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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor of Anchorage



November 2015

The Anchorage Civic Club's Annual 5K/10K Turkey Trot – Thanksgiving Day, November 26th

There's no better way to start off the day and develop an appetite for your favorite holiday feast than a brisk run/jog/walk on Thanksgiving morning! Bring the entire family and your friends. Anyone can participate regardless of age or experience. You're sure to find a vibrant, enthusiastic crowd, and lots of camaraderie.

The course is approximately 5K – twice around doubles the distance. The race will begin in front of Shall We Dance Studio, move through City streets, and conclude with The Anchorage Trail loop.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. outside the lower level of the (former) Anchorage Café, or you can register in advance at www.anchoragecivicclub.com. The entrance fee is \$20.00 (\$10 for kids 12 and under) and includes an official T-shirt.



- Race starts at 9:00 a.m.
- Prizes awarded for best time by age category and distance

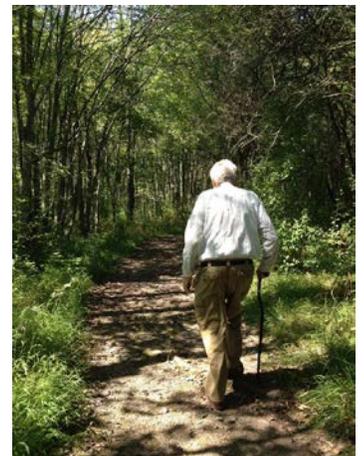


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ANCHORAGE TRAILS TO HOST FAMILY EVENT

Sunday, November 15 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Anchorage Trails board members will be on hand at “the Green” in downtown Anchorage to provide maps and to assist residents in finding the trailheads to the many trails that weave through the city. Three trails will be highlighted and specially marked this year, providing a wonderful opportunity for all ages to get out and take a hike. A hayride will be available to take hikers to some of the trailheads.



The trails are maintained through bi-annual membership dues paid by Anchorage residents and managed by the volunteer board members of the Anchorage Trails. The next dues request will be mailed in the spring of 2016. Information on the trails can be found on the Anchorage Trails Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AnchorageTrails.

ANCHORAGE BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 12 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Anchorage School

Anchorage Middle School students participating in the Anchorage Community Connections Club are collaborating with the Kentucky Blood Center to host a Blood Drive. The Bloodmobile will be parked in the school visitor parking area along Bellewood Road. Parking spots will be reserved right next to the Bloodmobile for those visiting to donate blood. Community members are invited to participate and may schedule an appointment by calling 800-775-2522. Walk-ins will also be welcome the day of the drive.



ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD FALL CANOPY CAMPAIGN

Everyone who ordered trees will receive their flags – listing the type of tree ordered – on Monday, November 2. Place the flags in the locations where you want the trees planted. Tree locations must be marked before the Board contacts “Before You Dig” to locate utilities. Once in place, please make sure the flags are not removed by service personnel. Trees will be planted before Thanksgiving. If you will not be home the first week of November please contact Nan Dryden at 314-4870.



DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT STREET SIGNS

Last year Mayor Hewitt appointed Council member Diane Cook to form and chair a committee to address signage in the downtown area. Their initial task was to evaluate the number and locations of road signs to reduce the cluttered appearance, and to consider alternate signage for the downtown area that would be more fitting the historic nature of the City. Thanks to the positive responses from residents about the seven new entrance signs installed in May, the committee was able to secure funding from City Council for street name and road signs for the downtown historic district that will compliment the new entrance signage. Design options and bids were secured, a contract was awarded in September, and the signs are currently in production. The new signage will continue the black background with gold-tone borders and raised anchor, as shown in the sample featured in the photograph. In addition to ten decorative street name signs, Anchorage residents will see new stop signs with black frames and break-away, maintenance free, black aluminum posts that are National Highway Traffic Safety Administration compliant. Twelve to fifteen miscellaneous road signs will also be eliminated as part of this downtown project. All new signage is expected to be installed in November before the holiday!



Anchorage Emergency Preparedness Committee

Winter storms bring the potential for power outages and other life threatening situations. Please check on neighbors who may be vulnerable. If you live alone, or know someone who needs to be checked on during an emergency, please contact Pat Welsh at 314-5685 to add your/their name(s) to the city's “emergency call” list.

New Civic Club Directories

Civic Club members receive two copies of the 2015-2016 Directory with their paid membership. If you are not a Civic Club member, please consider joining. For your membership fee you'll not only receive your phone books, but you will get to enjoy all the fun events the Civic Club organizes for the community through the year. If you did not pick up your directories at AnchorFest, they are available at City Hall during normal business hours.

2016 Forestry Calendars

All Anchorage households receive one free forestry calendar each year. If you did not collect your calendar while at AnchorFest, please stop by City Hall, 1306 Evergreen Road, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to pick it up.

Anchorage forestry calendars also make wonderful holiday gifts! Additional calendars can be purchased at City Hall for \$5.



Things You Should Know About Anchorage Fire and EMS

By Fire Chief Bill Rockwood

The Anchorage Fire Department was founded in 1911, making it the second oldest fire department in the state of Kentucky. EMS was added in 1979 which made the Anchorage Fire Department the only fire district in Jefferson County that had EMS, which still holds true to this day. Last year the Anchorage Fire and EMS Department responded to 4,739 emergencies, including 597 fire responses and 4,142 EMS responses. This makes the Anchorage Fire and EMS District the busiest firehouse in Louisville.

Why so busy? We respond as a mutual aid with neighboring departments. Any structure fire in Jefferson County has the closest three engine companies, two truck companies, a heavy rescue, and several company commanders responding. The Anchorage Fire station is staffed with six cross-trained firefighters who operate two ambulances and one fire engine. Last year the Anchorage Fire Department was one of 107, out of more than 50,000 fire departments nationwide, that received a "Class One ISO" rating (make sure to inform your insurance company of this).

Why do you see Anchorage EMS ambulances all over Jefferson County? As with fire, Anchorage EMS ambulances respond as mutual aid EMS runs. An EMS emergency gets the closest available ambulance to respond. Anchorage responds all over Jefferson County when called upon by MetroSafe dispatching. These 4,100 mutual aid runs last year generated billings of nearly \$2.5 million dollars, more than half of our total operating budget last year.

What happens if our two ambulances are on mutual aid runs and there is an EMS emergency in Anchorage? This rarely happens, but when it does, the remaining staff places our back-up ambulance into service and responds to the emergency. This third truck is not available for any runs outside of our district. When there is an emergency in Anchorage, all available emergency responders make the run. This often generates eight or nine people, including police, fire, and EMS. No where else do patients receive this kind of attention.

We strive every day to make Anchorage the safest place for our residents and visitors. There are Automated External Defibrillators (AED) all over Anchorage in case of a patient having cardiac arrest. All of our churches, the Anchorage School, and Owl Creek Country Club have AED's, and personnel have been trained in CPR. Each year, every child in Anchorage School's seventh grade is trained in CPR.

You are invited to stop by and meet your local heroes. We will be happy to perform a safety check of your home. Please make sure you have working smoke detectors and a carbon monoxide detector in your home. Remember to dial "911" in case of an emergency.

Save the Dates for these December Holiday Events!

YULE LOG LIGHTING AND CAROL SING

Sunday, December 6 at Hobbs Chapel

The Anchorage Garden Club is sponsoring its annual Yule Log Lighting and Carol Sing at 6:00 p.m. on December 6. Rain date is Monday, December 7.

THE 35th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN ANCHORAGE

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



Holiday Home Tour & Kick-Off Party

Thursday, December 10 – 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The 2015 Christmas in Anchorage Home Tour will feature the newly renovated home of Leslie and Jeff Robinson, 1302 Bellewood Road. View exquisite holiday décor while enjoying gourmet appetizers catered by Vincenzo's.



Christmas in Anchorage

Saturday, December 12 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Anchorage School

Shop the Holiday Boutique and the North Pole Bakery, enjoy Breakfast with Santa, holiday concerts performed by the Anchorage children, story time and sing-along sessions with Mrs. Claus, and crafts for the little ones.

New for 2015: Candy Cane Corner Kids Shop, a Poinsettia sale, and an anchor Christmas tree raffle.



For additional information or a reservation form, visit the Anchorage PTA website <http://anchoragepta.wordpress.com>.

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Industrial Disposal	638-9000

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