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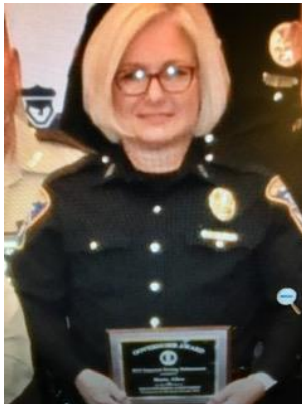
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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor of Anchorage



February 2020



ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICER ALLEN RECEIVE AWARDS

The Anchorage Police Department received a Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Award from AAA. The award is given for outstanding service, dedication, and the significant impact made by improving the quality of life through traffic safety programming. Officer Marie Allen also received a Governor's Award for DUI detection awarded by Kentucky Highway of Safety.



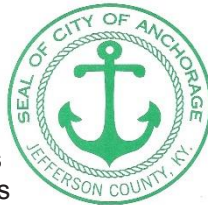
NEW STICKERS ARE HERE!

The 2020 – 2021 vehicle stickers are available for \$2 each, payable by check or cash at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or the Anchorage Police Department any time. Be sure to bring the license plate number, year, make, and model of each vehicle with you.



2020 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS and APPEAL DEADLINE

Anchorage 2020 property assessment notices were mailed to all property owners during the month of January. Assessments are sent annually to all residents, regardless of whether the assessment amount changed.



Residents that choose to appeal their assessment may do so in person or in written form. To appeal in person, please call City Hall at 245-4654 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to bring all relevant documentation to this meeting. To submit a written appeal, include all documentation with the request and mail to: City of Anchorage, Attn: Board of Tax Supervisors, P.O. Box 23266, Anchorage, KY 40223.

The deadline to make an appointment or submit your written appeal is Friday, February 14, 2020.

Appointments will be scheduled in the order that calls are received with the first appointment starting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TAX BENEFIT



Kentucky's Constitution allows residential property owners who are 65 or older 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. The 2020 exemption amount is \$39,300. Only one exemption is allowed per household. Those who currently receive the exemption do not need to reapply.

A Homestead Exemption application is available on the City's website under the Tax and Public Information tab, or at City Hall. Simply complete and sign the application, and provide a copy of your driver's license or other Kentucky-issued photo identification that includes your birthdate to Anchorage City Hall. Residents should also mail a copy of the application and driver's license to Jefferson County PVA.

2020 WINTER BOWL & TOWN HALL MEETING

WINTER BOWL

Congratulations to Adam and Heather Felton for winning the 2020 Winter Bowl cookoff with their Japanese Curry recipe. The Anchorage Civic Club hosted the international themed event at the Anchorage Fire Station on January 12, 2020. Residents enjoyed tasting a wide variety of recipes that included Newfoundland Moose chili, German potato soup, French onion soup, and German sauerkraut to name a few. Thank you to event chairperson Kristen DeLong and the many volunteers for another successful cookoff.



TOWN HALL MEETING

Anchorage Civic Club President Mills Sublett kicked off the town hall meeting at Shall We Dance with the presentation of the Winter Bowl trophy to the Feltons.

Mayor Hewitt recapped City projects completed this year, including the new anchor monument at Evergreen Road and Station Road, new walking path on Hazelwood Road, and new bridge on Old Harrods Creek Road at Owl Creek Lane. He said the wildlife study report should be completed soon, and the City plans to hold meetings to discuss the findings with residents. A comprehensive review of traffic in the southeastern quadrant of the City is underway, as is a review of the insurance premium tax. Work continues for increasing the walkability of the City with plans to install walking paths on Evergreen Road near Woodland Road, then looking at access from Stonegate Road to Valley View and from Cold Spring Road to Glenbrook Road.

Police Chief Dean Hayes reported that the police department is fully staffed with ten officers, and that crime in Anchorage was low for 2019. He reminded residents to keep valuables stored out of sight in vehicles to deter crimes.

Fire Chief Andy Longstreet noted the 2019 merger of additional departments with the Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS. He said they are on track to make nearly 20,000 responses per year. Longstreet's goal is to continue close relationships with the community and improve efficiencies, which contribute to the low tax rate for a dual service agency.

Anchorage Public School Superintendent Kelley Ransdell was proud to announce renovations to the

school library were completed in 2019, and the school board and APTA will partner to renovate the cafeteria next.

Thank you to all the Civic Club members who make events throughout the year so successful. Thank you to Mills Sublett, Tracy Haus, Ann Phillips, Julie Rose, Beth Rusch, Eleanor Takagishi, Rob Watson and Harry Wilson who finished their terms on the Civic Club board.

Please welcome new board members Stacey Elder, Jan Ruzich, Stacey Dickens, Olivia Beckman, Hilary Patil, Katie Montgomery, Wilson Greene, Patrick McLane, and Chris Bueno.

Thank you Mills Sublett for serving as the 2019 Civic Club President. Karin Tyrer is the 2020 President.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR DIANE COOK

The Anchorage Civic Club named Diane Cook the 2019 Citizen of the Year during the town hall meeting. Cook was recognized for her service on the Anchorage City Council and work on many projects that make the City safe and beautiful. Diane is pictured here with her mother Wilma Valentine; daughter, Ana; and her husband, Bob.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

HAZARDOUS TREES

Trees that are in City rights-of-way and identified as hazardous by the Anchorage Forestry Board have been marked with spray-painted numbers. Trees will be removed by the City in early February 2020, weather permitting. Please call City Hall if there are any questions.

2020 FORESTRY CALENDARS

A few Anchorage Forestry Board 2020 wall calendars are still available at City Hall. Each household is entitled to one calendar free of charge; additional calendars may be purchased for \$6 each, with cash or check.

PILLARS OF PRESERVATION

WELCOME BILL FOWLER TO AHPC

Bill Fowler has been appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council as a member of the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC). Fowler has several years of previous experience on the board.

The AHPC would like to thank Connie O'Connell for serving on the board during an exceptionally busy year.

PERMITS FOR CHANGES

Owners of property in the Anchorage Historic Preservation District have a responsibility to help maintain and protect the historic nature of the City, and as a result can benefit from increased property values. Homeowners considering alterations to the exterior appearance of their property, including new construction need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission. For any questions contact City Hall.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

March 4, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Anchorage Public School will hold Kindergarten Registration on March 4th. Students entering Kindergarten must turn 5 years old prior to August 1, 2020, to be eligible to enroll.

Parents are asked to bring the following items to registration: proof of residency water or electric utility bill, driver's license, and child's birth certificate. If this is the first enrollment from the family into Anchorage School, parents are also asked to bring a property deed or lease as proof of residency.

Families will receive an enrollment packet to complete and return to school. During registration, parents will be asked to sign up for Kindergarten screening times. The first screening will be held in April, and the second will be in August.

Families who are unable to attend the March Kindergarten registration are asked to pick up a registration packet from Misty Killinder as soon as possible after March 4th. If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten registration, please contact Misty Killinder at Misty.killinder@anchorage.kyschools.us.

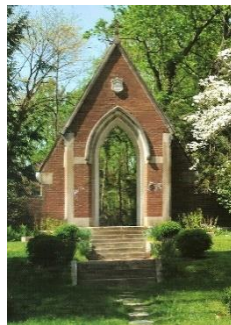


MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY UPDATE

The Middletown Library now has a full staff and is ready for your business! Pre-school Storytime resumed on January 2

and will be held every Thursday morning from 10-11am. Come and meet the children's librarian and join in the fun! In addition, other programming is also being offered – refer to the bi-monthly newsletter (available at the library) for more information.

Stop by the Middletown Library in the East Government Building at 200 North Juneau in Middletown. Library hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, noon - 8:00 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday.



KNOW SOMEONE GETTING MARRIED?

With wedding season around the corner, Hobbs Memorial Chapel is available to rent for the perfect outdoor ceremony. The rental fee is \$350 for residents and \$600 for non-residents.

Please contact Paige Ochs at (502) 245-9878 or (502) 836-0358. Reservations are limited.

WALKING PATH SAFETY

Days are getting longer, giving more time to enjoy the outdoors. Anchorage trails are great places for exercising, for walking dogs, and for children to walk or bike to school.



Paths throughout the City are trails, not sidewalks, and are often subject to accumulated leaves, water, ice, and debris. Residents are reminded to be careful of possible hazardous conditions on walking paths and pedestrian bridges, especially in the winter.

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IMPORTANT CITY NEWS!

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City Hall (8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., M-F)	245-4654
Police Department	244-0562
Fire Department	245-7555
Republic Services	638-9000

EMERGENCIES **Call 911**

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