

the ANCHOR AGE



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May is National Preservation Month

National Historic Preservation Month, established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to promote historic preservation and community pride in local heritage sites, is celebrated by organizations and cities, large and small, across the country during the month of May.

The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission encourages residents to showcase how they are celebrating and saving the City's historic places that make our community special. Whether it's a home, church, school, commercial building, bridge, or stream, these significant places contribute to the American spirit. These treasures tell Anchorage's story, and are a way to save the history for future generations.



GRAYTOWER

This large Italian Villa-style house is one of only a few antebellum houses in Anchorage. Built by Samuel Nock in 1858 on land purchased from E. D. Hobbs, the brick two-story house, with paired roof brackets, was originally named "Hazelwood." Little Lane was the original driveway to the property. The tower and front veranda were added after a fire and purchase of the house by William Hughes in the 1860's. By the early 1890's Anchorage had come rapidly to the front as a summer resort inhabited by prosperous businessmen who preferred the pure air and beautiful surroundings of the country. Following the success of several Anchorage boarding houses, Mary Gray purchased the Hazelwood homestead in 1907 and converted it into Gray Tower. Mrs. Gray planned to take lodgers only in the summertime, but Gray Tower became so popular that she allowed boarders to establish year-round residences there. The twelve bedrooms, numerous porches, stairways and halls were so congested that the cottage had to be built.

Many summer guests fell in love with Anchorage and never returned to Louisville. By 1941 the tempo of life had changed and only three of the typical year-round boarders remained. A building used as slave quarters existed until 1990, and a smokehouse remains on the grounds. Gray Tower (condensed to GrayTower over time) was featured as the 1994 Bellarmine University Women's Council Show House. GrayTower is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

GRAYTOWER COTTAGE

The two-and-one-half-story gray frame cottage was built as an annex to Gray Tower to accommodate the growing number of summer guests. Gray Tower Cottage featured a wide bracketed roof overhang, and thirteen rooms with sleeping porches. By the early 1930's it was used as apartments. A new owner pleased the neighbors with a sympathetic renovation to the deteriorated structure in the 1980's. In 1986 the building was developed into four condominiums and renamed Elm Cottage Condominiums. Elm Cottage remains the only authorized multi-family residential property in the City. GrayTower Cottage is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The histories of Gray Tower and Gray Tower Cottage were compiled from *The Village of Anchorage* by Samuel W. Thomas and the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission's "Grey Book."

IMPORTANT INSERT 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.

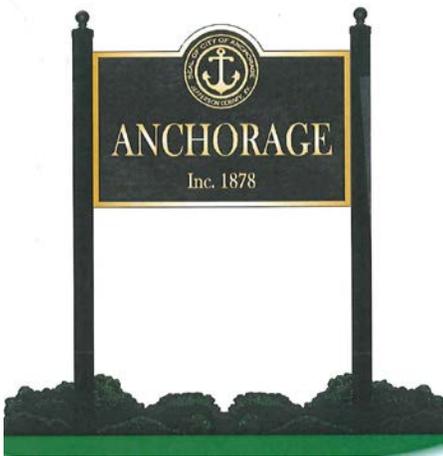
2015 ANCHORAGE TAX BILLS

Property tax bills will be mailed to Anchorage residents the week of April 20th. If you have questions regarding your invoice, please call City Clerk/Treasurer Renee Major at 245-4654, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tax payments must be postmarked on or before May 31, 2015, to qualify for the discount.



City of Anchorage 2015 Tax Collection Schedule

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
1% Discount	4/23/15	5/31/15
Face Amount	6/1/15	6/30/15
1% Interest per month	7/1/15	until paid
25% Penalty	11/1/15	



NEW SIGNS TO GRACE ENTRANCES TO THE CITY

The Anchorage Civic Club and the Anchorage City Council have been working together to replace the standard white and green metal entrance signs with something more fitting the historic nature of the City. After many concept meetings, the final design was approved by the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission. The project was then placed in the City's 2014-2015 budget and put out for bid. Seven 24-inch by 40-inch cast bronze signs were approved and are currently in production. The signs have a black/bronze-tone background with gold-tone borders and lettering, a raised anchor, and break-away, maintenance-free black aluminum posts that are National Highway Traffic Safety Administration compliant. The new entrance signs are scheduled to be placed at the Anchorage city limits on LaGrange Road, Park Road, Evergreen Road (northbound and southbound), Bellewood Road, Old Harrods Creek Road, and Lucas Lane. Watch for them soon!

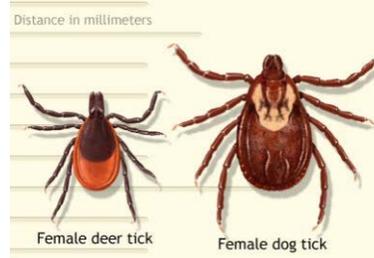
ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD UPDATE

Hope everyone is enjoying a beautiful spring with all the Anchorage green and blossoming trees. Just don't forget to water your newly planted trees because their roots are not as deep and need tender loving care.



Anchorage residents who missed out on the Spring Tree Give-Away Program should watch for the Fall Canopy Campaign insert later this summer. The fall program is a wonderful opportunity to purchase larger trees at wholesale prices.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER



Be on the lookout for ticks after being outdoors. Ticks live in low bushes and tall grasses, and are most abundant in late spring and early summer. A potentially serious infection, Rocky Mountain

Spotted Fever, most often is spread to humans by tick bites. Once imbedded in your skin, ticks can cause a small, hard, itchy lump that's surrounded by a red ring or halo. Be sure to see your doctor immediately if you develop a rash or become sick after a tick bite.



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 degradates, 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.

Coyotes have a natural fear of humans, but may become defensive if protecting their food or their pups. Although coyotes pose little threat to humans, it's still important to know what to do when you come across one.

If You're Approached by a Coyote

- Make it feel unwelcome. Be as BIG and LOUD as possible. Using a forceful voice, command the coyote to go away. Wave your arms over your head to exaggerate your size.
- Keep small children near you; do not let them run away.
- If you have a small pet with you, pick it up in your arms. Never let your dog chase a coyote.
- Do not turn away and run. This may encourage a coyote to chase you.
- If a coyote continues to approach, back away slowly and move towards buildings or human activity.



SAVE THE DATES!

ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Sponsored by the Anchorage Civic Club

- Fireworks over Owl Creek Country Club the evening of 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 and games!

Look for all the details in the June issue of the Anchor Age!

SUPPORT ANCHORAGE SUPPORT THE ANCHORAGE CIVIC CLUB

Anchorage is more than 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 is a non-profit organization, founded in 1914, dedicated to promoting civic pride, community activities, and citizen connection in Anchorage. **Support the Anchorage Civic Club and make Anchorage come alive!** You can join and pay online at www.anchoragecivicclub.com.

ST LUKE'S PRESCHOOL

Now Enrolling For 2015-2016

- Children 14 months to 5 years of age
- Small class sizes

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