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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor of Anchorage



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## HAGAN APPOINTED DEPUTY MAYOR

During the February Council meeting, Mayor Tommy Hewitt appointed Cece Hagan as Anchorage Deputy Mayor. Cece served on the Anchorage City Council for over ten years. Prior to joining City Council, she served on the Anchorage School Board.

Cece is an attorney in Louisville and works with her husband, Tim, as a Vice President of Education Associates, a career and life skills education publishing company. She and her husband have been residents of Anchorage for over 28 years. They have two adult children, Alle and Hayes.

Thank you, Cece, for your continuing service and active leadership in this community that has greatly contributed to the success and development of many capital improvements, ordinances, and policies.

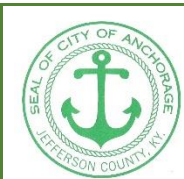
## JOIN THE CLUB

The annual Anchorage Civic Club membership drive is underway. Join now to support community events and receive member benefits. Please complete the enclosed membership form and return it with your dues in the envelope provided.



Mark your calendars for these great events sponsored by the Anchorage Civic Club and made possible by everyone who joined the Civic Club.

- May 30 – Rosé and Croquet
- July 3 – Fireworks at OCCC
- July 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Picnic
- Sept. 27 – Anchorage Dog Show
- Nov. 26 – Turkey Trot
- Dec. 5 – Light Up Anchorage



## 2020 ANCHORAGE TAX NOTICES

Anchorage City Real Property and Personal Property tax bills (for businesses operating in the City) will be mailed to property owners and businesses by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions concerning your invoice, please contact Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie at City Hall, 245-4654, Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## City of Anchorage 2020 Tax Collection Schedule

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
1% Discount	5/1/20	05/31/20
Face Amount	6/1/20	06/30/20
1% Interest per month	7/1/20	until paid
25% Penalty	11/01/20	

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Residential property owners who are 65 or older are eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption on property that they own and occupy. The exemption is subtracted from your property's assessed value before taxes are calculated. Only one exemption is allowed per household. Those who currently receive the exemption do not need to reapply. Instructions and the homestead exemption application are available on the City's website under the Tax and Public Information tab, or at City Hall.

## IMPORTANT INSERTS IN THIS EDITION

The City of Anchorage is required to publish a notice to announce a public hearing and all ordinances passed by City Council. This information is made available to all property owners in the City.

## FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD



Anchorage's Tree City USA recertification was approved by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is Anchorage's 31<sup>st</sup> year as a Tree City USA, the second longest certified city in Kentucky. This is also the 10<sup>th</sup> year Anchorage has received a Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation.

### PLANTING NEW TREES

New trees should be planted as soon as possible and watered often for the first year to encourage root growth. Tree guards protect new trees against damage by deer and lawn equipment and should be installed when the trees are planted.

### TREE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

Various types of tree-related information is available at City Hall, including free brochures that discuss planting and caring for trees and print materials in the Betty Willets Memorial Library that are designated for checkout or for reference use at City Hall.

### ARBOR DAY 2020

Watch for Arbor Day 2020 information in the May newsletter.



## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ERWIN BOOTH TREE DEDICATION Monday, April 6 - 8:45 AM at City Hall

Residents are invited to join the Forestry Board on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the dedication of a dogwood tree that was planted in honor of Erwin Booth, who retired in 2019 after 30 years of service to Anchorage as an Anchorage Police Officer and as Director of Public Works. A coffee-and-donuts reception will follow the ceremony. Join us to catch up with Booth and thank him once again for his contributions to the City.



### OFFICER MANN JOINS ANCHORAGE PD

Officer Charles Mann joined the Anchorage Police Department in February 2020. He retired as a lieutenant from the Louisville Metro Police Department in 2019 with 21 years of service. He served in the Traffic unit, Narcotics Division, and

the Training Division. He also served as an investigator in the Professional Standards Unit and Robbery Unit. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute and the Academy of Police Supervision.

When you see Officer Mann, feel free to introduce yourself and welcome him to the community.

### WELCOME COUNCILMEMBER DELEHANTY

Matt Delehanty was appointed to City Council by Mayor Hewitt in February to fill the position vacated by Cece Hagan.

Originally from New York, Matt Delehanty and his family have lived in Anchorage for nine years. Matt and his wife Emilie have three children, MacLean (14), Daisy (12) and Peter (10). Matt is a former member of the Anchorage Civic Club. Thank you for serving on Anchorage City Council.



## PET REMINDER



Please remember when dogs are not on the premises of the owner, they must be restrained by a lead or leash. For the safety of your pet and everyone around, please keep pets on a leash. Pet owners should also regularly check electric collars and underground fences to make sure they are in proper working order. Pets should have a tag or collar containing current owner contact

information, so they can quickly be reunited with their families if they get lost.

## INSTALLING OR REPAIRING FENCES

If installing an underground pet fence or trenching 12' or more to repair a fence, be sure to contact City Hall at (502) 245-4654 to obtain a permit from the City Forester. If you choose to install a physical fence or other structure, be sure to contact City Hall to meet with the Zoning Officer before you begin your project.

## I-MOVE KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is working on a multi-year project to improve the safety and relieve congestion on several nearby interstates. The 2018 Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) ranked the Commonwealth's transportation needs. Widening I-265 between Taylorsville Road and I-71 ranked number 1, improving the I-71/I-265 interchange was number 6, and widening I-71 was number 11. Improving the I-64/I-265 interchange was also identified as a need. In February, KYTC closed one lane of I-265 near Old Henry Road for drilling. Other lane closures, detours, and delays are possible until construction is completed in 2023. Learn more at [www.I-MoveKY.com](http://www.I-MoveKY.com).



## KEEP CULVERTS CLEAN

During the spring, heavy rains can cause drainage issues. 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." Please check for leaves, silt or collapsed culverts that may impede water flow. Keeping channels clear will minimize flooding of property and streets.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Having a plan and preparing ahead of time is recommended whether facing virus outbreaks, tornado season, or any emergency situation. The City and Anchorage Emergency Preparedness Committee reminds residents to:



- ✓ **Stay informed.** Visit the Centers for Disease Control website at <https://www.cdc.gov/> or sign up for their newsletter, use a weather radio or weather apps and news apps for the latest information and alerts. Listen for warning sirens located in and around Anchorage.
- ✓ **Be Prepared.** Have emergency and disaster supplies on hand including food, water, and medications for all family members including pets. Emergency kits should also include batteries, flashlights, a radio, first-aid kit, and sanitary items.
- ✓ **Create and Practice Emergency Plans.** Identify your safe place. In case family members are separated from one another due to school or work, families should develop a plan for reuniting after a disaster.



## DETERING CRIME

Thieves look for easy targets, such as unlocked cars. They take advantage of opportunities to steal from cars in Anchorage and surrounding areas regardless of the time of day. Lock car doors, and do not leave valuables where they are visible to deter criminals. If you see suspicious activity, immediately call Anchorage Police at (502) 244-0562 or 911 and ask for the Anchorage Dispatcher.



## RECYCLE CELL PHONES

The Louisville Zoo offers a cell phone recycling program to Anchorage residents. Anyone wishing to recycle their unwanted cell phones, batteries and accessories can bring these items to a collection box located

in the lobby at City Hall. **Important:** Please clear all phone numbers, photos, and personal information from your phones before recycling.



