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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor of Anchorage



June 2020



WELCOME BACK OFFICER CYPERT!

The City welcomes back Officer Tom Cypert, who retired from the Anchorage Police Department in 2018. Prior to joining Anchorage Police Department in March 2012, he served 11½ years with the Shelbyville Police

Department, with the last several as Sergeant. Cypert was also a Deputy Sheriff with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for 2½ years before leaving for Shelbyville. Prior to that he was a Cavalry Scout in the US Army.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PVA TAX APPEAL DATES CHANGE FOR 2020

Due to the Covid-19 state of emergency, Jefferson County PVA made changes to the 2020 tax assessment appeal process. The open inspection period was delayed and will now run June 26 through July 20, 2020. This is the time owners have the right to appeal their tax assessments. No in-person meetings will be held, so PVA representatives will not be in libraries as in the past. To appeal, owners must conference with PVA online or by teleconference. Online conferences are available at www.jeffersonpva.ky.gov beginning at noon on June 26th, 2020 until 4:00 p.m. on July 20, 2020. If assistance is needed or to schedule a teleconference, call (502) 574-6224. Tax assessment notices will be mailed June 26.

The appeals process is subject to change, so visit the Jefferson County PVA website mentioned above for updates.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The Old Harrods Creek Road bridge near Owl Creek Lane will be replaced soon. Old Harrods Creek Road will be closed to all through traffic for six to seven weeks. Residents that live on Old Harrods Creek Road will have access to their homes during this time. The City will send a Reach Alert prior to the start date.



To sign up for Reach Alerts, visit www.reachalert.com to create an account. Register as a resident, and use City of Anchorage for the network name.

ANCHORAGE PROPERTY TAXES DUE JUNE 30



Tax bills were mailed to property owners and businesses at the end of April. For 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>
10% 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	

WALKING PATH EXTENSION

In June, the walking path on the east side of Old Harrods Creek Road will be extended from the 900 block to Beech Road. Thank you to residents that provided necessary easements, which made it possible to improve the safety, enjoyment, and accessibility of the walking paths for the community.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

PRUNING MATURE TREES



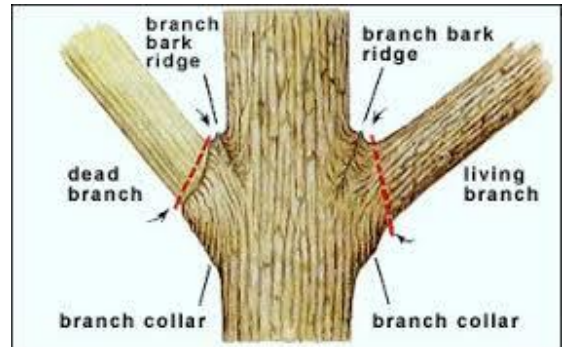
“Lions-tailing” on trees

Before the spring growth flush. Proper pruning cuts entail pruning back to the branch collar for best results. The branch collar is the visible swelling at the base of a branch where it attaches to the trunk. Flush cuts back to the trunk are no longer recommended as they were years ago. Also, it is not only not necessary, but it actually can be harmful, to paint the pruning cuts with anything.

If you decide you need to thin a mature tree, it is best to only prune the smaller branches toward the outer edge of the tree canopy. Removal of larger primary and secondary branches such as scaffold limbs may leave large pruning wounds that make it difficult or impossible for the tree to “heal”. This leads to subsequent decay following their removal which can eventually lead to the decline and death of a tree. Another very poor pruning practice that must be avoided is one called “lions-tailing”. This abusive pruning practice involves removing most, if not all, of the interior branches, less than four inches in diameter. This “over-thinning” leads to poor form and wound development making trees more prone to failure. Remember there should be a very good reason to remove more than 10% or so of the live foliage on mature trees.

Before deciding whether a mature tree may need to be pruned in your yard, please be sure you have sound reasons for doing so. Some reasons to prune mature trees may include the removal of dead, decayed, and/or storm-damaged branches; minimizing limb failure through the reduction of the heavy weight and mass of branches close to and/or overhanging buildings; and limbing up trees over streets, sidewalks, etc. It is important to bear in mind that removing any live branches from already stressed trees can further stress them. Old trees can decline as a result of pruning too much live tissue.

If you find it necessary to prune a mature tree, routine pruning to remove dead, broken, and/ or diseased limbs can generally be done at any time of the year. However, trees can compartmentalize (“heal”) their wounds better if pruning is done



Pruning back to branch collar

ANCHORAGE ACHEIVES STERLING TREE USA STATUS

The Arbor Day Foundation has awarded the City of Anchorage its 31st Tree City USA designation and 10th Growth Award, both for 2019. Also, in recognition of ten years of participation in the Growth Award program, the Foundation has designated Anchorage a Sterling Tree City USA. Sterling communities are regarded as leaders in community forestry and are often considered innovators. The Board thanks all who have contributed to these achievements by participating in the City’s Forestry programs or by facilitating their implementation.



ROAD PAVING

The City conducted its annual road assessment to evaluate the condition of each road and prioritize a list for maintenance. Old

Lucas Lane, Glenbrook Road, Cherry Lane, Somerhill Court, Station Road, and Evergreen Road are scheduled to be repaired or paved in 2020. Watch for Reach Alerts for possible road or lane closures and detours.

ANCHORAGE CIVIC CLUB EVENTS

The Anchorage Civic Club continues to evaluate the pandemic situation and make plans for community events. Watch for 4th of July run, parade, and picnic and 2020 Dog Show information to be printed in the next the Anchor Age Newsletter and posted on the Anchorage website at www.cityofanchorage.org, Post Office bulletin board, and on the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page.



REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTACT INFORMATION

Republic Services is the trash, yard waste, and recycling contractor for the City of Anchorage. In an effort to provide the highest level of customer service for Anchorage, the company created Anchorage@republicservices.com, an email account dedicated to assisting Anchorage residents. Holiday schedules and answers to many questions may be found on their website at www.republicservices.com. The company may also be contacted at (502) 638-9000.



OH DEER!

Be on the lookout for fawns. The majority of white-tailed deer fawns are born in the month of June. Until fawns are big enough to keep up with their mothers, the does leave their fawns alone for most of the day. People often believe fawns have been orphaned and want to help. Fawns need help if they are visibly injured, cry for hours on end, are extremely weak, or are in a dangerous location. In such cases, a call should be placed to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator or the state wildlife department. People and pets should be kept away from fawns so the does feel safe to return.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET



Dispose of pet waste in the trash so that it isn't washed into streams or storm drains. According to MSD, dogs in Jefferson County produce four dump-truck loads of waste every day. Bags and trash receptacles are conveniently located in the park and in front of City Hall.

WHEN IS A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT NEEDED?

Anchorage tree preservation ordinance requires a tree removal permit when taking out dead, live, or fallen trees which have a 3" or larger trunk diameter. Tree removal notification forms are available at City Hall or may be printed from the City website at www.cityofanchorage.org. Complete the form and submit it to City Hall, along with photos of the tree and a map marked with the tree's location. There is a 10-day waiting period from the time a tree removal permit is issued to when the tree(s) may be removed. An appointment with the City Forester may be required depending on the project and number of trees involved. Appointments can be scheduled by calling City Hall at (502) 245-4654. The tree protection and preservation ordinance requires that all trees removed are to be replaced somewhere on the property within one year.

RECYCLING REMINDERS

Ensure all recycling items are picked up and able to be recycled by following a few simple steps and knowing what can be accepted.

The following items may be placed inside recycling carts:

- Boxes broken down flat, no larger than 3' x 3'
- Plastics with numbers 1 through 7
- Aluminum and tin food containers
- Glass bottles and jars
- Newspaper, including slick advertisements, magazines, and phone books

Common items that are NOT recyclable include: plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam, plastic cutlery, mirrors, and lightbulbs. Many grocery and home improvement stores have recycling receptacles for these items.



HOMeward BOUND

Each year in the City of Anchorage, pets get loose and need help to get home. Pets can be reunited with their families more quickly when they have a microchip and/or wear an identification tag. Microchips are helpful since they cannot be removed or lost and allow owners to easily update their contact information. ID tags provide an immediate way for anyone that finds a pet to contact its owner and do not require the animal to be transported to get a chip read. Owners should check the condition of the tags (and collars) regularly and replace them if worn or contact information changes.



DO NOT FLUSH WIPES

So-called "flushable wipes" do not break down properly in the sewer system. These wipes, and disinfecting wipes, may clog sewer pipes and damage sewer line pumps.



DO YOU HAVE A STICKER?

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.



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IMPORTANT CITY NEWS!

PHONE NUMBERS:

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

EMERGENCIES

Call 911

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City Engineer & Flood Safety Officer
City Zoning Officer
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