

the ANCHOR AGE



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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor of Anchorage



June 2017

2017 CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

Anchorage Fire and EMS will be collecting donations for the 64th Annual Crusade for Children each afternoon from May 31st through June 4th at the intersection of Evergreen Road and Station Road.

Donations may be dropped off at the Anchorage Firehouse anytime now through June 4th.

100% of each donation to WHAS Crusade for Children goes directly to agencies that help children with special needs.



Anchorage Civic Club 4th of July Celebrations

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Independence Day celebrations. There will be fireworks over Owl Creek Country Club on Monday, July 3rd starting at dusk. On Tuesday, July 4th, festivities will include the Firecracker Walk/Run, along with a parade, picnic, games, and an award ceremony. Residents are invited to join in the fun by participating in the parade. Prize categories for the parade are: best bike/scooter, best family, most original, judges' award, best golf cart, etc., best horse/animal, most bizarre, Norman Rockwell small town USA, best car/truck, and good neighbors.

BAT HOUSES DONATED TO ANCHORAGE

Cub Scout Troop Arrow of Light #264 built and sold bat houses as an annual fundraiser. An anonymous and generous person purchased and gifted ten of the bat houses to the City that will be installed on the grounds of City Hall and Wagner Park. The City wishes to thank this donor for their generosity which allows all of the residents to benefit from the many ecological contributions that bats offer as pollinators, insect predators, and seed dispersers. Plus, they are fascinating to watch! More information is available at:
http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/bats/tips/bat_habitat_bat_houses.html



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.
- ◆ 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.

2017 ANCHORAGE TAX BILLS



Property tax bills were mailed to Anchorage residents in late April. If you have questions regarding your invoice, please call Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie at 245-4654, Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tax payments must be postmarked on or before May 31, 2017 to qualify for the discount, or be postmarked on or before June 30, 2017 to avoid interest charges.

City of Anchorage 2017 Tax Collection Schedule

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
1% Discount	05/01/17	05/31/17
Face Amount	06/01/17	06/30/17
1% Interest per month	07/01/17	until paid
25% Penalty	11/1/17	

TAX PAYMENT DROP OFF

Feel free to drop off your tax payments at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For your convenience and security, after-hours tax payments can be dropped off at the Anchorage Police Department on Park Road.

For security reasons, please do not leave payments under the doormat or attempt to slide them under the door of City Hall.

TAX PAYMENT NOTES

- Checks should be written for the discounted amount if postmarked on or before May 31, 2017.
- Write your account number on the check.
- Include the payment coupon with the check.
- Sign your check.
- Checks should be made payable to The City of Anchorage.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

MULCHING TIPS FOR HEALTHY TREES

Properly applied organic mulch can be very beneficial to trees and the soil around them. However, excess or incorrectly applied mulch can be detrimental. The goal of mulching is to mimic a natural system...the forest.

- TreesLouisville recommends the **3-3-3 rule**: spread the mulch 3 feet wide, 3 inches deep, and 3 inches away from the trunk.
- Ideally, the mulch should extend to the drip line of the tree's branches, at the least it should reach 3 feet from the trunk.
- Pull mulch away from the trunk of each tree and its root flare to create a **donut** rather than a **volcano**. "Volcano mulching" creates harmful moisture build-up that can cause disease, decay, or even death of the tree.
- If you already have sufficient mulch, you may not need to purchase more but instead may need only to rake to re-distribute it and freshen its appearance. Use a gloved hand -- not a tool -- to pull mulch away from the bases of trees and shrubs.

For more information, illustrations and a video, see <http://www.mortonarb.org/trees-plants/tree-and-plant-advice/horticulture-care/mulching-trees-and-shrubs> and <https://treeslouisville.org/tree-mulching-why-and-how/>



Volcano mulching



Proper mulching

Images by Andrea Hanlon



IT'S THE LAW!

Please remember the law states when puppies and dogs are not on the premises of the owner or on premises which the animals' presence has been explicitly allowed, they must be restrained by a lead or leash and under the control of a

responsible person physically able to control the dog. For the safety of your pet and everyone around, please keep pets on a leash.

Anchorage #1 Best Place to Live in Kentucky

Niche.com just released their 2017 Best Places to Live in Kentucky list. The City of Anchorage received top honors followed by Indian Hills and Cherokee Gardens. According to Niche, they "explore 228 cities and over 15,000 towns and neighborhoods to find the best places to live ... based on crime, public schools, cost of living, job opportunities, and local amenities.



FREE MSD BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

- Rain Gardens
- Rain Barrels – not just a drop in the bucket
- Keeping Our Waterways Safe by controlling stormwater runoff and illicit discharges
- "Is Your Lawn to Die For?" – Lawn care pollution prevention
- How to protect your home from flooding and backups



WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Lawn fertilizers, garden pesticides, and herbicides eventually make their way into the aquatic ecosystem and our drinking water. Carefully follow manufacturer directions and exercise caution when using these chemicals around your home. This is one case where more is not better – never use more product than specified for the task. The cumulative effect of these chemicals and their degradants, even in low levels, adversely affect water quality, aquatic life, wildlife, and public health. Be proactive! Limit chemical use, use less-toxic alternatives, or go organic whenever possible.

COYOTES IN URBAN AREAS

Seeing a coyote walking down the road or while walking the trails isn't as uncommon as most would think. People and coyotes have coexisted in relative peace for many decades. Coyotes do not require open space to survive, and they are comfortable living in close proximity to humans in metropolitan areas. They are found in every county in Kentucky, including Jefferson.



Coyotes in urban areas thrive as there is an abundance of food, water, and shelter for them. They play a natural and beneficial role in the food chain by eating mice and other small rodents. But coyote behavior is changing as they find food sources in residential areas, eating garbage, fruit, and accessible pet food; all readily available in residential neighborhoods.

Preventing Conflicts at Your Home

- Don't leave pets or small children unsupervised in your yard. Don't let your cat roam.
- Never leave food out. Keep pet food indoors, trash in containers with tight fitting lids, and remove fallen fruit from the ground. Clean up spilled seed from around bird feeders to avoid attracting rodents.
- Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush, and enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.

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. Thankfully today's technology, including weather radios and weather apps, can provide advanced warning day or night. There are also emergency warning sirens located in and around Anchorage. When you hear the siren, head to your safe place immediately. Tornadoes have been recorded in Kentucky in every month and at any time of day or night.



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

EMERGENCIES **Call 911**

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