

the ANCHOR AGE



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The Honorable Neil Ramsey
Mayor of Anchorage



September 2020

Mayor Tommy Hewitt Retires After 26 Years with the City



After 20 years as mayor and six years as a city council member, Mayor Tommy Hewitt has officially retired. Congratulations to Tommy on his well-deserved retirement, his many great years of service to the residents of Anchorage, and his many accomplishments for the City.

During the mayor's tenure, Mayor Hewitt was instrumental in making Anchorage a walkable

City by orchestrating many of the new walking paths and pedestrian bridges for residents and visitors to enjoy on a daily basis. Although there were many accomplishments on behalf of the City, according to him, his greatest accomplishment was "reducing the tax rate from .416 to .336."

Those of us in City Hall, Public Works, Police Department and City Council who worked with and for him over the years know the countless and tireless hours Tommy spent outside of the public view governing the City.

He will be greatly missed as the mayor, but can still be seen on his almost daily walks around the City. While continuing to reside in Anchorage with his wife, Susan, his mayoral retirement allows for more time to travel, visit with children and grandchildren, and enjoy their home in Florida. Our best wishes for a well-deserved and enjoyable retirement!

A city celebration of his tenure and retirement will be scheduled at a later post-pandemic time! More information will follow later in the year. Feel free to contact and/or send him a personal message at anchorage.mayor@aol.com or in care of City Hall at P.O. Box 23266, Anchorage, AK 99502. His mayor.hewitt@cityofanchorage.org email will remain active but will be phased out.

At the August meeting, City Council appointed and approved Neil Ramsey as the new mayor. Neil Ramsey served as a city council member from September 2007 until August 9th when he stepped down as a city council member to become mayor. More information will be included in the October *Anchor Age Newsletter*.

Holiday Schedules

- Anchorage City Hall will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. City Hall will reopen Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m.
- Republic Services will run one day behind throughout the holiday week, beginning with services scheduled for the holiday. The delay includes trash, recycling, and yard waste.
 - Republic Services reminds residents to use bags for yard waste that are sufficient strength to contain debris without breaking and are **not** plastic. Cans may also be used.

THANK YOU, CECE HAGAN, FOR YOUR SERVICE

Long-time Anchorage resident and attorney Cece Hagan served as a City Council member from January 2010 through February 2020 and as Deputy Mayor until August 2020. During this time, the City benefited from her legal expertise as she helped guide the City through ordinances and decision making. Please join the City in thanking Hagan for many years of leadership, service, and contributions to the success and development of Anchorage, while always striving to make the City a better place. Best wishes to Hagan and her future endeavors! Again, a special recognition will follow at a later, post-pandemic time.



FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

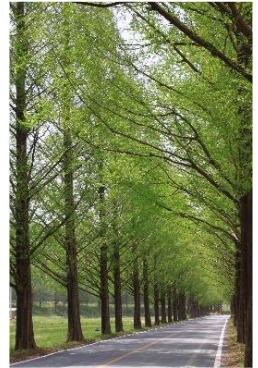
THE 2020 STREET CANOPY CAMPAIGN IS HERE!

An order form for the **2020 STREET CANOPY CAMPAIGN** is enclosed in this issue. If you wish to place an order, please read the order form carefully and sign the agreement. Orders and payment are due at City Hall by **Monday, September 21**. Because quantities of some trees may be limited, orders will be filled in the order of receipt.

Please check the specific characteristics of each tree you wish to order and note the location guidelines on the order form. The enclosed flyer contains brief descriptions of the trees offered this year.

For further research, you are encouraged to consult online or printed resources such as *The Manual of Woody Landscape Plants*, a comprehensive guide available at City Hall.

A Forestry Board member will contact participating residents about next steps as the program progresses. Weather permitting, the trees will be planted before Thanksgiving. Each planting site will include mulch and a tree guard installed on each tree.



ANCHORAGE WELCOMES TWO NEW OFFICERS!



Morgan Roberts was hired as an Anchorage Police Officer August 10, 2020. She is a graduate of South Oldham High School and attended Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Louisville. Morgan was previously employed with the Louisville Metro Police Department, serving six years.

Cheri Bower was sworn in as an Anchorage Police officer August 25, 2020. Cheri is a 19-year veteran having served for the Louisville Metro Police Department. She most recently worked the 8th Division as a Detective.

Please introduce yourselves to the new officers and welcome them to the City.



ANCHORAGE CIVIC CLUB ONLINE PET CONTEST WINNERS

Due to the pandemic, the Anchorage Civic Club created their first ever pet contest on their Facebook page. Residents shared many sweet and funny photos and videos of their furry and finned family members.

Congratulations to contest winners!

Cutest dog, larger breed: Penelope Anne Berg

Cutest dog, smaller breed: Eddie Kash (pictured right)

Cutest cat: Marx Mast

Cutest pet siblings: Goose and Marx Mast (pictured right)

Naughtiest pet: Tench Hunter

Best pet name: Fast Eddie the Hustler Torgerson

Funniest pet: Fast Eddie the Hustler Torgerson

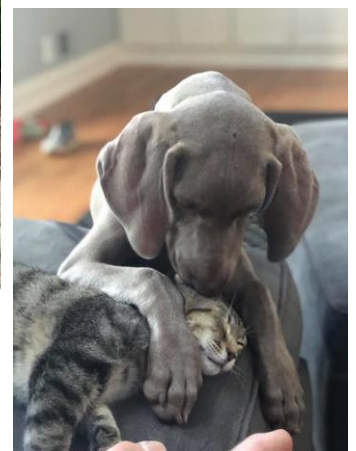
Most unusual pet: Hannah Banana Greene

Silliest pet: Duffy Skinger

Best pet costume: Eddie Kash as a unicorn

Best pet trick: Otis Jones

Most helpful pet: Penelope Anne Berg



To see more adorable photos and videos of all the entries and winners visit

<https://www.facebook.com/anchoragecivicclub>.

SAVE THE DATES

Harvest For Hope Two Evening Events

<p>Farm-to-Table Dinner VIRTUAL Friday, October 16 6-9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Family Movie Night Saturday, October 17 7:30 p.m.</p>
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Bellewood Campus in Anchorage
11103 Park Road

Your support helps us provide therapeutic care to Kentucky's most vulnerable children and families. Please visit our website and social media pages for further event information and to learn about other ways you can get involved.

COVID-19 guidelines will be followed at both events to ensure the health and safety of our attendees.



YOU'RE INVITED

Harvest for Hope is an annual, two-day community event that includes a Farm-to-Table Dinner as well as a Family Movie Night. Proceeds benefit the vulnerable youth that are cared for at Bellewood & Brooklawn. For more information and reservations, visit <https://bellewoodandbrooklawn.org/harvest-hope/>



FARM-TO-TABLE DINNER

This year's dinner on Friday evening will be virtual with online programming. Guests will receive a bountiful basket filled with locally-inspired cuisine from some of our area's favorite chefs that can be enjoyed in the comforts of home. Guests will also have an opportunity to bid on silent auction items online.

MOVIE NIGHT

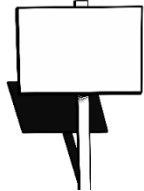
On Saturday evening, grab your chairs and blankets for a cozy, family-friendly movie night under the stars. The Family Movie Night takes place on the Bellewood Campus in Anchorage located at 11103 Park Road. Admission is free, but a ticket is required in advance to reserve your spot. Only one ticket per car is needed

CAR STICKERS

Anchorage car stickers are available at City Hall at a cost of \$2.00 each and are good for two years. The stickers provide identification of all cars belonging to Anchorage residents and help police identify stolen and abandoned cars.

SIGN ORDINANCE

Election Day is approaching, and signs will soon be popping up. Sometimes a candidate's office will place signs in yards, but the responsibility of following the City's sign ordinance falls upon the resident.



Anchorage Trails

Anchorage is known for its beautiful walking and horse trails. Walkers, bikers, and horse riders are encouraged to use the trails, which were formed in 1928. Motorized vehicles of any type are not permitted. Maps of the eight Anchorage Trails are available at City Hall.

Here is a reminder about the City's sign ordinance in regard to political signs:

- The maximum size shall be six (6) square feet.
- Signs should not be placed closer than ten (10) feet from the edge of the street or curb.

House Surveillance

The Anchorage Police Department provides house surveillance service for your home while you are on vacation. The cost is \$1.00 per day. Contact the Anchorage Police Department at 244-0562 for details.

Regarding signs in general, please do not place signs in the road rights-of-way. If you have questions about signs, please call City Hall at 245-4654, or review the Sign Ordinance online at www.cityofanchorage.org.

POOL DRAINING SAFETY

Be kind to the environment and neighbors when you drain your pool. Warm pool water full of chemicals is toxic and will kill aquatic life and plants if drained to a stream or drainage channel. Protect our watershed! Follow these simple steps to avoid flooding, water back-up, or harming the environment when you drain your pool this fall:

- Test pool water and allow chlorine to drop below 0.1 ppm
- Ensure the pH level is between 6 and 8 (normal range)
- Do not drain your pool during or up to 48 hours after a rain.
- Slowly drain the pool to a grassy area on your property, and allow water to soak into the ground. It should not flow directly into a street, stream, catch basin, or your neighbor's property.



For more information, visit <https://louisvillemisd.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/MSD%20Media%20Release--Safe%20Pool%20Closings.pdf> or call MSD Customer Relations at (502) 540-6000 with your pool draining questions.

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(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

Historic Preservation Commission:

Bill Wetherton, Chair	Bill Wilkinson
Greta Chessler	Katie Greene
Clyde Ensor	Dan Fultz
Bill Fowler	Doug Schmitt

Forestry Board:

Lucy Spickard, Chair	Nan Dryden
Diane McAllister	Ellen Welham
Jan Ruzich	Nancy Wilkinson
Adele McCoy	

CITY OFFICIALS:

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

City Council:

Diane Cook	Matt Delehanty
Bill Wetherton	Jason Walters
T. Hunter Wilson	
Administrative Officer	
Deputy Treasurer	
Receptionist/Clerk	
Police Chief	
Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS	
Fire Chief	
Deputy Chief EMS	
Director of Public Works	
City ABC Officer	
City Attorney	
Assistant City Attorney	
City Engineer & Flood Safety Officer	
City Zoning Officer	
Archives	

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