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The Honorable Neil Ramsey
Mayor of Anchorage



April 2021

SAVE THE DATE!

The Anchorage Civic Club would like to invite residents to their Spring Fling on Friday April 23! They will be hosting an outdoor social event at Wagner Park from 5-8 pm! Several food trucks will be on site. Purchase dinner, drinks, and desserts to enjoy while listening to live music by Anchorage's own Porch Opossums. The Bubble Bug and Side by Side Art Bus will be there to help entertain the kids. Details will be posted on Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page.

Residents are encouraged to walk or drive their golf carts to this event as street parking is limited. Be sure to bring a picnic blanket or chairs if you would like them.

Please wear face masks when not eating/drinking, and adhere to social distancing guidelines.


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.

- April 23 Spring Fling
- June 5 Rosé and Croquet
- July 3 Firecracker 5K/10K
- July 3 Fireworks at OCCC
- July 4 Parade & Picnic
- Oct. 14 Anchorfest
- Nov. 25 Turkey Trot
- Dec. 4 Light Up Anchorage

 <p>2021 ANCHORAGE TAX NOTICES</p> <p>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 30th. 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.</p>	<p>City of Anchorage 2021 Tax Collection Schedule</p>		
	<p>Discounted Amount</p> <p>Face Amount</p> <p>1% Interest per month</p> <p>25% Penalty</p>	<p><u>Start Date</u></p> <p>5/1/21</p> <p>6/1/21</p> <p>7/1/21</p> <p>11/01/21</p>	<p><u>End Date</u></p> <p>05/31/21</p> <p>06/30/21</p> <p>until paid</p>

PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANCE INSERT ENCLOSED
Notice of Public Hearing – 2021 Proposed Tax Rate
 April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Anchorage City Hall

CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC? Your feedback matters. Take the online KIPDA survey listed on page 3.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

ARBOR DAY VIRTUAL EVENT AND DRIVE-UP TREE GIVEAWAY

The Forestry Board's Arbor Day Event was held in March, the second time with pandemic safety measures in place. In lieu of an in-person program, residents and their children viewed online videos and children's activities at the Arbor Day Foundation's website. The videos and activities remain available at <https://www.arborday.org/trees/video-library.cfm> and <https://www.arborday.org/kids>, and residents are also encouraged to explore other features of the foundation's website, www.arborday.org.



City Hall and Public Works staffs again organized and conducted a safe drive-up Tree Giveaway on March 17th and 18th, at which all of the trees were given away. The Board thanks the staff and the participating residents for working together to keep everyone safe.

Residents who took home trees are urged to plant them as soon as possible, apply a tree guard to each, and remember to keep them well-watered through the first year. Tree guards and watering "donuts" are still available at City Hall for \$7 and \$19 respectively, by check (preferred) or exact change only. A variety of pamphlets about tree selection and care are also available at City Hall.



APTA AUCTION STRONG ADMIST PANDEMIC

The 28th Annual APTA (Anchorage Parent Teacher Association) Mini-Auction was a HUGE success, raising over \$53,000! The community stepped up and made the

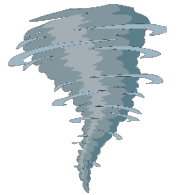
virtual auction not only possible, but successful. APTA appreciates the generosity of APS families, staff, and community members. They look forward to celebrating in person next year.

The APTA has continued to financially support our students and staff during this challenging year by purchasing extra sets of books to allow students to have copies at home, more supplies to limit sharing, professional development for teachers in the tech space, and of course routine operating costs like the platform we use for our annual auction. The APTA plans to use the auction funds to make the 2021-2022 school year an amazing one. They hope to be back in the classrooms with Junior Great Books, Art Discovery, Junior Achievement, and all the other APTA sponsored activities next year.

The virtual auction ran from March 1st – 6th. If you missed the auction but would like to donate, please feel free to drop a check in the APTA box in the front vestibule of the school. Or you can visit APTA's bidpal site to donate online: www.bidpal.net/apta2021. Thank you again for supporting the APTA.

PLAN, PREPARE AND PRACTICE!

In Kentucky, April and May typically have the highest percentage of severe storms and tornadoes. Families should plan, prepare, and practice what to do during tornadoes and other emergencies. Create a plan of where to go, where to reunite, make a list of emergency contacts, and prepare an emergency kit.



During a tornado:

- Seek shelter in the lowest level, preferably in a basement or in an interior room on the lowest level.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get under something sturdy for more protection.
- If possible, protect yourself from flying debris with mattresses, pillows, or blankets. Bicycle or motorcycle helmets can also be worn.

If in a vehicle or caught outdoors, take cover in a nearby ditch. Lie flat and cover your head. Avoid taking shelter under a highway overpass and try to stay away from areas with many trees.

Tornados can develop quickly, even when a thunderstorm is not in the area. Watch for these signs: a dark or green-colored sky, a large, dark, low-hanging cloud, large hail, and/or a sound similar to a train. Take cover immediately, and tune into local news and weather stations.

Sign up for alert services. Many weather apps offer alerts on mobile phones. In Anchorage, sign up for Reach Alerts and listen for the emergency siren.

Photos and Feedback Needed for the Redesign of the City's Website

If you have taken a lovely photo of an Anchorage event, scenery, or architecture, and would like to share it, please forward the photo in the highest resolution possible (.pdf, .jpg, etc.) to the City. Not an acclaimed photographer, but have often used the City website? Please forward your feedback and suggestions for improvements. Photos and feedback should be emailed to renee.major@cityofanchorage.org. Thank you!



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

KIPDA (Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency) is currently updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Connecting Kentuckiana 2050 will replace the current MTP as the long-term vision for transportation in our region. A key component in the planning process is better understanding the wants, needs, and frustrations people experience when traveling to work, school, the store, or around town. KIPDA aims to identify needs through a survey and interactive map, as well as continued dialogue with members of the community. The interactive map allows for pinpointing specific locations throughout the region that disrupt travel. This could include traffic, crash related delays, lack of adequate bicycle paths or sidewalks, long waits at stoplights, or lack of transit stops or routes.

Your input is critical to prioritizing improvements. Take a moment to visit the survey link: <https://kipdatransportation.org/issues/>. To learn more about Connecting Kentuckiana 2050, visit the KIPDA webpage: <https://kipdatransportation.org/ck2050>.

PREPARE NOW FOR GROWING SEASON

Spring is here, and it is time to start planning outdoor projects. Homeowners can gear-up to create vegetable and flower gardens and to tackle general yard maintenance.

Cleaning Up

Now is the time to remove winter mulch to allow the soil to warm and encourage new growth. Any remaining dead stems of annuals and perennials should be cut back. Yard waste may be placed curbside on Thursdays for pick up by Republic Services or it can be composted by the homeowner. Republic Services will not take dirt, stumps, mulch, trees, fencing, or plastic bags. They can take lawn clippings, leaves, and tree limbs and sticks in 3-foot lengths, no larger than 6" in diameter, bundled in such a way that one person can lift them.



Create a Garden. Begin by planning the garden on paper. Select a site that drains well, receives at least eight hours of full sun, and has easy access to a water source. Till the soil as soon as it is workable (not too wet, crumbles rather than sticks together). Have the soil tested, and amend with organic materials and fertilizers as needed.

Add or Update Landscaping. Plant new trees, shrubs, and perennials in your landscape. Spring is a great time to divide perennials to get more plants and encourage growth on the original plant.

Additional Projects. Build a compost bin to reduce yard waste and create rich soil for gardening. Build a cold frame (mini greenhouse) to hold transplants and harden them off prior to planting into a garden. Get kids involved by making garden plant markers, rain gauges, and birdhouses.

KIPDA ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The English Station Road project is currently funded for construction in 2021. The estimated completion date is 2024. This project will widen English Station Road from two to three lanes from Aiken Road to Avoca Road. The third lane will be a center turn lane. The purpose of this project is to provide a wider roadway configuration to improve safety, increase capacity, and elevate level of service. The project will improve the safety of the rail crossing and enhance bike and pedestrian network.



BULK ITEM REMOVAL

For large or heavy items, contact Republic Services Customer Service at Anchorage@republicservices.com or 638-9000 to arrange for a special bulk collection. Due to health issues such as bed bugs and other biological issues related to possible contamination...ALL mattresses must be wrapped in plastic to be picked up as a bulk item. Plastic wrap for large items is available at local home improvement stores.



Anchorage residents are encouraged to sign-up for the Reach Alert emergency message system. Elect to receive messages from the City by text, email, telephone (cell or home), or any combination of these methods. Visit www.reachalert.com to register. Create an account and choose "Anchorage" as the network to join. If you need assistance registering, please contact Reach Alert at 877-307-9313.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TAX BENEFIT

Residential property owners who are 65 or older are eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption on property that they own and occupy as their primary residence. Those who currently receive the exemption do not need to reapply. Homestead Exemption applications and instructions are available on the City's website on the Taxes and Public Information tab, or at City Hall.

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Police Department	244-0562
Fire Department	245-7555
Republic Services or Anchorage@RepublicServices.com	638-9000

EMERGENCIES

Call 911

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