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The Honorable Neil Ramsey
Mayor of Anchorage



May 2021

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

The National Trust for Historic Preservation established National Historic Preservation Month in 1973 to promote historic preservation and community pride in local heritage sites. Mayor Ramsey, upon resolution of the City Council, proclaimed May 2021 as Historic Preservation Month in the City of Anchorage, Kentucky.

The original Anchorage Historic Preservation District (AHPD) has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979 and was expanded to include most of the town in 1992. The original District included historic transportation routes and landmark homes, and was influenced by the Olmsted Plan "Town of Anchorage, Kentucky, Possibilities for Future Development" dated January 4, 1916. There are over 50 National Register and Kentucky Landmark structures within the town limits. The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC) oversees the regulation of changes to landmarks and properties in the AHPD. The Commission holds monthly public meetings and is working to update the Historic Preservation Guidebook. A special thank you to all who graciously serve on the AHP Commission. Thanks to the cooperation of Anchorage residents, the town is able to maintain its historic and architectural character.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Forestry Board
Dedication of a Tree

In Honor of
Erwin Booth


May 3, 2021 10:00am

Location: Front of City Hall

Afterwards:
Please join us for Refreshments

Join the Anchorage Forestry Board on May 3 - at Anchorage City Hall for a tree dedication in honor of Erwin Booth. "Booth" was a long-time Anchorage Police Officer and Director of Public Works. He worked with the Forestry Board throughout the year and on special events including Arbor Day Tree Giveaways and Fall Canopy Campaigns. He retired in 2019 after 30 years of service to the City.

PROPERTY TAX RATE REDUCED!



The City of Anchorage real property and personal property tax rate for the fiscal year 2021 has been reduced from \$0.336 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.329 per \$100 of assessed value. The early payment discount will remain 10%. Tax bills will be mailed to property owners and businesses by April 30th. Note: 2021 tax bills will be printed with a new format due to new software. 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	

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

- Anchorage City Hall will be closed Monday, May 31, 2021, in observance of Memorial Day.
- Republic Services will run on a one-day delay for trash, yard waste, and recycling during the week of May 31st.

IMPORTANT INSERT ENCLOSED

The City of Anchorage is required to publish all Ordinances passed by City Council. This information is made available to all property owners in the City.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

CICADAS ARE COMING

Seventeen-year "Brood X" cicadas are expected to emerge this year between late April and mid-May, depending on temperature and rainfall. Although cicadas are harmless to humans and typically cause only minor damage to larger trees, they can cause significant damage to young trees planted less than 3-4 years ago. The cicadas climb up into trees, where the females bore into and lay eggs in tender branches, possibly eventually killing the twig. Larger trees may experience some minor dieback at the ends of their branches, but the overall health of those trees is not usually affected.



Image by John Obermeyer, Purdue Entomology, Purdue University.

The Forestry Board encourages residents to protect their young trees. Pesticides are not usually considered effective in controlling cicadas, but an option for protecting young trees is netting or mesh, which is available in rolls or bags online or at garden stores. To be effective against cicadas, openings in the mesh must be smaller than 1/4", seams must be closed, and the netting must be closed tightly underneath the tree branches so that cicadas cannot climb up into the tree. Trees should remain covered for the approximately one-month period in which cicadas are active in the area.

"All vulnerable parts of trees should be completely covered. Note how the branches are fully covered by the fine netting and the fabric is tied tightly at the trunk of the tree." Photo by James B. Hanson USDA Forest Service.



"An example of a heavily damaged full-grown tree. The brown, dead leaves are twigs that were killed by cicada egg laying. The damage may look severe, but this tree should recover from the cicada damage by the following year."

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More information about cicadas and protecting against them can be found here:

<https://www.cicadamania.com>

<https://www.purduelandscapereport.org/article/17-year-cicadas-are-coming-are-you-ready/>

<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Entomology/entfacts/trees/ef446.htm>

https://oldham.ca.uky.edu/files/21-03_oc_news.pdf

<https://www.wlky.com/article/everything-you-need-to-know-about-2021-cicadas-when-how-many-how-long-kentucky-indiana/36039858#>



ANCHORAGE NAMED TREE CITY USA® AND GROWTH AWARD WINNER

In 1991, the Anchorage Forestry Board's first Arbor Day celebration was held at the Anchorage Public School and the City was formally announced as a Tree City USA.

During the inaugural event, each student received a Kentucky coffee tree seedling to take home and plant. Some of those trees can still be found in the City.

Anchorage was once again named a 2020 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Anchorage achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The community also received a 2020 Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and higher level of tree care.

CARING FOR TREES



Remember to water trees, especially the young ones, to insure their growth and survival.

Tree guards and donut-shaped hydrators are available for purchase by Anchorage residents at City Hall for \$7 and \$19, respectively.

Free brochures about tree selection, placement, and care are also available at City Hall.

Anchorage is so lush and green - let's work to keep it that way!



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Spring is here, and many folks are out enjoying the walking paths and trails around the City. Whether walking, running, or riding, be mindful of the following safety precautions, especially in cross walks.

Pedestrian Safety

- Stay alert! Keep your eyes and ears on the road. Look and listen for cars from all directions.
- Reduce distractions! Do not use electronics, such as phones or ear buds, when crossing traffic.
- Use paths and crosswalks! Whenever possible, stay on paths away from traffic and use crosswalks.
- Follow the rules! Obey road rules, signs, and signals. When walking paths are not available, walk facing traffic or bike in the same direction as traffic. Clay Loveless, with the help of Troop 110 members and Anchorage Police Chief Hayes, developed a bike safety video for his Eagle Scout project that can be viewed using the link bit.ly/anchoragebikesafety.
- Be visible! Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Motorist Safety

- Yield to Pedestrians! Reduce speed when approaching crosswalks, and be prepared to stop. When stopping, leave enough room that pedestrians are visible to other drivers. Never pass vehicles stopped at crosswalks.
- Use extra caution! Pay extra attention when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
- Follow the speed limit!

Be sure to review these safety tips with children each year. Have fun, and be safe!

SPRING CLEANING

Whether spring cleaning is being done indoors or out in the yard, it is important to know how to properly dispose of trash, recyclables, and yard waste.

TRASH

Trash service is for normal household trash and does not include construction or hazardous materials like wood or oil-based paint. Contact a recycling center to dispose of hazardous material. Republic Services can take latex or water-based paint that has been dried out or absorbed in kitty litter or sawdust. For large items, contact Republic Services to schedule a household bulk-item pick-up at the curb (One per week free of charge. Residents must call 24 business hours in advance). Republic Services can be contacted at Anchorage@republicservices.com or 502-638-9000. Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on their website www.republicservices.com.



VETERANS MEMORIAL COMING SOON!
James Kral, a Life Scout in Troop 110 is working to complete his Eagle Project.

When exploring options for his Eagle Scout project, James decided to build a memorial for veterans so residents can gather to remember their commitment, service, and sacrifice for our country.

With the approval of Mayor Ramsey and the Anchorage City Council, the Anchorage Veterans Memorial will be erected behind the flagpole in front of Anchorage City Hall. It will include five granite pillars displaying the seals of the five branches of the United States' military — Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard. A pathway will allow all visitors to easily access the Memorial and experience it up close. Construction on this project will begin in early June, with plans for completion in early July. James hopes you will join him and other Troop 110 scouts on July 2nd for a special dedication ceremony for the Memorial.

NEW CITY PROJECTS

By June, repairs will be done to the limestone steps and brick walkway at Hobbs Chapel, plus a new handicap-accessible path will be installed. City Council will review bids for the 2021 capital road paving and improvement project at their May meeting. The project will include multiple roads throughout the City.

YARD WASTE

Items such as dirt, stumps, mulch, trees, fencing, etc. are not accepted in yard waste. Tree limbs and sticks must be bundled in 3-foot lengths, with limbs not to exceed 6" in diameter. Use paper bags or cans, no plastic bags!



RECYCLING

Acceptable items include: all plastics #1 - #7, aluminum or tin cans, glass jars, newspaper, magazines, and cardboard. Cardboard must be flattened and placed in the cart or bundled with string or tape with a maximum size of 3' x 3'.

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