

# the ANCHOR AGE



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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor of Anchorage



February 2015

## ANNUAL ANCHORAGE PTA AUCTION

*Remembering our history...  
Continuing the tradition*



**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.  
Owl Creek Country Club**

Help celebrate the APTA's 100<sup>th</sup> year! That's 100 years of service and making a difference in the lives of the Anchorage students and community.

The auction is Anchorage School's largest fundraiser of the year and helps support vital capital projects, enrichment programs, and technology advancement. This year's event will feature delicious food, live music, silent and live auctions, and a special presentation honoring all past presidents of the APTA.

### How can you help?

- **Attend the Auction!** Tickets can be purchased online at [www.bidpal.net/anchorage](http://www.bidpal.net/anchorage) or at the door. Make your reservation now! Preferred advance-ticket pricing available only before February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bid Online!** The silent auction begins February 1<sup>st</sup>. You need not be present to win items. Visit [www.bidpal.net/anchorage](http://www.bidpal.net/anchorage) to start bidding!
- **Make a Donation!** Even if you cannot attend the event, you can make a difference in the lives of the children at Anchorage School. Please consider supporting the APTA with a tax-deductible cash contribution.

The Anchorage PTA thanks you for your support and generosity. Questions? Contact Andrea Donan at [adonan@donan.com](mailto:adonan@donan.com) or 502-494-4793.

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 110 is having its annual mulch sales fundraiser to raise money for the troop's campouts and other scouting-related activities.

See the enclosed insert for details and an order form.



*Save the Date!*  
for  
The Artist Guild of Anchorage's  
5th Annual Showcase  
Thursday  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
6-9pm  
at  
Owl  
Creek  
Country  
Club

Bring a Friend!  
Cash Bar!



Stop by for  
an evening of  
fun & original  
artwork.

Featuring  
"A Kentucky Frame of Mind"  
A collection of artwork  
highlighting  
local interests.

## The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission Presents:

### RESTORING OLD WOOD WINDOWS

- ▶ A Hands-on Window Repair Workshop  
with Jack Patchin of Ol' House Experts

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
at the Anchorage Fire Station**

Don't replace, renovate! Learn why restoring old windows is superior to using replacement windows and the economic reasons for doing so.

**Only Limited Space Remains – \$15 per person  
Registration Deadline February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Visit the HPC page of the City's website or stop by City Hall for a registration form.

**FIRST CONSERVATION EASEMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER NEW ORDINANCE**



To promote voluntary conservation and open space preservation within Anchorage, the City established, by Ordinance, an Environmental Preservation Trust in June 2014.

The Trust, and donations to the Trust, enhance the City’s ability to preserve open space, and implement cultural, historic, environmental, and heritage goals through conservation easements. The easements held by the Trust protect property from further development and establish other

restrictions to promote the goals of the Trust. The “Conservation Purposes” established by the Ordinance include:

- the preservation of land areas for outdoor recreation or education of the general public,
- the protection of a natural habitat of fish, wildlife, plants, or similar ecosystems,
- the preservation of certain open space (including farmland and forest land), and
- the preservation of a historically important land area or certified historic structure.

Mark and Kelly Erwin were the first residents to approach the City and make application to donate conservation easements to protect their Anchorage properties for perpetuity. After review and approval by City Council, the Erwin’s conservation easements were accepted in late December and will protect the property on which their home sits and the adjacent lot and house they own.

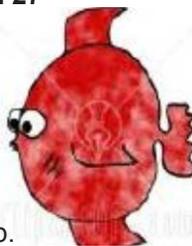
Mayor Hewitt and City Council applaud the efforts of the Erwins and thank them for protecting the scenic character and scale of their properties’ urban landscape. They hope other residents will consider participation in the Trust that benefits the City and also offers benefits to the donors.

For more information concerning the Environmental Preservation Trust, please visit the Ordinances tab on the City’s website [www.cityofanchorage.org](http://www.cityofanchorage.org) (Chapter 157, page 298).

**ST. LUKE’S ANNUAL FISH FRY**

**Every Friday from February 20 to March 27**  
1206 Maple Lane – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
**See menu insert.**

Take-home service is also available. Phone 245-8827. Call ahead between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and your order will be ready in 20 minutes. Just pull around to the side of the church for pick-up.



**MAYOR CUTS RIBBON AT GRAND OPENING**



Mayor Tommy Hewitt, with the assistance of his young helpers, carried out the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Edward-Jones office, Anchorage’s newest downtown business.

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

At the January 12, 2015, City Council Meeting, Mayor Tommy Hewitt made the following City appointments that were approved by Council:

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| Monica Westhusing | Tax Assessor                           |
| Ken Purnell       | Tax Supervisor                         |
| Keith Sant        | Tax Supervisor                         |
| Paul Wessel       | Tax Supervisor                         |
| Paul Bergman      | Zoning Compliance Officer              |
| Greg Smith        | City Engineer and Flood Safety Officer |
| Cooper Robertson  | Alcohol Beverage Control Officer       |
| Renee’ Major      | Cable Commission                       |

**Forestry Board**

- Diane McAllister, Chair
- Ursula Brooks
- Nan Dryden
- Lindy Gregory
- Lucy Spickard

**Historic Preservation Commission**

- New Two-year Terms:
- Becky Miller
  - Bill Wilkinson

**FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD**

The Forestry Board reminds residents to stop by City Hall and pick up a free 2015 Forestry Calendar.

**IMPORTANT INSERT ENCLOSED**

The City of Anchorage is required to publish a summary of its annual audit. This information is made available to all property owners in the City.

## 2015 HOME ASSESSMENTS

Anchorage 2015 home assessment notices have been mailed to all property owners.

Residents that chose to appeal their assessment may do so in person or in written form. To appeal in person, please call City Hall at 245-4654 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to bring all relevant documentation to this meeting. To submit a written appeal, include all documentation with the request and mail to: City of Anchorage, Attn: Board of Tax Supervisors, P. O. Box 23266, Anchorage, KY 40223.

**The deadline to make an appointment or submit your written appeal is Friday, February 13, 2015.**

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION?



### Homestead Exemption

Kentucky's Constitution allows residential property owners who are 65 or older to receive a Homestead Exemption. The exemption amount is subtracted from the property's assessed value before taxes are calculated. The exemption amount may be adjusted every two years to reflect a change in the cost of living index used by the United States Department of Labor.

For 2015, the exemption

amount is \$36,900. Those who currently receive the exemption need not reapply; the exemption is valid as long as the property is owned and occupied by the applicant.



### Disability Exemption

Property owners who have been declared 100% disabled for the previous twelve (12) months by any public or private retirement system may be eligible for a Disability Exemption. A driver's license or birth certificate, and documentation verifying the disability (Social Security Form TPQY, Notice of Award Letter, etc.) is required. Unlike the Homestead Exemption for

property owners age 65 or older, the Disability Exemption **may need to be resubmitted every year** to continue eligibility. Social Security can provide a TPQY Form with the entitlement date on it. The current \$36,900 exemption amount is subtracted from the property's assessed value before taxes are calculated.

It's easy to apply for either the Homestead or the Disability Exemption. Applications are available on the City's website under the **Taxes and Public Information** tab, or at City Hall. Simply complete and sign the application, and provide the City with the required documentation. A copy of the completed application should also be mailed to the Jefferson County PVA Office and Anchorage School (if applicable) to receive the full benefit of the exemption. Only one homestead or disability exemption is allowed per household.

## FLU TIGHTENS ITS GRIP ON KENTUCKY

The 2015 flu season is off to a raging start. The influenza virus attacks the respiratory tract in humans (nose, throat, and lungs). The flu is different from a cold; it usually comes on suddenly and may include these symptoms:

- Fever
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion
- Body aches

Health officials warn that the flu is transmitted when flu virus in the air is inhaled after an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. Transmission also occurs when a

person touches a surface that has flu virus on it and then touches his or her nose or mouth.



An annual flu shot is the best way to reduce the chances of getting the flu. However, since obtaining the vaccination doesn't guarantee immunity, it is wise to add common sense prevention efforts. Refrain from touching your nose and mouth.

Old-fashioned hand-washing can go a long way in helping to prevent flu transmission. The use of hand-antiseptics which include alcohol can also help.

