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## ANCHORAGE RESIDENT MEETING FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Recently, there has been much discussion and hype about the popularity of rental websites such as AirBnB, VRBO, HomeAway, or VacationRentals. You may even use one of these websites for your own vacations.

For the consumer, finding a room or house to rent for a short-term (less than 30 days) period is as easy as a click on the internet. Likewise, homeowners have discovered the financial incentives of renting their backyard cottage, private room, or even their entire house to travelers. The City has recently learned of several short-term rentals operating within Anchorage. However, the City has also received numerous complaints from nearby residents regarding excessive noise and traffic related to some of those rentals.

In response, the Mayor and City Council wish to hear from the residents of Anchorage before considering the passage of an ordinance addressing short-term and long-term rentals. The City is hosting two meetings at Anchorage City Hall for all interested residents:

**Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. OR Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please plan to attend one of these two identical meetings. A brief overview of the City's rental restrictions and zoning code will be presented, specifically, the zoning code that governs single-family residential homes or residential-zoned land. Mark your calendars for either the afternoon or evening meeting to stay informed and to voice your support, concerns, and opinions regarding short-term and long-term rentals in Anchorage. For more information, please call City Hall at 245-4654.

### ANCHORAGE EVENTS

**September 8** – Anchorpalooza

**September 13** – Resident Meeting regarding short-term and long-term rentals, 1:00 p.m.

**September 14** – Anchorage Forestry Canopy Campaign orders due at City Hall

**September 16** – PiArt by Artists' Guild of Anchorage

**September 17** – Resident Meeting regarding short-term and long-term rentals, 6:00 p.m.

**September 30** – Biennial Anchorage Dog Show



### Anchorage Civic Club's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Concert Anchorpalooza

Saturday, September 8  
5:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Wagner Park

Bring a picnic dinner and join your neighbors for Anchorage's largest party in the park! Beer, wine, frozen drinks, and Boudreaux's New Orleans Style Sno-Balls will be available for purchase.

Anchorpalooza will showcase the Indie-Folk band, Bendigo Fletcher, nominated for last year's Louisville Music Awards "Americana Artist of the Year." Their sound tips its hat to '70's West Coast folk, pop and psych-rock influences while keeping their Kentucky roots close at hand.

This event is family-friendly and will feature face painting and a bouncy house for the kids.

## Anchorage Residents,

We're just a few short months into the merger of the Anchorage and Middletown Fire Districts and I couldn't be happier with the improved service to the community. This is especially evident in the case of medical emergencies. The addition of two more ambulances in-service everyday has dramatically reduced response times saving precious minutes when they count the most.

Operationally the transition to the expanded service has been seamless. This was largely due to the experienced, professional EMT's, Firefighters, and Paramedics we are fortunate to have on staff. These first responders never cease to impress me with their dedicated, selfless commitment to training and their vigilance in preparation for whatever emergency they may be called to next.

You may also have heard of other Fire Districts locally who have recently merged their operations and expanded ambulance service in their areas. On July 1<sup>st</sup> the McMahan Fire District merged into Jeffersontown and the Lyndon District merged with St. Matthews. These are all mutual-aid partners we have worked closely with in years past, and their mergers will only prove to enhance the service we all receive.

In the coming months, we will continue to grow and build our staff to better meet our performance goals. This is an exciting time for our organization. Although, I hope you never need our services, I assure you that if you do, you will be impressed by the kind, competent, and compassionate service you deserve.

**Chief Andy Longstreet, Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS**



Mark your calendar!!! Another great event being brought to you by the Artists' Guild of Anchorage...

## 2018 BIENNIAL ANCHORAGE DOG SHOW

The Anchorage Civic Club is happy to announce that the 2018 Anchorage Dog Show, a biennial event, will be Sunday, September 30, at 4:00 p.m. at the Anchorage Public School Field. All dogs, as long as they live in Anchorage, are invited to participate. This is a fun and furry event for all of Anchorage, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



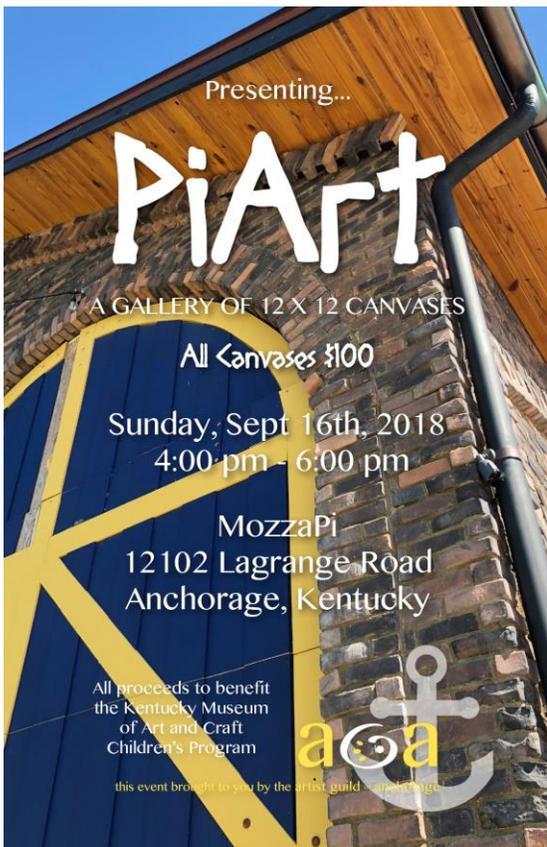
Classes: Designer, Herding, Hounds, Mutts, Non-Sporting, Rescue, Sporting, Terrier, Toy, and Working breeds. New this year is a special preview class called "Future Champs – Pups Under One," so go ahead and get that summer puppy!

Don't have a dog, but still want to be in on the fun? Then there is the Doggy-Look-Alike class for kids to dress as a furry friend and show their stuff in the ring.

Do you have a business that would like to help support the event? There are a few \$200 class sponsorships still available.

Registration packets will be mailed out around August 20, with a registration deadline of September 21. Registration forms will also be available at Anchorpalooza on September 8. Completed registration forms get mailed to Anchorage Civic Club, P.O. Box 23018, Anchorage, KY 40223

Contact co-chairs Tracy Haus (502) 643-0012 or Lorie Davenport (502) 727-0419 for more information.



## MULTIPLE RAILROAD CROSSINGS BLOCKED

A little after four o'clock in the afternoon on August 2, a CSX train stopped in Anchorage blocking the crossings at Glenbrook Road, Lucas Lane, and effectively blocking Evergreen Road. The train was essentially locked in place when an air hose in its breaking system broke which caused the brakes to set on the entire train. The train could not be moved until the hose was repaired. Vehicles were observed driving around crossing gates. Crossing a track after the warning lights are flashing or the crossing gates are down is against the law. Please call 911 if there is an emergency involving a train. Inquiries or complaints about trains stopped for non-emergencies can be directed to 1-800-232-0144, option 4 or [TellCSX@CSX.com](mailto:TellCSX@CSX.com).



## FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

### THE 2018 CANOPY TREE CAMPAIGN IS HERE!

Enclosed in this issue is an order form for the 2018 CANOPY TREE CAMPAIGN. If you wish to place an order, please read the order form carefully and sign the agreement. There are four canopy trees to choose from and a special offer for Rising Sun Redbuds. New this year, one tree guard is included for each tree ordered. Orders and payment are due at City Hall by **September 14**. Because quantities of some trees may be limited, orders will be filled in the order of receipt.

Please check specific characteristics of each tree you wish to order and follow the location guidelines on the order form. Numerous websites and print resources are available; <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org> is particularly helpful because Missouri's climate is comparable to that of our region. In addition, a reference copy of *The Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* is available for your use at City Hall.



### Protecting Children and Teaching Them About Strangers

In recent weeks, nearby communities have reported instances of attempted child abductions. Even though no cases were reported in the City of Anchorage, this is a reminder about the importance of protecting children and teaching them about strangers. Below is information you should go over with your child.

- Who is a stranger? Explain to your children that a stranger is anyone that your family does not know well. Teach children about safe strangers, like teachers and police officers, who they can go to for help.
- Teach children "No, Go, Yell, Tell." They should say no to strangers, run away, yell to draw attention to the situation, and tell a trusted adult right away. Kids should be told to do everything possible to get away if a stranger grabs them, which includes hitting, kicking, biting, and screaming "this is not my mom or dad".
- Parents should know where their children are at all times.
- Kids should learn their phone numbers. They should not rely on having numbers saved in their mobile phones.
- Encourage kids to use the buddy system. There is safety in numbers.

More information can be found at National Crime Prevention Council, <https://www.ncpc.org/resources/home-neighborhood-safety/neighborhood-safety-tips-for-parents/>

#### SOLAR-POWERED CROSSING LIGHTS

Solar-powered crossing lights, similar to the one pictured here, will be used for the walking path crossings at Evergreen Road and Old Harrods Creek Road. Watch for them to be installed soon.



#### VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICE COMING SOON!

On Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Verizon Wireless added new antennas to the cell tower next to Anchorage City Hall. Electrical supply lines should be installed by the end of August. Within one month, testing of all the equipment should be completed and the antennas placed in service.



