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The Honorable Neil Ramsey  
Mayor of Anchorage



June 2021



## HEWITT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

**COCKTAIL PARTY  
JUNE 13, 5:00 p.m.  
(Adults only!)  
CITY HALL**

After 20 years as Anchorage mayor and six years as a city council member, Mayor Tommy Hewitt officially retired in 2020.

A city celebration of his tenure and retirement was delayed due to the pandemic. Anchorage Civic Club and the City will host an adults-only cocktail celebration at City Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13th. Join us in thanking him for keeping this community safe and strong throughout the years and the accomplishments that continue to benefit the City.

## ANCHORAGE PROPERTY TAXES DUE JUNE 30

Tax bills were mailed to property owners and businesses at the end of April. For 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.



### City of Anchorage 2021 Tax Collection Schedule

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
10% Discount	5/1/21	05/31/21
Face Amount	6/1/21	06/30/21
1% Interest per month	7/1/21	until paid
25% Penalty	11/01/21	

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- May 31 Republic Services 1-day delay this week
- June 13 Mayor's Celebration 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- June 26 Croquet & Rosé
- July 2 Mailbox Contest entry deadline
- July 2 OCCC/Civic Club Fireworks **NEW DATE!**
- July 3 Firecracker 5K/10K Walk/Run
- July 4 Parade and Picnic
- July 5 City Hall will be closed
- July 5 Republic Services will run on **REGULAR** schedule the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## CIVIC CLUB'S CROQUET & ROSÉ Saturday, June 26

4-6 p.m. at Wagner Park



It's time to start forming your teams and coordinating your outfits because Croquet & Rosé is back and better than ever! You will NOT want to miss this event as the registration will be capped at 20 teams. To register your team, please go to the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4eafa82caaf58-croquet>

There are going to be a few changes to the event this year due to the pandemic restrictions. This year, instead of bringing food to share, we are going to ask each team to set up their own "Tailgate" at Wagner Park. Each team will be allowed to enter one vehicle/tailgate into the competition. We encourage you to be creative with your food, drinks, and decor! Plan to feed only your teammates, and get creative! You are welcome to tie your tailgate and outfit themes together, but this is NOT required. Awards will include the champion and runner-up teams in croquet, best dressed team, and best tailgate.

## FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

### THANK YOU, BOOTH!



On the morning of May 4th, residents and City staff chanced the weather to gather on the City Hall lawn to dedicate a newly-planted redbud tree in honor of Erwin Booth, longtime Anchorage Police Officer and Director of Public Works until his retirement in 2019. Lucy Spickard, Forestry Board Chair, highlighted the many ways in which Booth was especially helpful to the Board. A dedication marker was installed at the base of the tree, and Mayor Neil Ramsey presented to Booth a copy of Samuel W. Thomas's book *The Village of Anchorage*. Residents and City staff shared stories and enjoyed coffee and donuts until a sudden rain shower abruptly ended the event! When visiting City Hall, look for Booth's redbud tree to the left of the building, between the parking lot and the CSX tracks.



### Good Luck, Scott!

The Forestry Board acknowledges Scott Ochsner, departing Public Works staff member, for his help with Forestry events, including especially the tree giveaway. Thank you, Scott! We wish you well in your next endeavors!

### Yes, Cicadas Are Coming!

The 17-year cicadas are expected to arrive in late May or June. Since they can be particularly damaging to small trees planted less than three to four years ago, the Forestry Board recommends that residents install cicada netting over those trees to protect them. Please refer to the May issue of *The Anchor Age* for detailed information about the cicadas and a photo of trees covered by cicada netting. Many of the local garden venues are sold out of cicada netting, but a creative substitute may be tulle. Openings in the covering that is used should be 1/4" or smaller and must allow rain and sunlight to penetrate. (If you have not saved your copy of the newsletter, you may find it and other past newsletters online at [www.cityofanchorage.org](http://www.cityofanchorage.org) in the "News & Announcements" section.)

## Why are Pervious Surfaces So Important?

Recent trends show that residents lucky enough to already live in Anchorage are opting to improve their homes over selling and buying another. A few of the most popular home improvement projects currently include detached garages, outdoor living additions, or swimming pools and include additional sidewalks or driveways to go with them!

In most instances, these improvements not only increase the building footprint but also the amount of impervious area of the lot or property. Impervious surfaces are mainly artificial structures such as pavements (roads, sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots) that are covered by water-resistant materials such as asphalt, concrete, brick, stone, or rooftops. Loose gravel or soils compacted by continual force are also highly impervious. As a means to reduce and balance the ratio of pervious versus impervious surface, Anchorage Ordinance §52.10 (1), limits impervious surfaces to 20% of the property's land area. Over that percentage, a variance is needed and often remediation to offset the "over the limit" impervious surface is necessary.

The City utilizes several "GREEN" BMP's, [best management practices as commonly referred to by the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD)], to offset excessive impervious surface.

These include rain gardens (bio swales), underground storage tanks (water quality units), and "French drains" also known as infiltration trenches.

As a community, we can all do more to help protect our creeks and waterways in Anchorage even if we are not doing renovations or expanding our building footprint.

Be mindful of pollutants such as spilled oil or gas, coal tar sealers, de-icing chemicals, and lawn fertilizers. For example, spilling a pint of oil in a wetland or lake could cover the surface area of an acre of water.

Often it is the culmination of many little things that protect our local streams and aquifers and those downstream. Consider washing your car at the local car wash instead of on your drive. Commercial car washes recycle the used water! The majority of runoff from the City of Anchorage continues to St. Matthews and beyond to Goose Creek and Beargrass Creek. So clean water is not just about Anchorage streams; but, also about being a good upstream neighbor. Clean water is everyone's business. Let's all do our part!

For more information about green infrastructure see: <https://louisvillemsd.org/Green>.





## SPRING FLING EVENT A BIG HIT!

There was a huge turnout for the Civic Club's Spring Fling event at Wagner Park. The weather was nearly perfect for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> gathering. Families and friends came out to enjoy live music by Anchorage-based The Porch Possums, activities for kids, and dinner, drinks, & desserts from three food trucks. While adults enjoyed socializing again, kids made fairy garden crafts, played with bubbles, and had fun doing the hokey pokey.

## Anchorage 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

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 pleased to announce the following details on the weekend's activities:



### OCCC/Civic Club Fireworks Friday, July 2

**NEW DATE!!!** The OCCC/Civic Club Fireworks show has been moved to FRIDAY, JULY 2 this year!



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

Registration information will be available on the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page, or show up the morning of the event to register. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.



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

Everyone can be part of the biggest Anchorage Independence Day Parade this year!! Motorized vehicles, horses, bikers, walkers, strollers, and wagons are all welcome this year! **Prizes will be awarded!**

The parade begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at the Independence Day Picnic at Wagner Park!



### Anchorage Independence Day Picnic Wagner Park, Sunday, July 4

The annual Independence Day Picnic will be back and better than ever this year! The Civic Club is working to line up food trucks and other entertainment for our annual picnic. Come to Wagner Park following the parade to hear the announcements of the Firecracker Run/Walk winners, Parade winners, Mailbox Contest winners, and the recipients of the coveted Manure Spreader!



### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ashleymast@gmail.com). **The entry deadline is Friday, July 2 at 8 am.** The first 30 entries will be eligible for the Most Patriotic Mailbox Blue Ribbon Award! Photos of the winners for blue ribbon mailbox, best theme, and judge's award will be posted on the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page. **#AnchorageBlueRibbonMailbox**

**Please "like" the Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page for updated news on all our community activities.**

## WESTPORT ROAD RESURFACING

The state has awarded a contract for the resurfacing of Westport Road from Freys Hill Road to KY 146 (La Grange Road), a distance of 3.21 miles. The project is scheduled to be completed by October 15, 2021. Follow the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District 5 office on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) for updates on this and other local projects.

## CITY STUDIES SEWERS IN SE QUADRANT

Following a survey of residents in the southeast quadrant of the City, Anchorage began the process for determining the feasibility and cost of installing sewers in this area. ECS Southeast has been contracted to conduct a geotechnical evaluation of the area south of Ridge Road and east of Evergreen Road. Drilling will take place over the next several weeks. Please watch for work crews and use caution driving around them.

## CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Dispose of pet waste in the trash so that it isn't washed into streams or storm drains. According to MSD, dogs in Jefferson County produce four dump-truck loads of waste every day. Bags and trash receptacles are conveniently located in the park in front of City Hall and the island at Glenbrook Road/Woodland Road.



## TEST OR THE REAL DEAL?

The emergency siren located next to the Anchorage Police Station runs a test at noon on the second Tuesday of each month.

Whenever you hear the sirens, tune into local TV or radio stations or check apps for local weather watches and warnings or emergencies.



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

## **EMERGENCIES Call 911**

### **Historic Preservation Commission:**

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Clyde Ensor Katie Greene  
Doug Schmitt Dan Fultz  
Bill Fowler Dan Grimm

### **Forestry Board:**

Lucy Spickard, Chair Ellen Welham  
Diane McAllister Nancy Wilkinson  
Jan Ruzich Adele McCoy  
Paul Wessel

## **CITY OFFICIALS:**

### **Neil Ramsey, Mayor**

### **City Council:**

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Bill Wetherton Jason Walters  
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