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FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

The Anchorage Forestry Board thanks residents for their enthusiastic participation in the annual Arbor Day program. Following the Wednesday evening standing-room-only talk, residents quickly “adopted” all 300 trees, which were given away on Wednesday and Sunday.

FALL CANOPY CAMPAIGN

Watch for information about the fall 2016 Canopy Campaign, in which a selection of larger trees will be offered at a reduced cost to residents and will be professionally planted 15-25 feet from the road’s edge. This program may be of special interest to homeowners affected by the recent MSD project.



MAY IS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

The National Trust for Historic Preservation established National Historic Preservation Month in 1973 to promote historic preservation and community pride in local heritage sites. The theme for 2016 is “This. Place. Matters”. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is encouraging everyone to share photos online of the places that matter to them and their communities with the hashtag #ThisPlaceMatters.

The original Anchorage Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. On December 21, 1992, the Anchorage City Council expanded the Anchorage Historic District to include most of the town. There are now over 50 National Register and Kentucky Landmark houses within the town limits. The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission oversees the regulation of changes to landmarks and property in the Anchorage Historic Preservation District. The Commission also can designate future landmarks within the City of Anchorage. Thanks to the cooperation of Anchorage residents, the town is able to maintain its historic and architectural character.



2016 ANCHORAGE TAX NOTICES

Anchorage City and Anchorage Ambulance Real Property, and Personal Property tax bills for businesses operating in the City, will be mailed to property owners and businesses by April 30th. If you have any questions concerning your invoice, please contact Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie at City Hall, 245-4654, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City of Anchorage 2016 Tax Collection Schedule

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
1% Discount	5/1/16	05/31/16
Face Amount	6/1/16	06/30/16
1% Interest per month	7/1/16	until paid
25% Penalty	11/01/16	

IMPORTANT INSERTS IN THIS EDITION

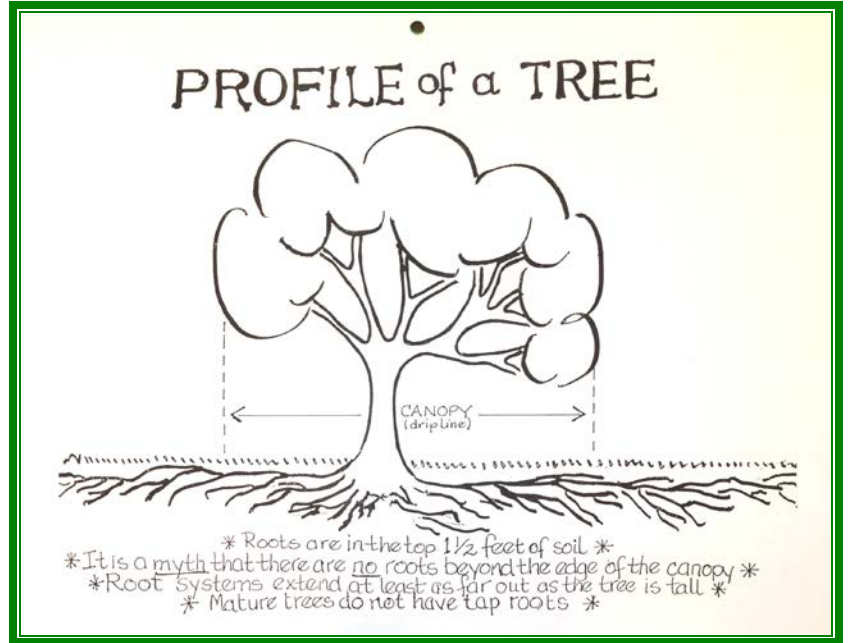
The City of Anchorage is required to publish all ordinances passed by City Council. Though many ordinances may not directly affect everyone in the community, this information is made available to all property owners in the City.



FORESTRY CALENDARS

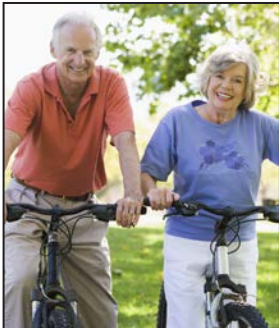
The Kentucky Division of Forestry has invited the Anchorage Forestry Board to submit an article about

the Board's annual calendar for an upcoming edition of the Division's *Tree Line Newsletter*. The first Anchorage calendar (1995) was funded by a grant from the KY Division of Forestry. If you would like to receive the quarterly *Tree Line Newsletter*, you may request it by emailing Sarah.Gracey@ky.gov (KY Div. of Forestry). Picture above: 1995 Calendar cover. Pictured right, one of the many informative calendar pages from the first calendar.



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 2016, the exemption amount is \$36,900. Only one exemption is allowed per household. 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. Instructions and an application may be printed from the City of Anchorage website. Applications need to be filed with City of Anchorage, Jefferson County PVA, and Anchorage Public School.

Disability Exemption



Property owners who have been declared totally 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 **must be resubmitted every year** to confirm continued 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. Only one exemption is allowed per household. Instructions and an application may be printed from the City of Anchorage website. Applications need to be filed with City of Anchorage, Jefferson County PVA, and Anchorage Public School.

Anchorage Civic Club

Once again, the Anchorage Civic Club is planning a full calendar of community events for the year. Events for 2016 include: fireworks at OCCC, Anchorpalooza, AnchorFest, Turkey Trot, and Winterbowl, just to name a few. The Civic Club is a volunteer organization working to support the community in many ways. All residents are invited to become members. The Civic Club also produces a directory bi-annually. The annual dues are \$35.00 and can be mailed to Anchorage Civic Club, P.O. Box 23018, Anchorage, KY 40223. Please include the following information for your Anchorage Community Directory: name, address, phone number and email address.



GOLF CARTS ON ROADWAYS

Registered golf carts are permitted on Anchorage roads. If you are interested in making your golf cart "street legal" by

registering it with the City, stop by City Hall or the Police Station for a checklist of requirements, and the instructions and fees for securing the required Jefferson County Sheriff's Department inspection.

TAX PAYMENTS

For your convenience, 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.

RECYCLE CELL PHONES

The Louisville Zoo offers a cell phone recycling program to Anchorage residents. Anyone wishing to recycle their unwanted cell phones, batteries and accessories can bring these items to a collection box located in the lobby at City Hall. The Louisville Zoo will receive up to \$15.00 per phone collected. **Important:** Please clear all phone numbers, photos, and personal information from your phones before recycling.



Alarm Registration

The Anchorage Police Department is a full service, round-the-clock police agency. They have a state-of-the-art dispatch that is a 911 Call Center with alarm monitoring capabilities. Anchorage residents must register their alarms with the Anchorage Police Department. All alarms must be registered regardless of whether or not they are monitored by a security service.

There is no fee for registering your alarm.

There are fees for false alarm runs. Residents may choose to pay either an annual flat rate of \$60.00 or \$25.00 per false alarm run.



