making an alteration to the property that is visible from the street. This includes, but is not limited to, changes to shutters, doors, windows, decks, gates, garages, skylights, fences, porches, outbuildings, new construction, new additions, and demolition. Please consult the Historic Preservation Guidebook or contact City Hall for more information. Applications for a certificate of appropriateness may be found on the City's website or picked up at City Hall. Applicants are encouraged to come to a Commission meeting and discuss their plans before they prepare their drawings. Call City Hall at 245-4654 to schedule an AHPC review. It is recommended to call early as appointments fill quickly during certain times of the year. The AHPC meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall. The commission members look forward to working with you!



PLAN NOW FOR SPRING PROJECTS



Spring is here and with it 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. The following home improvements require review by the City Zoning Officer: construction or demolition of any structure (includes outbuildings and decks); 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 Anchorage Historic Preservation District, or in a neighborhood with a homeowners association, you will need to secure additional approvals. Not sure if your project requires a permit? Contact City Hall at 245-4654.



KEEP IT CLEAN

**Be Part of the Solution,
Not Part of the Problem.**

Two of the greatest pollutants to Kentucky rivers, streams, and lakes are pet waste and chemicals like pesticides and herbicides. Keep our community and waters clean by picking up after your dog. The City provides waste receptacles and pick-up bags for people walking their pets in Wagner Park or in front of City Hall. No matter where you go, take plenty of bags with you. Waste left on the ground is carried to local waterways when it rains. The battle against bugs and weeds is ramping up. Make sure you properly dispose of pesticides and herbicides. Do not dump these or other chemicals into drains. Do your part to keep our creeks and streams clean.



TRAIN SAFETY

Trains cannot stop quickly. According to Kentucky Operation Lifesaver, an average freight train traveling 55 mph can take a mile or more to stop.

They also report that a person or vehicle is hit by a train about every three hours. Please use caution crossing railroad tracks and never attempt to go around the gates. Be advised that pedestrians are not allowed on railroad tracks. Do not walk on or have a photo shoot on the tracks. This is trespassing!



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.



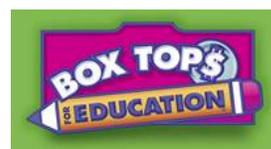
CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's time to renew your membership – or become a new member of the

Anchorage Civic Club! Residents recently received membership forms by mail. Return the mailer with a check for your dues or go to <http://tinyurl.com/jpjsw04> (this link can also be found on the City's website). The Anchorage Civic Club strengthens the community by sponsoring events to bring Anchorage residents together for fun and camaraderie: the 4th of July Races, Picnic, and Parade; AnchorPalooza in August; AnchorFest in October; the Turkey Trot Run in November; and the Winter Bowl in January. In addition, the Civic Club publishes the Anchorage phone directory every two years. 2015-2016 directories are available at City Hall with your paid membership. The new 2017-2018 directories will be available this fall. As a non-profit organization, the Anchorage Civic Club is primarily funded through membership dues. Your donation makes Anchorage vibrant! Thank you.

REPUBLIC SERVICES POLICY REVISED

Effective Immediately – due to health issues such as bed bugs and other biological issues related to possible contamination, ALL mattresses must be wrapped in plastic to be picked up as a bulk item. Plastic wrap for large items is available at local home improvement stores. Call Republic Services at (502) 638-9000 to schedule a bulk item pick up.



The APTA continues to collect 'Box Tops' as an easy way to earn extra money for our school!

Whenever you find this

label on many common products (such as Cheerios), just cut it off and start saving them. You may drop them at the school's front desk.

Each label is worth **10 cents** - and that will add up fast. Thank you for your support!

