

the ANCHOR AGE



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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor of Anchorage



July 2015



The Anchorage Civic Club's Annual Fourth of July Celebration!

- Fireworks over Owl Creek Country Club the evening of Friday, July 3rd — co-sponsored by the Owl Creek Country Club and the Anchorage Civic Club
- Firecracker Run/Walk the morning of July 4th
- Join the Independence Day Parade on July 4th followed by the annual community picnic, awards presentation, and games!

For times and other details, please visit the **News and Information** page on the City's website or check your June issue of The Anchor Age.

SUPPORT THE ANCHORAGE CIVIC CLUB

Anchorage is more than just a beautiful place to live. It's an active, engaged community with events throughout the year for all residents to enjoy. The Anchorage Civic Club, a non-profit organization, strives to preserve and perpetuate the traditions and culture that are Anchorage. They promote civic pride to create citizen connection through events like the 4th of July Celebration, Anchorpalooza, AnchorFest, Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, and the annual Cook-Off and Town Hall meeting. **Your dues make these events possible.** Annual Anchorage Civic Club dues of \$35 can be mailed to P. O. Box 23018 or paid online at www.anchoragecivicclub.com. Support the Anchorage Civic Club and make Anchorage come alive!

And, Save the Date

Saturday, August 15th for Anchorpalooza!

Plan to bring your folding chairs, blankets, and appetites for the Civic Club's 2015 Anchorpalooza. This annual family event will be held from 5-10 p.m. at Wagner Park. Join your neighbors for an evening of bluegrass music by the Porch Possums and the high-energy soul band, the Junk Yard Dogs. Plus, a wonderful selection of food and beverages will be available for purchase, so come hungry! Watch for additional information in next month's newsletter.



IMPORTANT INSERTS ENCLOSED

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



TAX REMINDER

Anchorage City and Anchorage Ambulance real property tax payments, and personal property taxes for Anchorage businesses, are **due on or before June 30, 2015**.

If you have not received your tax bill or have questions concerning your invoice, please call City Treasurer Renee Major at 245-4654, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

EVERGREEN ROAD / NUTWOOD ROAD INTERCHANGE

Work on changes to the Evergreen Road and Nutwood Road interchange and Evergreen Road bridge are in process. Last year the roadway and culvert were made safe by emergency repairs.

This year, the beautification of this location is a high priority for the Mayor and City Council. Your patience during construction is appreciated.

FROM THE ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD

VOLCANO MULCHING - TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

Mulching is one of the most important cultural practices to help new trees get established and keep them healthy over their lifetime. Mulch conserves soil moisture, moderates soil temperature, reduces competition from roots of weeds and turf, and generally facilitates penetration of water to the roots. However, as the old saying goes, "too much of a good thing is not a good thing."

The latest mulching technique that is detrimental to trees has been nicknamed "Volcano Mulching" for good reason. Volcano mulching is an improper mulching technique where mulch is piled high against the trunk of a tree. No one knows where volcano mulching originated, but it's a bad practice that will kill your trees. Mulch should not touch the trunk of a tree.

Girdling Roots. When mulch is piled around the trunk, the roots will start to grow into it. These roots will then grow around the trunk in the mulch. As the roots grow thicker, they push against the trunk which is also growing in size. The roots will eventually strangle the trunk and cause death.

Onset of Disease and Decay. Mulch piled against the trunk traps unnecessary moisture and decaying organic matter against the bark. This leads to the onset of disease and decay of the trunk which prevents food and energy from traveling up and down the tree. It also creates an ideal environment for fungal and canker development, leading to eventual death.

Rodents. Those fluffy mounds of mulch provide a perfect place for mice, moles, and voles to burrow. And guess what... those little critters love to snack on tree bark.

Bottom line – mulch is good, volcanoes are bad. Use the "3x3x3" rule or 3 inches of mulch, 3 inches from the trunk, in a circle 3 feet wide.

For more information on proper tree care, visit the Forestry page of the City's website and browse the newly updated **FORESTRY HANDBOOK** that is now available online!



DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK

From time to time, power outages occur for various reasons across the City. In most cases, LG&E restores power in a short time, but sometimes more serious outages are possible. Tornadoes, thunderstorms, ice storms, fierce winds, and extreme heat strain the power delivery system and can prolong power restoration.

And now there's an app for that!

LG&E has a free Outage Map for your smart phone! Simply visit your app store to download. LG&E also features an Outage Map on their website for use with any computer, laptop, iPad or other battery-powered device with internet access. No more phone calls to find out when your power will be back on. The map provides a snapshot of current power outages. Scroll over the icons (touch the icon on your smart phone) to see the number of customers affected and the estimated time when power will be restored to the area.

THE CITY OF ANCHORAGE WELCOMES THREE NEW EMPLOYEES

Anchorage Police Department

Officer Deron Berthold is a 20 year veteran from the Kentucky State Police. During his tenure with the KSP he served at Post 2 Madisonville, Post 4 Elizabethtown, and Post 5 Campbellsburg as Investigative Lieutenant, was Commander of the Legislative Security Detail, and retired in 2010 as Captain of the Drug Enforcement/Special Investigations Unit West. Officer Berthold has served in the Kentucky Army National Guard, and is a graduate from the University of Louisville where he earned an Associate's Degree in Police Administration and Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration and Correctional Administration.



Officer Deron Berthold

Officer Mark Ratterman joined the Anchorage Police Department in February 2015 and is employed as a part-time officer. He began his career with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and has since worked for Prospect PD and Louisville Metro PD. He retired from the Jeffersontown PD in March 2014, and then served in the Jefferson County Public School system as a School Resource Officer. Officer Ratterman is a decorated veteran having served and retired from the United States Army.



Officer Mark Ratterman



Deputy Treasurer, Sara Ritchie

Changes at City Hall

With the retirement of Alice McKinley, City Treasurer Reneé Major was appointed City Administrative Officer by Mayor Hewitt and confirmed by City Council. She concurrently holds the positions of City Clerk and Treasurer.

Sara Ritchie joined the staff at City Hall in June as Deputy City Treasurer, a newly created position. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee with Majors in Finance and Real Estate. Sara lives in the City of Douglas Hills with her husband and two sons.

Please extend a warm welcome to these new Anchorage employees.

FIREWORKS SAFETY – from Fire Chief Bill Rockwood

Everyone enjoys fireworks, especially in the festive Fourth of July season, but consumers need to be careful about where they buy their fireworks. Anything purchased **in Jefferson County** is legal to use here in the City. Residents should always read the cautionary labels before igniting, and follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Always have an adult supervise activities. Sparklers burn at about 2000 degrees; that's as hot as a blow torch and enough to melt some metals.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then quickly back up to a safe distance.
- Always use fireworks in a clear area, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Never try to relight or pick up a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes, then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save the alcohol for after the show.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by thoroughly dousing them in water, and place them in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.



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Police Department	244-0562
Fire Department	245-6755
Industrial Disposal	638-9000

EMERGENCIES **Call 911**

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Bill Wilkinson	

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