

the ANCHOR AGE



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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor of Anchorage



February 2017

ANCHORAGE PTA PRESENTS

Lights, Camera, Auction!

MARCH 4, 2017 6:30PM

Owl Creek Country Club ~ Hollywood Glamour Attire

Red Carpet Photos, Silent
Auction, Dining & Cocktails –
6:30pm

Feature Presentation (starring
Anchorage students), Live
Auction & Paddle Raise called
by the Menish Auction Group –
7:30pm

Dance the night away to live
music by Kudmani

COMING ATTRACTION! The Anchorage Parent Teacher Association is rolling out the red carpet for a night of glitz and glamour benefiting Anchorage's award-winning school. The auction is Anchorage School's largest fundraiser of the year and helps support vital capital projects, enrichment programs, continuing education, and technology advancement.

This soiree is not just for families of Anchorage School students. Grandparents, families of preschool children, alumni, Anchorage residents and friends are all encouraged to join in for some REEL fun!

How can you help?

- **Sponsor the Event!** Corporate sponsors ensure all funds generated at the event go directly to Anchorage School programs. Event sponsors are prominently displayed before, during and after the auction. Contact Susan Swint at susanlswint@yahoo.com or 502-472-7089 for sponsorship levels.
- **Attend the Auction!** Tickets can be purchased online at www.bidpal.net/apta or at the door. Make your reservation now! Preferred advance-ticket pricing available only before February 24th.
- **Bid Online!** The silent auction begins February 27th. You need not be present to win items. Visit www.bidpal.net/apta to start bidding.
- **Make a Donation!** If you cannot attend the event, you can still make a difference in the lives of the children at Anchorage School. Please consider supporting the APTA with a tax-deductible cash contribution.

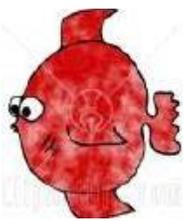
2017 ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Anchorage 2017 home assessment notices have been mailed to all property owners.

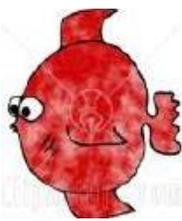
Residents who chose to appeal their assessment may do so in person or in written form. To appeal in person, please call City Hall at 245-4654 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to bring all relevant documentation to this meeting. To submit a written appeal, include all documentation with the request 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 10, 2017.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Kentucky's Constitution allows residential property owners who are 65 or older to receive a Homestead Exemption. The exemption is subtracted from your property's assessed value before taxes are calculated. The exemption amount for 2017 increased to \$37,600. Only one exemption is allowed per household. Those who currently receive the exemption do not need to reapply. You can receive the Homestead Exemption as long as you own and occupy the property. A Homestead Exemption application is available on the City's website under the Tax and Public Information tab, or you can stop by City Hall. Simply complete and sign the application, and provide a copy of your driver's license or other Kentucky-issued photo identification that includes your birthdate.



St. Luke's Church 2017 Annual Fish Fry



1206 Maple Lane, Anchorage, KY
Six Fridays in Lent
March 3rd to April 7th 6:00-7:30 p.m.

North vs. South Basketball Game

Saturday, February 4, 2017
at 5:30 p.m.

Community members and Alumni from the NORTH side of the tracks will be playing basketball against players from the SOUTH side of the tracks at Anchorage Independent Public School. Admission is only \$3.00. The concession stand will be open!

CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's time to renew your membership – or become a new member of the Anchorage Civic Club! 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. Membership forms are mailed to residents in February. Your donation makes Anchorage vibrant! Thank you.



Tower View of Anchorage

The City of Anchorage looked beautiful in early January when it was blanketed in snow, as seen in this photo taken from atop the new cell tower next to City Hall..

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All Anchorage vehicles should have the 2016-2017 vehicle registration stickers displayed in the rear window. Stickers are available for only \$2.00 at the Police Station or City Hall.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The following mayoral appointments were approved at the January 18, 2017 City Council Special Meeting:

Monica Westhusing	Tax Assessor
Ken Purnell	Tax Supervisor
Keith Sant	Tax Supervisor
Paul Wessel	Tax Supervisor
Paul Bergmann	Zoning Compliance Officer
Greg Smith	City Engineer & Flood Safety Officer
Cooper Robertson	Alcohol Beverage Control Officer
Brooks Alexander	Ethics Commission
Reneé Major	Cable Commission

FORESTRY BOARD

Lucy Spickard, Chairperson
Ursula Brooks
Nan Dryden
Diane McAllister
Ellen Welham
Nancy Wilkinson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Bill Wetherton,
Chairperson
Clyde Ensor

The Anchorage Ambulance Board will be finalized at the February City Council meeting.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

WELCOME, new Forestry Board member Nancy Wilkinson!

Spring Tree Give-Away

Sunday, March 26 – 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Tree selections and additional information will be published in the next edition of *The Anchor Age*.



Annual Anchorage Arbor Day Program

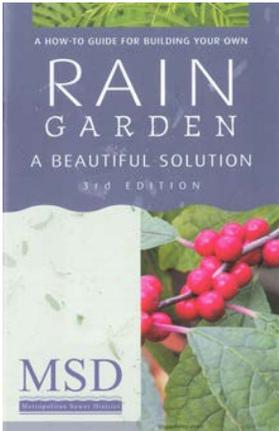
Planned for Wednesday, March 22 – 6:00 PM at City Hall

This year's speaker will be Erin Thompson, Urban Forester for the City of Louisville and Forestry Supervisor with the Division of Community Forestry in the Louisville Metro Government. She will discuss the impact that the City of Anchorage makes on the tree canopy coverage of Jefferson County.



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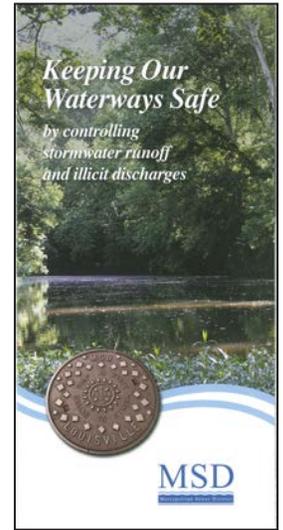
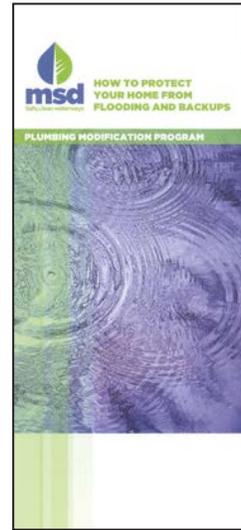
Office of Sustainability – Louisville Forward



FREE RAIN GARDEN BOOKLETS & MORE

Stop by City Hall and pick up your free How-to Guide for building your own Rain Garden, provided by MSD. It includes steps for creating a successful rain garden including: location, soil, planning, design, and maintenance. A chart of desirable plants, from grasses to wildflowers, contains information on sizes, sun requirements, and blooming periods.

An MSD booklet about protecting your home against flooding and backups is available at City Hall to help customers who have experienced a rain-related sewer backup through a basement plumbing fixture or who live in documented wet-weather areas. A brochure with ideas on how you can help keep our waterways safe is also available for free at City Hall.



APS will hold Kindergarten Registration on March 2nd from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Students entering kindergarten must turn 5 years old prior to August 1, 2017, to be eligible to enroll.

- ◆ Parents that do not have children already enrolled in the district are asked to bring proof of residency (property lease or property deed).
- ◆ All parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate and a utility bill with resident's name and property address (water, cable, phone, garbage, or electric).
- ◆ Families will receive an enrollment packet to complete and return to school.

This year, incoming kindergarten students will be administered two screenings. During the registration, parents will be asked to sign up for a screening held on April 26th and 27th. The second screening will be held on August 8th.

Families who are unable to attend the March kindergarten registration, are asked to pick up a registration packet from Terri Fisher **as soon as possible** after March 2nd. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten registration, please contact Terri Fisher at terri.fisher@anchorage.kyschools.us.

PLANNING HOME IMPROVEMENTS? 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 or utilities, 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.

PROTECT OUR WATERSHED

Never discharge water with chemicals, or allow chemical runoff to drain to storm sewers or catch basins. Lawn fertilizers, garden pesticides and herbicides, paints, cleaners, etc., are toxic and will kill aquatic life and plants. They eventually make their way into our drinking water. Carefully follow manufacturer directions and exercise caution when using any chemicals. This is one case where more is not better – never use more product than specified for the task.



COYOTES IN ANCHORAGE

There have been multiple sightings of coyotes all around Anchorage this winter. Coyotes across the country have adapted well to suburban environments. In their quest for food and shelter, many have lost their fear of humans. To help deter coyotes, place garbage bins out as close to the pick-up time as possible, do not leave pets unattended outdoors, and do not leave pet food bowls outside. If a coyote is spotted, use a loud voice and wave your hands to make the coyote understand that it is not welcome in the area. Back away slowly, do not run from it as this may encourage it to chase you.



IMPORTANT INSERTS IN THIS EDITION

The City of Anchorage is required to publish all ordinances passed by City Council. Though many ordinances may not directly affect everyone in the community, this information is made available to all property owners in the City.

