

# the ANCHOR AGE



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The Honorable Neil Ramsey  
Mayor of Anchorage



May 2022



## MAY IS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

Mayor Ramsey, with support of Anchorage City Council, proclaimed May 2022 as National Historic Preservation Month in Anchorage. The National Trust for Historic Preservation established National Historic Preservation Month in 1973 to promote preservation and community pride in local heritage sites. The original Anchorage Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 and was expanded to include most of the town in 1992. There are over 50 National Register and Kentucky Landmark houses in Anchorage.

## NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT GUIDEBOOK COMING SOON!

The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission and City are working with a consultant to update the Historic Preservation District Guidebook to address modern-day materials, provide more detailed guidelines, and organize information in a user-friendly format. Watch for more information to be announced in *The Anchor Age Newsletter*.



### ANCHORAGE PROPERTY TAX

The City of Anchorage real property and personal property tax rate for the fiscal year 2022 remains at \$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 30<sup>th</sup>. For questions concerning your invoice, please contact Deputy City Treasurer Alison Melton at City Hall, (502) 245-4654, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### City of Anchorage 2022 Tax Collection Schedule

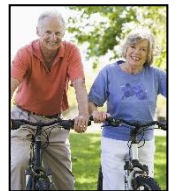
	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
10% Discount	5/1/22	05/31/22
Face Amount	6/1/22	06/30/22
1% Interest per Month	7/1/22	until paid
25% Penalty	11/01/22	

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

- ◆ Republic Services will run on a one-day delay the week of Memorial Day – May 30 through June 3, 2022.
- ◆ City Hall will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022 in observation of the legal holiday.

### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Kentucky's Constitution allows residential property owners who are 65 years old or older to receive a Homestead Exemption. The exemption amount is subtracted from the property assessed value before taxes are calculated. The exemption amount may be adjusted every two years to reflect a change in the cost-of-living index used by the United States Department of Labor. For 2022, the exemption amount is \$40,500. Only one exemption is allowed per household. Those who currently receive the exemption need not reapply; the exemption is valid as long as the property is owned and occupied by the applicant. Instructions and an application may be printed from the City of Anchorage website. Applications need to be filed with City of Anchorage and Jefferson County PVA.



### 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 2022

The Forestry Board thanks residents who attended Dr. Bhatnagar's fascinating Arbor Day presentation about the influence of nature and environment on human health. As "Dr. B." has proven with his research through the Christina Brown Envirome Institute, trees help to protect us from many ill effects of our man-made and natural environments.

### ARBOR DAY 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

In the Tree Giveaway, 214 trees were adopted by 65 Anchorage residents. Tree guards were purchased by 19 residents. Additionally, the Board is grateful for the more than \$200 received in donations that will help to fund future Forestry Board programs.



### Say NO to a Mulch Volcano!

At this time of year, landscapers and homeowners often apply mulch to trees ... it is helpful, if done correctly. However, "volcano mulching" -- piling up mulch around the base of a tree -- is a common practice that many believe looks tidy but that can actually harm the tree. Digging a "tree moat" around the outside of the mulch ring can cause additional damage.

Long-term damage from these practices may be mostly hidden until it is severe enough to be expressed by a tree in the form of rotting, insect infestation, leaf loss, disease, and more.

Piling up mulch around the base of a tree -- with or without aggressive digging of a tree moat -- can set up a detrimental process of bark decay and smothering of roots, to which the tree responds by growing secondary roots in the mulch. These secondary roots turn when they encounter the slope of the mulch, eventually encircling and restricting vascular flow. The decomposing and drying mulch starts to repel water, causing dehydration of those roots growing in it. Moisture starvation and vascular strangulation can weaken a tree's defenses against insect pests and plant pathogens. Adding insult to injury, aggressive digging of a deep "tree moat" at the mulch's edge can damage tree roots there, since many roots lie beyond the drip line.



*The girdling roots of this 20+-year maple have been gently excavated with an "air spade," and a nutrient mulch has been applied to help the tree recover from stress.*

**Correct planting and mulching** can moderate soil temperature, preserve soil moisture, suppress weeds, and contribute to the organic content of the soil.

- **Plant your tree so that the bottom of the root flare is at the soil level and visible.** The root flare is considered a part of the trunk; like bark, it needs air and light to do its job and is not specialized to resist moisture. (If your tree looks like a pencil stuck in the ground, it's too low. Note that forest trees have visible root flares.)
- **Less (mulch) is more.** Mulch rings should be as large in diameter as is practical, but only 2-3 inches deep. Don't buy or apply more mulch than your trees need.
- **The goal:** A flat, shallow donut-shaped ring of mulch that leaves the tree flare exposed.



**Mulch WIDE -- not deep! Think DONUT -- not volcano!**

A *New Tree Planting* brochure with additional tips is available online or as a free brochure at City Hall:

[https://www.treesaregood.org/Portals/0/TreesAreGood\\_New%20Tree%20Planting\\_0621.pdf](https://www.treesaregood.org/Portals/0/TreesAreGood_New%20Tree%20Planting_0621.pdf)

### SPRING CLEANING

Spring cleaning can mean getting rid of items of all sizes. There are many options for finding new homes for items such as donating or posting them for sale or free pick-up online. For large items that are in poor condition and need to be disposed of, contact Republic Services at [Anchorage@RepublicServices.com](mailto:Anchorage@RepublicServices.com) to schedule a bulk item pick up. Items will be need to be placed at the curb and prepared correctly for disposal.

### CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS will be collecting donations for the 2022 WHAS Crusade for Children from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for collection details in the June newsletter.



## UPDATED CIVIC CLUB 2022 CALENDAR



The Anchorage Civic Club updated their list of community events planned for 2022. Anchorfest will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now!

Civic Club events are made possible through Anchorage resident memberships. As a member of the Civic Club, you receive many benefits including a biennial city directory plus discounted prices at events.

April 22	Spring Fling at Wagner Park
June 18	Croquet and Rosé at Wagner Park
July 1	Fireworks at Owl Creek Country Club
July 2	Firecracker Run
July 3	Fourth of July Parade and Picnic
September 25	Dog Show
<b>October 20</b>	<b>Anchorfest - NEW DATE!!!</b>
October 15*	Papa's Pumpkin Patch *tentative date
November 24	Turkey Trot
December 3	Light Up Anchorage

More details and exact locations to be announced closer to event dates.

## KEEP CULVERTS CLEAN



Heavy downpours during spring storms can cause drainage issues on properties and roadways. 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. Keep channels clear to minimize flooding.

## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Every year the condition of all Anchorage roads is assessed to determine the need and priority for doing repairs or repaving. Work will begin soon on the following streets.

North Arbor Drive	East Arbor Drive
Arbor Court	Willow Lane
Glenbrook Road	Holly Lane
Stonegate Road	Osage Circle
Osage Road	Old Harrods Creek Rd.
Locust Lane Drive	Beech Rd. (north side)

Watch for road and lane closures, and use caution in construction areas. Several speed humps and one walking path repair are also included in this project. Notices of road/lane closures will be sent via Reach Alert alerts. Please sign up if you haven't already done so.

## HOBBS CHAPEL

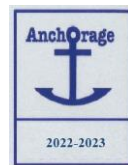
At the time of this publication, the Anchorage Garden Club was preparing for their Celebration of Hobbs Chapel open house event to be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Residents were invited to walk the grounds, enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres, and experience the mystery, beauty, and history of Hobbs Memorial Chapel and Grounds.



Hobbs Memorial Chapel can be rented for special occasions such as weddings. Residents may rent the Chapel for \$350. The rental rate is \$500 for non-residents.

Reservations are limited. For details and availability, contact Paige Ochs at (502) 836-0358.

## 2022-2023 VEHICLE STICKERS



The 2022 - 2023 vehicle stickers are available at City Hall during regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 24/7 at the Anchorage Police Department. Stickers are \$2 each, payable by cash or check. Be sure to bring the license plate number for each vehicle.

## DEFENSIVE DEER

In Kentucky, most does will have their babies in late May or June, and will naturally be protective of their fawns. When outdoors, watch for deer and other wildlife with babies. People and pets should keep a safe distance between them and the wildlife. Be aware that does often leave their fawns alone for several hours and come back at dusk. Unless the fawn is obviously hurt, in distress, or in immediate danger, it is best practice is to allow the fawn to remain undisturbed.



## ANCHORAGE NEWS & ALERTS



Stay up-to-date on local events and get important City notifications with Reach Alerts. Register to get messages at [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com). Click "sign up" and type "Anchorage" for the organization to join. Customize your account by choosing the type of messages you want to receive and how they are delivered.

Choose to receive alerts to get emergency messages, such as road closures, pick reminders for community events, or choose both to get all notifications.

Messages can be sent by one or any combination of text message, email, and/or voice calls. The method of delivery can be set separately for alerts and reminders. It is recommended to choose all three methods for alerts.

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(8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., M-F)	
Police Department	244-0562
Fire Department	586-2051
Republic Services	638-9000
or Anchorage@RepublicServices.com	

## **EMERGENCIES**

**Call 911**

### **Historic Preservation Commission:**

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Doug Schmitt	Dan Grimm
Bill Fowler	

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