

# the ANCHOR AGE



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## ANCHORFEST

The Anchorage “Oktoberfest” Street Party!  
Featuring authentic German food by the Gasthaus

Thursday, October 18  
6:00 p.m. in front of the Anchorage Firehouse

Gather your family and friends and join your neighbors for Anchorage’s favorite fall tradition – Anchorfest! **New and improved**, this year the event features **catered food** from beloved local, and family-owned German restaurant, the Gasthaus, alongside longtime favorites like homemade desserts by the Anchorage Garden Club, bargain-priced \$2 beer/\$3 wine, and free bottled water.

- Bratwurst and frankfurters
- German potato salad
- German cole slaw
- Sauerkraut
- Prices - \$6 adults, \$3 children

Hosted by the Anchorage Civic Club, Anchorfest is a celebration of the fall season and this wonderful community!

NEW THIS YEAR AT ANCHORFEST! Be sure to check out Farmer Steve’s Children’s Barnyard. Enjoy the sights and sounds of real farm animals, and the opportunity to pet calves, lambs, goats, pigs, roosters, baby chicks, ducklings, and a Tom turkey.

Remember to like the Anchorage Civic Club’s Facebook page to stay up-to-date on all the community events.



## Your Opinion Matters

1. Are you okay with a person purchasing the house next door to rent as a short-term rental, for example, a weekend or week to different individuals, like those found on VRBO, AirBnB, or HomeAway, etc.? Please answer YES or NO.
2. Would you be comfortable having your current neighbor rent their home on VRBO, AirBnB, or HomeAway up to four times per year? Please answer YES or NO.

Please email the City Administrative Officer at [renee.major@cityofanchorage.org](mailto:renee.major@cityofanchorage.org) with your answers, comments, name, and address. Your input is needed as the Anchorage City Council considers issues relating to short-term rentals in our community.



**COLUMBUS DAY SCHEDULES**

- Anchorage City Hall will be open on Columbus Day.
- Republic Services will pick up trash, yard waste, and recycling on the regular schedule for the entire week of October 8th.

**TRAINS BLOCKING MULTIPLE RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

Trains regularly travel through the City and occasionally stop in and around Anchorage. Usually, only one crossing in Anchorage is blocked at a time. With several railroad crossings in the City, travelers and emergency vehicles normally have options for going around a stopped train. In the unfortunate case when a train is disabled and blocks multiple crossings, CSX will report the situation directly to the Anchorage Police Department. To assist the City with monitoring trains, residents are asked to email or call City Hall at [cityofanchorage@cityofanchorage.org](mailto:cityofanchorage@cityofanchorage.org) or 502-245-4654 if they encounter multiple blocked crossings.

**ELECTION SIGNS**

Residents are reminded that election signs can be posted 30 days prior to the election for which they refer and must be taken down five days after the election. The maximum size is six square feet. Please keep signs out of the City's rights-of-way, approximately ten feet from the road edge. Thank you!



**Christmas in Anchorage**

- \* The 2018 Holiday Kick-Off Party Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- \* Christmas in Anchorage, Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Anchorage School.



**ANCHORAGE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

The Anchorage PTA Community Connections program is partnering with Uspiritus to gather gently-used, child and adult-sized Halloween costumes for the Uspiritus children to use this Halloween. If you have any unneeded Halloween costumes or accessories that you would like to donate, please drop them at the Uspiritus Bellewood Campus administration building (located at the far left of the campus). There will be a plastic bin available for collections. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Donations are welcome through Friday, October 12th.

# ANCHORPALOOZA

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Anchorpalooza Summer Concert was held at Wagner Park on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Even though the weather forecast turned out to be less than ideal for an outdoor concert, residents donned their rain gear and enjoyed great food and music. The Indie-Folk band, Bendigo Fletcher played at 5:30 p.m. under tents installed for everyone's comfort. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible, including the Public Works crew that restored Wagner Park after the event.



## PREVENTING FLOODING PROBLEMS

Heavy rains wash leaves, sticks, and other debris downstream, where they can collect and clog culverts and drainage channels. Residents should regularly clean out culverts and replace collapsed or non-functioning drain pipes and culverts under driveways. It's important that these channels are kept clear to avoid water back-up and flooding.

City of Anchorage Ordinance §52.11 states: "It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the real estate where natural drainage channels or man-made drainage channels are located, to maintain the channels free of any form of obstruction which impedes water flow." The ordinance also says, "It shall be unlawful for any person in the City to deposit leaves, grass clippings, or any other form of debris, or obstruction, in any natural or man-made drainage channel."

Properly cleaned and maintained swales and drainage culverts will keep the water moving and help prevent the flooding of roads and properties.

## FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD



Fall is a good time to evaluate the health of your trees and arrange for maintenance or replacement. Illustrated brochures from the International Society of Arboriculture are available at City Hall. These cover topics such as tree selection, planting, mulching, pruning, remediation of damage, and managing tree defects. Stop by City Hall and help yourself to any brochures that you need.

The Arbor Day Foundation's website ([www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)) has additional information that you may also find helpful.

### STREET TREE CANOPY CAMPAIGN

The Forestry Board would like to thank all the residents who ordered trees during the 2018 Street Canopy Tree Campaign. These trees will add to the beauty for which Anchorage is known.

In November, board members will deliver tree guards and flags to residents for marking the locations where trees will be planted. Weather permitting, the trees will be planted before Thanksgiving.

