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The Honorable W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor of Anchorage



May 2020

Anchorage Property Tax Discount Rate Increased to 10%; Property Tax Rate Remains Unchanged at \$.336/\$100 Assessed Value!

10% Property Discount Rate Anchorage City Council voted to increase the 2020 City real and personal property discount rate from 1% to 10% effective with the tax bills mailed in late April. City Council increased the discount rate to offset the 5% increase in the insurance premium tax rate that became effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, effectively making the revenue from these two sources revenue neutral. This City property tax discount only applies and is specific to the 2020 City of Anchorage real and personal property taxes, not Jefferson County nor the Jefferson County/Anchorage Public School District taxes. Property tax and discount rates are set after an annual analysis to meet House Bill 44 Compensating Rate calculations and are approved by City Council via an ordinance.

May 31 is the Discount Payment Deadline The City property tax discount only applies to 2020 property tax payments received by May 31, 2020. This year May 30 and May 31, fall on the weekend. To allow residents the full month to obtain the discount, payments may be dropped off at the Anchorage Police Station located at 11504 Park Road until midnight on Sunday, May 31st. A receiving box will be located in the front lobby of the Anchorage Police Station.

City of Anchorage 2020 Tax Collection Schedule

	Start Date	End Date
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	



CITY HALL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

In April, new granite encircled landscape beds were installed around the flag pole and City Hall sign. This is the first step in a

landscape plan that includes improvements to beautify the cell tower compound next to City Hall that is planned in the spring.

REPUBLIC SERVICES SCHEDULE

All weekly services (trash, yard waste, and recycling) are currently running on regular schedule. Should Republic Services need to adjust the schedule, residents will be notified by Reach Alert, and the information will be posted on the City website www.cityofanchorage.org.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – All services will run on a one-day delay the week of May 25th in observation of Memorial Day.

For the safety of workers, Republic Services is striving to limit the number of “touches” each driver has on their routes. The company requests **all items be contained inside carts**. Kindly hold items that do not fit inside carts and place them in carts the following week for pick up. For questions, contact Republic Services at 502-638-9000 or Anchorage@republicservices.com.

IMPORTANT INSERT IN THIS EDITION

The City of Anchorage is required to publish all ordinances passed by City Council. Though many ordinances may not directly affect everyone in the community, this information is made available to all property owners in the City.



**ANCHORAGE CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

MAY IS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

Mayor Hewitt, with support of Anchorage City Council, proclaimed May 2020 as National Historic Preservation Month in Anchorage. The National Trust for Historic Preservation established National Historic Preservation Month to promote preservation and community pride in local heritage sites.

The original Anchorage Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 and was expanded to include most of the town in 1992. There are over 50 National Register and Kentucky Landmark houses within the City. A list of these houses can be found at the end of the Historic Preservation Guidebook, which is available on the City website at www.cityofanchorage.org under the permit page. The guidebook is a great resource for learning about the Anchorage Historic Preservation District and the process for obtaining permission for any new construction or exterior changes to homes in the district. Call City Hall at 245-4654 prior to starting any construction or remodeling project to obtain the proper permits.

FAMED BERNHEIM FOREST WAS ALMOST LOCATED IN ANCHORAGE

Thank you to Anchorage Historic Preservation Chairman William Wetherton for sharing this interesting and personal piece of Anchorage history. Isaac Wolfe Bernheim purchased his summer home on Homewood Drive in Anchorage in 1900, and employed the Olmsted Firm for two years developing a planting and home addition¹ where the famed Bernheim Forest was to be located on the 300 plus acres that he and his wife owned. When his wife died suddenly in 1922, he sold the property and moved out of state but returned in 1929 to fund the Bernheim Foundation Arboretum and Research Forest south of Louisville. Although the Bernheim Forest was elsewhere, Bernheim contributed greatly to Anchorage and the area. He helped organize the Civic Club in 1914, was instrumental in bringing water to the City, and was the honorary Commissioner for Central State. He hosted the Central Conference of Rabbis at his Anchorage home in 1904 and funded an addition to Jewish Hospital. The Lincoln and Jefferson Statues in Louisville were his projects as were the statues of Dr. Ephraim McDowell and Henry Clay in Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. His gifts and projects were many and far-reaching and would take pages to list!

¹*The Library of Congress and The Olmsted National Site, Brookline, MA*



FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD



ARBOR DAY & TREE GIVE-AWAY

In light of the CDC's cautions against large-group gatherings, the Forestry Board cancelled the March 18th Arbor Day presentation and created a new plan to hold the Spring Tree Give-Away on March 17th.



The Board thanks everyone at Public Works and City Hall for their crucial help in completing this project. With their careful organizing and tireless work, the giveaway was conducted safely to comply with "physical distancing" guidelines, and all of the trees were given away in one day.

The Board also thanks participating residents for being patient with last-minute format changes and for doing their part to keep everyone safe. Please apply tree guards as soon as possible and remember to keep your new trees well-watered throughout the first year. Tree guards and watering "donuts" are now available at City Hall for \$7 and \$16 respectively, by check (preferred) or exact change only. If you would like to purchase these items, please call City Hall at 245-4654 in advance of your arrival.

TREE CHECKUPS & PERMITS

Now is the time to evaluate the health of your trees and to determine replacement or new planting needs. Remember to obtain a tree removal permit when taking out trees with a trunk diameter of 3" or more. If a tree is damaged by severe weather or falls on its own and needs to be removed immediately, you may remove the tree and notify City Hall to complete a tree removal notification form.

100% PARTICIPATION NEEDED!

The United States is required to conduct a census once every ten years. Census data is used to determine the number of seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives and the allocation of funding to state and local governments, and other federally-funded programs. That includes funding for public health coverage (Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program), healthcare, and food assistance programs. Completing the census is quick (taking less than 10 minutes), easy, and all answers are confidential. Respond today online at my2020census.gov or by phone at 1 (844)330-2020.

The City's goal is 100% participation. According to <https://www.censushardtcountmaps2020.us> the Anchorage response rate is currently 68%. Complete your census today and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Let's make it to 100%!





SCAM ALERT!

After the federal government announced it will send stimulus checks to taxpayers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, scammers jumped into action. Attempts to steal money or identities are sent in all types of communication: emails, texts, phone calls, and social media. You do not have to sign up or call for the federal program. Checks will be direct deposited or mailed. Be cautious whenever contacted and asked for personal information (bank account, social security number, credit/debit card, etc.) or when asked to pay a fee, send a gift card or send a wire transfer. When in doubt, assume that the request is a scam. Don't engage in conversation, reply to messages, or click any links. Just hang up or delete the message.

ANCHORAGE STORIES PROJECT

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Whether you have lived in Anchorage for a long or a short period of time you will all have experienced the positive power of this village, and what can be achieved as a community. It is what makes Anchorage such a special place to live.

At this time in our history, when everyone is experiencing social distancing, it is a wonderful time to reflect on this community. With this in mind, a not-for-profit project called

“Anchorage Stories” was started by resident Jane Brown. The idea is to create a book of personal and family stories about Anchorage and what it means to be part of the community.

For those of you who have lived here a long time, you have experienced important community events and traditions that may no longer exist and risk disappearing unless recorded. The history of houses, school, PTA, generations of people and places that have contributed to the tapestry of life over the years needs to be preserved and treasured. Those who are new to the area may have created, or been part of, new Anchorage traditions or events.

The collection of stories will be compiled, edited, illustrated and published to the highest standard. Don't worry if you are not the best writer, it is more important that your story is shared. Your story can always be tweaked during editing.

If you would like more information and guidelines on how to submit a story please contact Jane Brown and janebrown4078@gmail.com or 502-802-6219.

BRIDGE WORK WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE ROAD



The Old Harrods Creek Road bridge near Owl Creek Lane will be replaced soon. Construction may begin as early as the end of May or beginning of June, depending on when bridge and culvert materials arrive. 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.

UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

In March, the COVID-19 pandemic changed everyday life. Schools began non-traditional instruction, public gatherings were cancelled, and physical distancing became a part of everyone's vocabulary. Out of respect for the CDC recommendations to limit public gathering and for the safety of Anchorage residents and staff, an Emergency Executive Order was issued and approved by the Mayor with provisions for continuing City operations and services.



The Anchorage community found many fun and rewarding ways to fight COVID-19. Some people collected supplies for hospitals. Residents joined in ringing bells or making noise on Sunday evening, while others displayed their artwork at the end of their driveway as part of the Spring Break Art Show. Rainbows, anchors, and teddy bears were displayed in windows,

doors, and on mailboxes to encourage people to get outside, exercise, and see how many items they could spot. The community encouraged each other in creative ways, including hanging a message around the horse's neck downtown.

Please continue to follow CDC guidelines including physical distancing. Stay safe and stay healthy!

WALKING PATH EXTENSION

Extension of the Old Harrods Creek walking path to Beech Road is expected by June 30th. More information is forthcoming in the June newsletter.

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Fire Department	245-7555
Republic Services	638-9000

EMERGENCIES

Call 911

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