

**The 37th
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS IN
ANCHORAGE**



Holiday Home Tour & Kick-Off Party, Thursday, December 7th, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Tour the newly built home of Nancy and Chris Jacobsen (12313 Forest School Lane) and view exquisite holiday décor while enjoying gourmet hors d'oeuvres.

Christmas in Anchorage, Saturday, December 9th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Anchorage School

Shop the Holiday Boutique and the North Pole Bakery. Enjoy Breakfast with Santa, holiday concerts, and more.

Sponsored by the Anchorage Parent Teacher Association and open to the public. All proceeds support student enrichment programs at the school.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NEEDED



The Anchorage Emergency Preparedness Committee asks residents to contact City Hall if they have any of the following items or services that they would be willing to donate during an emergency.

Equipment to loan:
Portable generators
Pet cages
Pickup Truck

Services to provide:
Snow removal
Tree and limb removal

Please call Angie at 245-4654 and the information will be compiled and forwarded to the appropriate committee members so that needy Anchorage residents may be assisted during an emergency.

LIGHTING OF THE YULE LOG AND CAROL SING



The Anchorage Garden Club invites you and your family to attend the annual Lighting of the Yule Log and Christmas Carol Sing at Hobbs Chapel on Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 6 p.m. (Rain date: Monday, Dec. 4th at 6 p.m.)

ANNUAL ALARM REGISTRATION

City Ordinance requires all burglar alarms to be registered with the Anchorage Police Department, regardless if the system is monitored by a security service or not.



The information is used when the alarm is activated and must be current to insure the safety of officers when they respond to an alarm. Otherwise, the police do not know whom to contact to reset the alarm, leaving the home vulnerable until the owner returns.

► Registration forms are **due by December 31, 2017**, and should be completed for all new, unregistered, or recently activated alarm systems. Please keep your registration information current, and update the form as needed during the year. There is no charge to register your alarm. However, owners with unregistered alarms can incur civil penalties of up to \$250 a day. The enclosed registration form should be returned to the Police Station or City Hall, or mailed to City of Anchorage, P.O. Box 23266, Anchorage, KY 40223.

► There are two types of billings for false alarms. You can choose to pay \$60 in advance for the twelve-month calendar year or \$25 per false alarm run, as they occur. If you have previously paid the annual \$60, you will receive an invoice in early December for the 2018 calendar year. Please contact Deputy City Treasurer, Sara Ritchie, at 245-4654 for more information.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Recycling can have a great impact on the environment. Many household items can be recycled using the weekly curbside pick-up in Anchorage. Items which cannot go in the curbside pick-up may be recycled elsewhere. For example, lightbulbs can be taken to local home supply stores and plastic shopping bags can be dropped off at local grocery stores. Styrofoam is the most often unacceptable item found in the curbside bins. Please be sure to have all items at the curb the night before or by 5:00 a.m. on Thursdays.



Acceptable

#1 - #7 Plastics
Aluminum beverage containers
Tin food cans
Glass bottles/jars
Newspaper
Slick advertisements
Cardboard (2ft. x 2ft.)
Phone books
Magazines
White Paper

Unacceptable

Ceramics
Mirrors
Plastic grocery bags
Plastic TV trays
Window glass
Light bulbs
Batteries
Styrofoam

Please contact Republic Services at (502) 638-9000 with any questions or concerns from 7:00 am- 5:00 pm.

What Lurks in our Beautiful Waterways?

Anchorage can be a plentiful playground for nature's wildlife with wooded yards, rolling pastures, picturesque lakes, and countless streams. What we may not realize is that a relatively unknown disease may also be lurking amongst the wildlife and livestock, hiding in the waterways that could infect both pets (dogs and cats) and humans. It is called **Leptospirosis** and is caused by one of the many strains of the *Leptospira* bacteria.



Leptospira is perpetuated in wildlife (rats, raccoons, skunks, etc.) as well as livestock (cattle, horses, pigs, etc.). When infected animals void urine, they contaminate their environment for weeks or months with living *Leptospira*. Pets become infected by coming in contact with the urine through wading in or drinking contaminated water, an open wound or mucous membrane, or eating infected materials.

Most infected wild and domestic animals that spread leptospirosis do not exhibit any symptoms of the disease such as high fever, weight loss, vomiting, or diarrhea. Note: not all pets that are exposed to *Leptospira* become visibly sick. However, should your pet have symptoms, please know Leptospirosis can cause fatal liver or kidney damage if not treated with anti-biotics. Pets less than six months old are especially susceptible.

Although rare, Leptospirosis can infect humans. Symptoms and treatments are much the same as those of pets. A vaccination is also available for the four most common strains of *Leptospira* afflicting dogs. Please contact your veterinarian or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for more information. **Awareness of this disease is key to preventing or overcoming it.**

POOL MANNERS MATTER

Mind your "Pool Manners" when you drain your pool this fall. Warm pool water full of chemicals will kill aquatic life and plants if drained to a stream or drainage channel. Follow these simple steps to avoid flooding, water back-up, or harming the environment when you drain your pool:

- ▶ Test pool water and allow the chlorine level to drop below 0.5ppm. Bubbling, cascading, or other forms of aeration will help remove chlorine from the water.
- ▶ Ensure the pH level is between 6 and 8 (normal).
- ▶ Slowly drain the pool to a grassy area on your property and allow the water to soak into the ground. **It should not flow onto your neighbor's property.**
- ▶ Do not drain your pool during or up to 48 hours after a rain.
- ▶ No discharges are allowed to catch basins, streams, or streets since this water will reach a creek or other body of water.
- ▶ Drain only to a sewer via a conduit on your property such as a toilet, bathtub at a flow rate of 30 gallons per minute or less. Draining your pool too fast will cause water back-up.

For additional information, visit www.msdlouky.org or call MSD at 587-0603.