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The Honorable Neil Ramsey
Mayor of Anchorage



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NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE!

A new pedestrian bridge will be built and dedicated to honor retired Mayor Tommy Hewitt. The stone bridge will be constructed on Hazelwood Road near Hobbs Park Road, and will replace the existing white metal bridge.

A ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony will be held following its completion. Watch for announcements in The Anchor Age newsletter this fall.



HEWITT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Mayor W. Thomas "Tommy" Hewitt retired in August 2020. The Anchorage Civic Club and City were happy to finally honor Mayor Hewitt with a celebration in June 2021 after pandemic restrictions were relaxed. Many Anchorage residents attended the cocktail social held at City Hall to thank Hewitt for his twenty years of service as the mayor and six years as a city councilmember.

Hewitt was presented with a book of personal letters written by residents. Kentucky League of Cities President Bonnie Jung was on hand to present Hewitt with a service award.



Hewitt was appointed to City Council in April 1994 to fill a vacancy. In February 2000, he was named Deputy Mayor. Following the death of Mayor Peyton Hoge III, Tommy was sworn in as Mayor at a Special Meeting of City Council on September 19, 2001.



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

- City Hall will be **CLOSED** Monday, July 5th to observe the legal holiday
- Republic Services will run on the **REGULAR SCHEDULE** the week of July 5th. **NO DELAYS!**

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 POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

The Anchorage Police Department has again been recognized by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Executive Director of the KACP Shawn Butler said, “Once again the Anchorage Police Department demonstrated their excellence and professionalism in

achieving their most recent accreditation. They have been accredited for over 25 years which is a fantastic achievement. Their elected officials and citizens have much to be proud of when it comes to their police department.”

The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is one of the most valuable and cost-effective ways currently available to departments that wish to enhance overall agency effectiveness and professionalism. Accredited departments benefit from the use of consistent and proven procedures, clearly outlined policies, and efficient practices.



WELCOME OFFICER CUNNINGHAM

Chad Cunningham retired from the Louisville Metro Police Department in 2020 with 20 years law enforcement service. He retired as a Patrol Sergeant and was also a KLEC Certified Instructor, Police training officer and a graduate of The Academy of Police Supervision. Cunningham joined the Anchorage Police Department May 24, 2021. Please welcome Officer Cunningham!

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

TREES NEED HELP IN SUMMER'S HEAT

Now that summer has arrived, please take special care of young trees adopted at the Arbor Day Giveaway. New trees, which are establishing their root systems, require more water than do established trees. However, over-watering can be harmful. See this Arbor Day Foundation information for guidelines about how and when to water new and older trees: <https://arbordayblog.org/treecare/how-to-properly-water-your-trees/>. Donut-shaped hydrators such as that shown in the article may still be purchased at City Hall for \$19 each with check or cash in exact amount. Mulch applied around the base of the tree will help to conserve moisture. The mulch should be no more than 2-3 inches deep and should be pulled away from the base of tree so it does not touch the bark.

VISIT THE FORESTRY LIBRARY

The Betty Willets Memorial Library at City Hall provides a number of helpful books and resources regarding tree and plant selection and care. While some materials are to remain at City Hall to be used as references, others may be checked out. The library is open during City Hall business hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., M-F. Some of the notable references available are Manual of Woody Landscape Plants by Michael Dirr; National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American trees, by Elbert L. Little; Tree Maintenance by P.P. Pirone; Diseases of Trees and Shrubs by Sinclair, Lyon, and Johnson; and The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben.



ROAD WORK

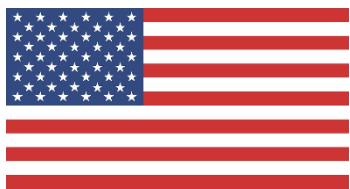
The annual road improvements project will wrap up in July. All milling and repaving were completed in June. Final work on sidewalk repairs and speed humps, including painting stripes on the speed humps is expected to be done in early July.

UTILITY FLAG REMOVAL

The City contracted ESC Southeast to conduct a geotechnical evaluation of the southeast quadrant of the city to determine the feasibility of installing sewers. Testing has been completed, so residents located east of Evergreen Road and south of Ridge Road may remove the utility marker flags on their properties.

ANCHORAGE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Dynamite Schedule of Events!!



The annual Anchorage Independence Day celebration, brought to you by the Anchorage Civic Club, is a long-standing and well-loved tradition in our community and is a large part of our small-town charm. The Civic Club is building on some of the new traditions begun in 2020, while also bringing back and improving upon some events that they were forced to cancel last year due to pandemic restrictions. You are sure to find the new timeline of events will allow for a dynamite celebration of our country and community and a joyful reconnection with neighbors!!!

The Civic Club is pleased to announce the following details on the weekend's activities. Please "like" the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page for updated news on all our community activities.

2nd Annual!! Most Patriotic Mailbox Contest

Show your creativity and your American and Anchorage spirit in this fun Independence Day activity! To enter the contest, email your name and address to ashleymast@gmail.com. **The entry deadline is on Friday July 2 at 8 am.** The first 30 entries will be eligible for the Most Patriotic Mailbox Blue Ribbon Award! The winners will be announced at the 4th of July Picnic and photos will be posted on the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page on July 4! **#AnchorageBlueRibbonMailbox**

Prize Categories: Blue Ribbon Mailbox • Best Theme • Judges' Award

Annual Fireworks Show at OCCC Friday July 2 at Dusk

Owl Creek Country Club and the Anchorage Civic Club are thrilled to announce that our annual fireworks show is back this year! However, please note that we have moved the date to Friday July 2. Both members and non-members of the club are encouraged to attend the festivities which will include a cookout, DJ from 6 pm-10 pm, sparklers for the kids, and much more!!

Firecracker 5K/10K Walk/Run Saturday July 3

Registration Opens at 8:30 am

(Note: earlier registration than previously printed)

Whether you're an avid runner or more of a casual walker, please join our community for our first in-person walk/run since the pandemic began! Bring the entire family, and feel free to dress festively in your Red, White, & Blue! More registration information will be available on the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page, or show up the morning of the event to register. Please share your Anchorage and American spirit with others by posting your pictures from our event!
#FirecrackerRun

Anchorage Independence Day Parade Registration 3:30 p.m., Parade 4:00 p.m.

Everyone can be part of the biggest Anchorage Independence Day Parade this year! We are allowing motorized vehicles, horses, bikers, walkers, strollers, and wagons again this year! We are returning to our shorter route that ends at Wagner Park (for the Picnic) this year. Watch the Civic Club Facebook Page for more details and plan how to participate and/or where to watch – and cheer on the parade entrants!

To participate in the parade itself, decorate your car, trailer, golf cart, tractor, horse, bike or scooter and show your patriotic spirit. We encourage you to get creative! Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. in the Anchorage Presbyterian Church parking lot. The parade begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at the Independence Day Picnic at Wagner Park.

Prize Categories: Best Family • Most Original • Judges' Award • Best Golf Cart, etc. • Best Horse/Animal • Most Bizarre • Norman Rockwell Small Town USA • Best Car/Truck

Anchorage Independence Day Picnic Immediately following the Parade at Wagner Park

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic in 2020, the annual Independence Day Picnic will be back and better than ever this year! After the popularity of the food trucks at our recent Spring Fling event, the Civic Club is working to line up some food trucks and other entertainment for our annual picnic. Also, you will not want to miss the announcements of the Firecracker Run/Walk winners, Parade Winners, Mailbox Contest Winners, and the recipients of the coveted Manure Spreader! Please continue to watch the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page for the most up-to-date details!

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