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The Honorable Neil Ramsey
Mayor of Anchorage



March 2021



HAGAN NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Anchorage Civic Club proudly presented the 2020 Anchorage Citizen of the Year Award to Cece Hagan during the annual town hall meeting. Cece has continually volunteered her time and talent to public service in order to make Anchorage and Louisville better places to live.

Her service in Anchorage includes: serving 10 years (2010-2020) on the Anchorage City Council where she led numerous committees of vital interest to the City that greatly impacted residents. Her legal knowledge was a tremendous asset, and she was regularly designated acting Mayor in Mayor Hewitt's absence. Cece was officially appointed Deputy Mayor of the City of Anchorage in February 2020, and retired last summer from her long service to the city. Hagan was elected to and served a 2-year term (2005-2006) on the Anchorage School Board. She is a longstanding member of Anchorage Botanical Society, where she served as the club's program chair.

Her service in Kentucky and Louisville at large includes: being a current member of the Dean's Advisory Board at University of Louisville Law School, past president of both the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law Alumni Association and the U of L Alumni Association, and serving on the Strategic Planning Committee of the American Saddlebred Association Board.

In addition, Cece is an accomplished world class equestrian – in fact a three-time World Champion – a successful attorney and co-owner and principle of Education Associates.

She and her husband, Tim, are 29-year residents of Anchorage, where they raised their two children, Alle (27) and Hayes (25).

Please join us in congratulating our 2020 Anchorage Citizen of the Year, Cece Hagan!

WINTER CELEBRATION AND TOWN HALL MEETING

On Sunday, January 31st, the Anchorage Civic Club hosted the annual Winter Celebration, which was followed by the annual town hall meeting. These events kicked off with a happy hour at Owl Creek Country Club with complimentary appetizers and hot chocolate.



Karin Tyrer, 2020 Civic Club President, opened the town hall meeting and happily reported that the Civic Club held the biggest ever 4th of July parade, new patriotic mailbox decoration and online pet contests, and Light Up Anchorage. She then awarded Citizen of the Year to a most deserving Cece Hagan! Karin then welcomed the 2021 Civic Club President, Ashley Mast, and new board members Kate Hendon, Amy O'Connor, Adam Felton, and Greg Mullaney. The community is grateful for the service of retiring Civic Club Board members Karin Tyrer, Lorie Davenport, and Stephanie Cronin. Their leadership, organization, and creation of new events will continue to benefit the Anchorage community.

Mayor Neil Ramsey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Fire Chief Kevin Groody and Superintendent Kelley Ransdell gave updates for the past year. Ramsey discussed taxes, the budget; continuing to make the City more walkable, improving communications through Reach Alerts and the website, traffic, and more.

The meeting was shown live on the Anchorage Civic Club's Facebook page on which an additional 200 people watched. If you would like to view the meeting and see more photos, please visit their Facebook page!

IMPORTANT INSERTS IN THIS EDITION

- ◆ The City of Anchorage is required to publish a summary of its annual audit. This information is made available to all property owners in the City.
- ◆ 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.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

ARBOR DAY

Each year, the Forestry Board hosts an Arbor Day event featuring speakers such as master gardeners, landscape designers, and urban foresters. Guest speakers have shared knowledge on planting to help butterflies in crisis, creating outdoor rooms/living spaces, the importance of canopy trees, and much more.

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, the Arbor Day event this year will be conducted with the safety of all participants in mind. The Board will offer "virtual" activities in lieu of the traditional in-person presentation, and City staff and Board volunteers will operate the Tree Giveaway *by appointment only*.

We ask that you wear a mask and observe physical distancing when interacting with City staff or volunteers.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: Residents are invited to check out any of the FREE videos and fun activities on the Arbor Day Foundation's website. These can be viewed at any time.

- Visit <https://www.arborday.org/kids/> for great digital games and printable activity sheets for children.
- Check out the "Ask an Arborist" videos at <https://www.arborday.org/trees/video-library.cfm> to learn about tree care (recommended topics include mulching correctly, choosing a nursery, or watering a tree.)



Leaf spots caused by Boxwood Blight

A key symptom that separates this disease from other boxwood diseases is that affected plants have dark brown or black streak-like lesions on the green stems. Homeowners with diseased boxwoods should remove infected plants and leaf debris from their landscapes and take off-site in order to remove sources of inoculum and prevent further spread. It is recommended not to replant boxwoods in the same location for at least 3-6 years. Although certain boxwood cultivars are more tolerant of boxwood blight, none are considered truly resistant. Unfortunately, fungicides are not effective in curing boxwood blight.

TREE GIVEAWAY

- The Giveaway will operate from **7:00 AM - 3:30 PM** on **Wednesday, March 17**, and **Thursday, March 18**, at **Anchorage Public Works** (1306 Evergreen Road, behind the Anchorage Firehouse).
- Please **schedule a pick-up time** by calling City Hall (245-4654) no later than **Monday, March 15**.
- Free of charge, Anchorage residents may pick up and take home three 3-gallon trees per residence. The enclosed flyer describes the trees that will be offered while supplies last.
- To ensure that the giveaway operates smoothly, please **fill out the enclosed tree request form** and **bring it when picking up trees**. Also, before arriving, please consider several alternate selections, as supplies of some tree varieties may "sell out" quickly.
- We recommend bringing newspaper or plastic, etc., to place under the pots to protect your vehicle from dirt.
- Your trees will be brought outside to load into your vehicle. **If you will need assistance in loading your 3-gallon trees, please bring someone to help you.**
- Note: Everyone must wear a **mask** and maintain **physical distancing** while interacting with City staff or volunteers.
- Please plant your new trees as soon as possible and apply a tree guard to each!



BOXWOOD BLIGHT IN KENTUCKY

Boxwood blight is an invasive fungal disease that causes boxwood plants to defoliate rapidly and dieback. The fungus that causes boxwood blight can overwinter on infected plants and in infected leaf litter, and its spores are splash-dispersed during the growing season through rainfall and irrigation. It was first discovered in the U.S. in 2011, and the first confirmed case in Kentucky was in 2014. Early symptoms of this disease begin as light or dark brown circular leaf spots with dark borders that coalesce to form brown blotches. Once these spots develop, the boxwood plants defoliate quickly. This disease has been shown to be particularly devastating to American cultivars of boxwood, which can defoliate within a week.



2021 ANCHORAGE TAX NOTICES

Anchorage real property and personal property tax bills 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.

ANCHORAGE CHILDREN'S THEATRE STREAMED PERFORMANCES



The 73rd season for Anchorage Children's Theatre continues with streamed performances of Disney's Beauty and the Beast March 12th through 14th. Tickets go on sale March 1st at www.Darkstar.tv/act.

One ticket grants one code for streaming access on a predetermined time/date. This code can be used for an individual (for example,

on a laptop) or shared on a family device (like an internet-enabled TV). The code can only be redeemed once, and only for the time/date selected.

ANCHORAGE NEWS & ALERTS

Stay up-to-date on local events and get important City notices with Reach Alerts. Register to get messages at www.reachalert.com. Click "sign up" and type "Anchorage" for the organization to join. Customize which message types to receive (alerts for emergencies, and/or reminders for events) and how they are delivered (text message, email, and voice calls).



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.

2021 APTA AUCTION AND RAFFLE

The Anchorage PTA needs your support for the biggest fundraiser of the year!



In lieu of the traditional live gala, 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, a 50/50 cash raffle, braces, beautiful paintings from a local artist and a raffle of one of Kentucky's favorite beverages! Check it out to bid and donate at <http://bidpal.net/apta2021>. More information regarding this event and the prizes offered will be posted on the Anchorage PTA Facebook page and other social media channels.

APTA 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.

I-MOVE KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is working on a multi-year project to improve the safety and relieve congestion on several nearby interstates. Lane closures, detours, and delays are possible until construction is completed in 2023. Visit www.I-MoveKY.com to learn more and sign up to get the latest information delivered by email or text.

PILLARS OF PRESERVATION

LOOKING BACK

The Anchorage Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1911, and the following year the white, two-story brick firehouse, pictured here, was built on Park Road. For a while, both the police and fire departments shared this building. The police department continues to use the now renovated building. A new fire station was built in 1980 on Evergreen Road, with an addition built in 1990-91.



KEEP CULVERTS CLEAN

Melting snow and ice can cause drainage issues during the winter. City of Anchorage Ordinance §52.11 states: "It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the real estate where natural drainage channels or man-made drainage channels are located, to maintain the channels free of any form of obstruction which impedes water flow." Please check for leaves, silt, or collapsed culverts that may impede water flow. Keeping channels clear will minimize flooding of properties and streets.

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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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