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The Honorable Neil Ramsey
Mayor of Anchorage



February 2021

The Anchorage Civic Club Presents the ANNUAL WINTER CELEBRATION & TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, January 31, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
at Owl Creek Country Club



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this year, the Civic Club cancelled the annual Winter Bowl cooking competition. Instead, the Civic Club invites everyone to celebrate this wonderful community event around a bonfire at the Winter Celebration followed by the annual Town Hall Meeting!

Bonfire and Drinks (cash bar and hot chocolate for sale), 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., between the pool and clubhouse
Bring your family and join your neighbors on January 31st at Owl Creek Country Club...All are welcome!

Town Hall Meeting, 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Come and listen to the annual State of the City by Mayor Neil Ramsey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, and recently appointed AMFES Fire Chief Kevin Groody. Then, hear the announcement of Anchorage's Citizen of the Year! The Town Hall Meeting will be in the Owl Creek Country Club Ballroom and broadcast to overflow areas in the Adult Grill and Sunroom for social distancing.

Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Stay at the club for dinner! Nonmembers are welcome, and there are lots of meal options for kids! Dinner reservations are required, so please call Owl Creek Country Club at 502-245-4157. All other questions, contact Civic Club member Kristin DeLong at kristindelong.kd@gmail.com.

2021 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS and APPEAL DEADLINE

Anchorage 2021 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 has been extended to Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Appointments will be scheduled in the order that calls are received with the first appointment starting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.



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 2021 exemption amount is \$40,500. 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 Taxes 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 for adjustments to City (and School) taxes. Residents also need to mail a copy of the application and driver's license to Jefferson County PVA for County tax adjustments.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES



Reluctantly, we bid farewell to Nan Dryden, who will leave the Board to begin a business venture. Nan has been an invaluable Board member since 2012, serving as secretary and managing various projects. Thank you, Nan, and good luck!

We welcome Adele McCoy to the Board. Adele helped with the spring tree giveaway as an associate member in 2019 and joined as a full member in 2020.



We also welcome Paul Wessel. As an associate member for a decade, Paul has assisted with too many of our programs to name. We are pleased that he will join the Board as a full member this year.



ARBOR DAY EVENT 2021

The City's annual Arbor Day event will be conducted safely again this year during the week of March 14-21. In lieu of the traditional in-person program, we will offer online programming that can be viewed at residents' convenience.



The annual tree giveaway, from which each household may take home three young trees, will be conducted again with curbside pick-up. Watch the March issue of this newsletter for details about the online activities, available trees, and procedures for tree pick-up.



ANCHORED IN A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

APTA AUCTION AND RAFFLE March 1 - 6

The annual Spring APTA auction originally scheduled for March 6 is being modified for 2021.

In lieu of the traditional event, the APTA will be organizing a mini silent auction and raffle on March 1 through March 6. Items to be auctioned or raffled during the online-only event will include popular favorites such as a parking spot in front of the school, the official school street sign named for your family, a commemorative brick, and a few special surprise items! More information regarding this event and the prizes offered will be posted on the Anchorage PTA Facebook page and other social media channels.

The Anchorage PTA is grateful to belong to such a strong and supportive community and hopes to come together and continue the auction tradition with a live event during the next school year.

HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR



Griswold Award



Spirit of Anchorage Award

APT A is excited to announce the winners! The Griswold Award is presented to the Park Family for their amazing display of lights. The Best Overall Award is presented to the Donan Family who wowed us with their classic Christmas décor. Lastly, the Spirit of Anchorage is awarded to the 8th grade class who decorated the school and heart of our community. They did a wonderful job bringing so much joy to our community.



Best Overall Award



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH FISH FRY

For the health and safety of the community St. Luke's Episcopal Church decided not to hold their annual Fish Fry in 2021. They look forward to when everyone can safely gather again for meals.

AGA ARTIST'S SHOWCASE

The Artist Guild of Anchorage is planning their 11th annual Artist's Showcase. Traditionally held in March, the event is being postponed to June 3, 2021 at Owl Creek Country Club. Watch for more information in upcoming editions of this newsletter.

RECYLING REMINDER

Many household items may be recycled using the weekly curbside pickup. Republic Services accepts #1 - #7 plastics, aluminum and tin containers, glass bottles and jars, newspaper, magazines, and 2ft. x 2ft. cardboard. Residents should take plastic grocery bags, light bulbs, batteries, and Styrofoam to appropriate recycling centers.



REPUBLIC SERVICES 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Republic Services will be closed and delay service by one day to observe the following holidays in 2021:
Memorial Day, May 31
Labor Day, September 6
Thanksgiving Day, November 25
Christmas Day, December 25
Independence Day falls on Sunday this year and will not affect service dates.

PILLARS OF PRESERVATION

GRIMM APPOINTED TO HPC BOARD

The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission welcomes Dan Grimm as a new board member. Dan is a principal and owner of an architecture and design firm, where he has practiced architecture since 2002. He holds degrees in architecture from two universities and has been working in the field for 26 years. His knowledge and experience, including work in Anchorage, will greatly benefit the community.

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. If you have questions, contact City Hall.

CIVIC CLUB THANKS RETIRING MEMBERS AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Civic Club thanks Lorie Davenport for her work in helping to create and run the Anchorage Dog Show with her husband Rob Davenport, and also for helping to create Croquet and Rosé -- both of which have grown to become staple events in the community. Thank you to Stephanie Cronan for creating the Light Up Anchorage event to kick-off holiday festivities, and for having her hand in so many things behind the scenes! The Club is very appreciative of Karin Tyrer and all her hard work this year as president. Recently, she pulled off a COVID-friendly AnchorFest event and greatly assisted with marketing avenues to encourage involvement and publicity. Karin, Lorie, and Stephanie, the community is lucky to have you, and you will all be dearly missed on the Civic Club Board!

The Civic Club is pleased to welcome Greg Mullaney, Adam Felton, Amy O'Connor, and Kate Hendon to the Board.

ANCHORAGE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration & Screening



APS Kindergarten Registration will be virtual this year. Students entering Kindergarten must turn 5 years old on or before August 1, 2021, to be eligible to enroll. Please complete the form found at the below link to add your child to our Kindergarten Registration list. <https://forms.gle/uDBKpbwbNGh1QEiSA> After completing the form you will be emailed a link to complete the enrollment process. After your child is registered for Kindergarten, Kristy Clark will contact you to schedule a Kindergarten Screening time.

If you have any questions about the APS Kindergarten Registration process please reach out to Kristy Clark at kristy.clark@anchorage.kyschools.us or Misty Killinder at misty.killinder@anchorage.kyschools.us.

Preschool Screenings

Preschool Screenings at APS are ongoing. Preschool screening helps to identify and serve those who have a developmental delay in one or more of the following areas: Motor, Cognitive, Language, Social or Self/Help Skills.

Guidelines for preschool eligibility include:

- Children who are 4 years old on or before August 1st may qualify based on federal income guidelines (at or below 160% of poverty level). This is determined by the number of house-hold members and their combined income.
- Preschool eligibility for children who are 3 years old is based on developmental needs determined by assessments provided by the school district.
- Children who are 4 years old on or before August 1st may also qualify based on developmental needs regardless of family income level.

If you have any questions regarding preschool screenings or if you would like to schedule an appointment please contact Kristy Clark at Kristy.clark@anchorage.kyschools.us.

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EMERGENCIES

Call 911

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