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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor of Anchorage



March 2017

**Exciting Property Tax News (page 3): new rate, county re-assessments, and exemption reminder.**

## ANCHORAGE PTA PRESENTS

# Lights, Camera, Auction!

MARCH 4, 2017 6:30PM

Red Carpet Photos, Silent Auction, Dining & Cocktails –  
6:30 p.m.

Live Auction & Paddle Raise – 7:30 p.m.

Owl Creek Country Club  
Hollywood Glamour Attire

Dance to live music by Kudmani

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! Tickets can be purchased online at [www.bidpal.net/apta](http://www.bidpal.net/apta) or at the door. If you cannot attend the event, you can still make a difference in the lives of the children at Anchorage School by bidding online or supporting the APTA with a tax-deductible cash contribution. Visit [www.bidpal.net/apta](http://www.bidpal.net/apta) to start bidding.

ANCHORAGE CHILDREN'S THEATRE  
Presents:

# Fiddler on the Roof Jr.

Directed by: MELODIE STACY  
Choreography by: ROSE SOLDO

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 P.M.

Anchorage School Auditorium

Book by: JOSEPH ST  
Music by: JERRY BOCK  
Lyrics by: JEROME ROBBINS

[anchoragechildrenstheatre.wordpress.com](http://anchoragechildrenstheatre.wordpress.com)



Thursday  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6-8pm

presenting  
"Nature At  
Its Best"

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this event brought to you by the artist guild @ anchorage

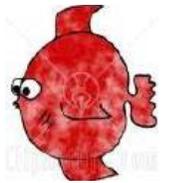
## YOU'RE INVITED!

The Artist Guild of Anchorage presents the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Artist Showcase Thursday, March 2nd from 6-8 p.m. at Owl

Creek Country Club. Stop by for an evening of fun and enjoy the exhibition of original art, featuring "Nature at Its best".



## 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.

Please see insert for menu information.

## FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

### ARBOR DAY PROGRAM



Wednesday, March 22, at  
6:00 p.m.  
Anchorage City Hall, 1306  
Evergreen Road

Our speaker will be Erin Thompson, Urban Forester for the City of Louisville and Community Forestry Supervisor for Louisville

Metro's Division of Community Forestry. She will speak on Anchorage's contributions to Louisville's tree canopy, from information sharing to program implementation.

Ms. Thompson is responsible for the health and maintenance of trees and leads the Louisville community in maintaining and increasing its current tree population. She has been active in multiple aspects of forestry, from woodland restoration to urban arboriculture practices, for ten years in the Louisville area. Her love for trees was fostered on the tree-lined streets adjacent to a national recreational area outside Atlanta, where she grew up. She earned a B.S. in Forestry in the University of Kentucky Department of Agriculture. She is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist and a 2014 graduate of the Municipal Forestry Institute.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Following the program, Anchorage residents may select and take home, at no charge, up to 3 trees per household. (Anchorage residents only, please.) See insert regarding the assortment of trees that will be available.

Note: these are young trees; please water them sufficiently once you have planted them. Brochures about planting and nurturing young trees are available at City Hall. We strongly recommend the use of tree guards to protect your trees. Guards will be available on Wednesday and Sunday for purchase at \$4 each.

### TREE GIVE-AWAY

Sunday, March 26, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Anchorage Public Works Building  
(behind the firehouse)

Anchorage residents who did not take home trees after the Wednesday program may select up to 3 trees per household, as supply allows, at no charge.



### ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION GIVE-A-TREE POSTCARD PROGRAM

The Anchorage Forestry Board is supporting the Arbor Day Foundation Give-A-Tree Postcard Program. For each customized card purchased, a tree will be planted in a National Forest in honor of the recipient. The cards are \$5.95 each. Cards are available in many styles including holiday, birthday, special occasion, just because, E-cards and more.

### BID TO RESERVE YOUR TREES

Anchorage residents will have the opportunity to bid on a "Reserve Your Trees" item at the Anchorage PTA Auction on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The winning bidder will get to be the first to reserve the trees they want in the Anchorage Forestry Tree Give-Away and get to pick them up before the give-away starts.

### NEW TREE WATERING BAGS AVAILABLE

Twenty-gallon, doughnut-style tree hydrators are available for purchase at Anchorage City Hall. They are \$16 per bag.

### 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.



### WANTED! BARN PHOTOS

Anchorage Barns is the theme for the 2018 Forestry Calendar. Photos of barns during all seasons are needed. If you have a barn or know of a barn, please contact Forestry Board Chairperson, Lucy Spickard at [LSpickard@aol.com](mailto:LSpickard@aol.com).

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

APS will hold kindergarten registration on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten registration, please visit the APS website at <https://anchorage-school.org> or contact Terri Fisher at [terri.fisher@anchorage.kyschools.us](mailto:terri.fisher@anchorage.kyschools.us).

### 2016 POLICE REPORT

At the February City Council meeting, Chief Dean Hayes reported a 50% decrease in the number of burglaries for 2016. According to Chief Hayes, Anchorage citizens help prevent crime by being good neighbors. For example, fewer packages were stolen during the 2016 holiday season due to neighbors helping each other move packages off porches.

## 2017 WINTER BOWL



Congratulations to the Anchorage Police Department for being named Citizen of the Year!

### Congratulations Winter Bowl Contest Winners

- Best Winter Bowl**  
Mausam & Nona Mathur
- Best Décor**  
Garden Club
- Best Drink**  
Garden Club
- Best Dessert**  
Anchorage Trails



### Peg Revell Honored

The Anchorage Civic Club presented long-time Anchorage resident, Peg Revell with a special recognition award for her many years of work and dedication to the Anchorage Archives.

### New Bench and Tables for Wagner Park

The Anchorage Civic Club generously purchased a bench and three round picnic tables for the community. They will be placed in Wagner Park in honor of Dr. Jim and Juanita Wagner.

Thank you to Rob Davenport for his work as President of the Anchorage Civic Club. We welcome Shay Shearer as the new Civic Club President. Thank you to all Civic Club volunteers who make it possible to put on so many wonderful community events throughout the year, and to everyone who joins and supports the Civic Club.

## MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The following mayoral appointments were approved at the February City Council Regular Meeting:

### Ambulance Board

- Albert Entwistle
- Bob Cook
- Kyle Galloway
- Tom Tracy – Ex-Officio

### Conservation Easement Board

- Brooks Alexander



## Great News! 2017 City Tax Rate to Be Reduced!

At the February City Council Meeting, the Council had the first reading of the 2017 Tax Rate Ordinance that reduced the current real property tax rate from \$.416 per \$100 of assessed value to \$.366 per \$100, a tax reduction of \$.05 per \$100! That would equate to a \$50 savings per \$100,000 of assessed value!

After many years of accumulating sufficient capital reserves to complete many of the infrastructure projects in the City such as bridge replacements, walking paths, building renovations, and park improvements, the finance/budget oversight committee was pleased to recommend a reduced tax rate starting in 2017. The ordinance is expected to be approved at the March City Council meeting and effective for the 2017 tax bills being mailed at the end of April. The proposed discount rate of 1%, if taxes are paid in full by 31 May, will remain unchanged.

## County Re-assesses Anchorage Real Estate

January of each year, Anchorage real property owners receive a City of Anchorage Notice of Assessed Value even if their assessed property value hasn't changed. The City assessed value is used to calculate the City of Anchorage, Anchorage Ambulance, and Anchorage School taxes. This April, there is a chance Anchorage property owners will also receive a new assessed value notice from the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) due to their metro area-wide reassessment.

Jefferson County PVA Tony Lindauer and staff recently attended the February Council meeting to discuss the upcoming county reassessment. County assessment notices are due to hit your mailbox April 22, 2017 or thereabout. The county appeal process differs from Anchorage as to the dates of appeal, deadlines to submit, and methods. Questions can be directed to Colleen Younger at 502.574.6357 or by visiting the PVA website at [jeffersoncountypva.ky.gov](http://jeffersoncountypva.ky.gov). Don't delay if you want to appeal your county assessment.

## Homestead Exemptions

Residential property owners who are 65 or older may file for a Homestead Exemption. The exemption (\$37,600) is subtracted from your property's assessed value before taxes are calculated. 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.

## Mitchell Retires from Ambulance Board



Dr. Rick Mitchell, pictured on the right, is retiring from the Anchorage Ambulance District Board at the end of March. Rick has served on the three-member Board since 2009.

His medical experience and business practice acumen enabled many improvements in service to the District. He made major contributions in medical oversight, operations, and accounting. Anchorage thanks him for his many years of service.

