



## Coffee with the Mayor

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Anchorage residents are invited to join Mayor Neil Ramsey for coffee and conversation at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15 in the barn at 906 Evergreen Road. Coffee will be provided.

## 4th of July Celebrations

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### Firecracker 5K

The Firecracker 5k was canceled due to weather. The Civic Club looks forward to seeing everyone next year!



### 4th of July Parade

The parade had a great turnout with families on foot, bikes, golf carts, and riding in homemade floats. It had special parade leaders with the Felton Family, as the Anchorage School Auction winner, along with 2022 Citizen of the Year Connie Taylor and her family, riding in a specialty vintage fire truck driven by the McDonald

family. The judges this year, Patrick McMahon, Cathy Wessel, and Leslie Lucas, had a tough job ahead of them. Congratulations to the parade winners: best bike/scooter - Mary Margaret and Lucy Wiles, best horse/animal - Nunnally family, most bizarre - Berg family, most original - Kids of Cold Springs, best family - Winkler family, good neighbors - Young

family, Norman Rockwell/small town USA - Deddens family, best car/truck - Mast family, best golf cart - Mouser family, and judges award - Anchorage Public School third grade class.



#### **4th of July Picnic**

The Picnic did not disappoint. Families gathered and listened to Micah Reardon perform the National Anthem to officially kick off the celebration. DJ Mike Ballard kept the tunes and games going as parade winners were announced and the annual North vs. South Tug-of-War began. The South took both the junior and adult

divisions to sweep the Tug-of-War this year. As the rules state, the home on the winning side of the tracks receives the manure spreader award, and for their continued beautification of their home it was presented to Todd Cain and Patrick McLane. The picnic continued through dusk with icy treats from a dessert truck, dancing, and merriment.



#### **4th of July Mailbox Contest**

Congratulations to the Madison family! They won the 4th of July mailbox decorating contest.

Thank you to everyone that decorated their mailboxes and made the City look so festive.

Many more great photos of all the 4th of July events are on the [Anchorage Civic Club Facebook page](#).

## **Golf Cart Safety**

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As golf carts and low-speed vehicles become a lot more popular, it is pretty common to see them out and about in a local community. While it's nice to see so many people relying on this efficient way to get around, safety issues are becoming more of a concern.

Golf cart drivers should always be driving defensively. Other drivers on the road might not be that familiar with looking out for golf carts, and a cart can be damaged quickly in even a minor crash.

There are between 100,000 to 200,000 accidents per year involving people in golf carts according to statistics from The National Electronic Injury

Surveillance System database, and that number is only going to go up as more people invest in this alternative driving solution.

How can people stay safe in golf carts, on and off public roads? Here is a complete guide to golf cart safety including a few essential tips to always keep in mind.

### **LSV and Golf Cart Safety Guide**

#### **1. Keep all arms and legs inside the vehicle.**

It can be tempting with open-air setups to stick extremities out. If the vehicle is driving too close to something else, it can lead to disaster.

#### **2. Use seat belts.**

Have seat belts installed if the golf cart does not supply them. Wearing seat belts is needed as soon as the cart is on the road. Don't overlook one of the most important safety measures.

#### **3. Abide by all standard traffic rules.**

Carts stop at all stop signs and lights. Use hand or turn signals. Don't weave in and out of traffic.

#### **4. Carts are not alternatives to driving under the influence.**

A person who drives under the influence of drugs or alcohol can still face legal action. Just because it is a slower vehicle doesn't mean a person can't face charges.

#### **5. Be familiar with hand signals.**

Operating turn signals are required in Anchorage.

#### **6. Drive defensively.**

On a golf cart, nearly every single vehicle on the road will be going faster. Always be looking for cars passing, and drive defensively. This practice may help prevent a significant crash.

#### **7. Avoid driving in extreme weather.**

Most golf carts don't handle extreme weather conditions well. Avoid driving in heavy rain or snow. It's easy to lose control of the vehicle, and most drivers aren't familiar enough with golf carts to handle driving in bad weather.

#### **8. Protect valuables.**

Golf carts are extremely easy to jump in and out of, which means anything valuable stored in them can be an enticement for thieves. Protect all valuables by either locking them in a compartment or taking them when you leave.

#### **9. Perform safety checks at least twice a year.**

If treated well, carts can last a long time. It is still essential to get them checked so that everything is in working order. It's easy to forget that they need maintenance from time to time, just like standard cars and trucks.

#### **10. Have lights installed.**

Generally, it is not a wise choice to drive a golf cart at night. Many are not aware but, many jurisdictions [including Anchorage] prohibit night driving. Still, it is essential to have headlights and taillights installed. They come in handy during dusk hours, as well as inclement weather. It never hurts to be more recognizable.

### **11. Don't let inexperienced drivers go on the road.**

A valid license is required to drive a cart in Anchorage. Only those familiar with driving and handling the cart should be driving around cars. Practice in a lot the same way drivers practice for their license exam.

### **12. Avoid carrying too much weight.**

These carts have relatively low carrying capacities. Adding too much weight to the vehicle can cause a lot of issues. The cart can start to drag or stop working altogether. If the golf cart only has seating for four people, don't attempt to stack six people on board.

### **13. Check your surroundings.**

Most carts and low-speed vehicles don't come with the same mirrors and many are custom made for carts. That means a thorough checklist should be performed when moving from place to place. Check behind the vehicle before backing up. Be aware of blind spots. Never assume that other drivers will get out of the way.

### **14. Yield to pedestrians.**

Those on foot still have the right of way.

### **15. Avoid going off-road.**

It might be tempting to take a cart on a joy ride off the road, but they are not designed to handle any crazy terrains. Golf carts were initially designed for the golf course, but are now also used on smooth roads. Trying to go over rocks, hills, and more off the road is just a recipe for disaster.

### **Staying Safe**

Carts and low-speed vehicles are handy, as long as they are used responsibly. Taking a few extra precautions can keep the roads safe. No one wants to be on the wrong end of an unfortunate accident because they were not being responsible.

Rose, Tyler. LSV and Golf Cart Safety Guide." [golfcarts.org](https://golfcarts.org), July 9, 2019,

<https://golfcarts.org/a-complete-guide-to-golf-cart-safety/>

Read this [Golf Cart Guide](#) for Anchorage requirements and regulations.

## **Recycling...Where Does It Go?**

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### **How is my recycling collected?**

The cart is emptied mechanically from inside a Republic Services® vehicle cab. The driver uses a joystick, much like those used in video games, to operate the automated arm that picks up the cart and empties the recyclables into the truck. The cart is set back in place, and the Republic Services truck moves on to the next stop.

### **Is the same truck used for trash and recycling?**

No, and it will never be. Even if the recycling truck was to break down, Republic Services would rather come back the next day than to create any assumptions that recycling was being mixed with trash.

**What happens to my recyclables after collection?**

All residential recyclables collected are disposed of at Westrock Recycling on Industrial Blvd. At this facility, items are sorted utilizing a combination of methods from conveyor belts to optic sensors that move items with blast of air. Once items are sorted, they are compacted into approximately 1-ton bales depending on the material.

**Where does the baled material go from Westrock Recycling?**

Although Republic Services can't be precise on the destination for each bale, they state that most of the material is transported to a Republic Services recycling center in St. Louis. From there some bales are distributed to buyers while others, especially plastics, may be broken up and re-sorted into specific bales, such as more rigid plastics. Soon, these plastics will be transported to the Republic Services state-of-the-art and patented Polymer Center.

**What is a Polymer Center?**

It is the nation's first integrated plastics recycling facility. The Polymer Center is designed to manage the entire plastic recycling stream – from curbside collection of recycled material to production and delivery of high-quality recycled content for consumer packaging. The Polymer Center directly supports the company's long-term sustainability goal to increase the recovery and circularity of key materials by 40% by 2030 and will help customers meet their own sustainability goals. Republic Services plans to have 3 to 4 polymer centers to provide nationwide coverage. Each facility will produce over 100 million pounds of recycled plastics each year. The Coca-Cola Company® has recently announced that they will be the first major user of the food grade material being produced at the Polymer Center.

Click [here](#) for a list of acceptable items and recycling tips. Visit [RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com) for more information.

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## From the Forestry Board

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### ANNUAL HAZARDOUS TREES PROGRAM BEGINS SOON

You may soon see Forestry Board members scanning the roadways in Anchorage for trees that appear to be dead or ready to drop limbs in the rights-of-way. Board members will place high-visibility flags at the edges of roads near trees or limbs of concern. Please do not remove the flags. The City Forester and Director of Public Works will

evaluate the trees and locations and will spray-paint a number on each tree designated for removal or pruning.

### **STREET CANOPY CAMPAIGN 2023 IS COMING!**

In September, the Forestry Board will begin the annual Street Canopy Campaign, the goal of which is to augment the shade canopy over City streets. This is a cooperative program in which the City shares with residents the wholesale cost of shade trees to be professionally planted along our roads. You will place your order and designate where you want your trees to be located; the Forestry Board will do the rest, from ordering to delivering, planting, and mulching. Look for detailed information next month.

## **APTA Anchorage Cookbook**

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Recipes are being collected now for an all new Anchorage Cookbook! Enter your recipes at [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com) or scan the QR code to go straight to the login screen. User Name: APTA, password: grape831. It's so easy! Please submit up to four of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our

cookbook. Many recipes from all of our wonderful cooks will ensure that the cookbook is a success. If you are unable to submit your recipes online please reach out to Malanie Barta [barta215@gmail.com](mailto:barta215@gmail.com) for assistance. You can also send photos of your recipe cards. Please tag "cookbook" in the subject line.

## **First Day of School - August 9**

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Anchorage Independent Public School students begin the '23-'24 school year on Wednesday, August 9, which will be a half day of instruction with dismissal at noon. Drive carefully and watch for pedestrians and crossing guards.

## **Flood Safety Reminders**

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Now is a good time to review and also teach children general flood safety measures. Keep you, your family, and valuables safe using these tips.

- Turn around, don't drown. Two feet of moving water can sweep a vehicle away.
- Stay out of flooded waters. After heavy rains, waters may become contaminated and be health hazards.
- Do not enter a flooded basement. Turn off the home's main electrical switch, water valve, and gas valve before flooding starts. Make sure there is easy access to each shut off switch or valve.
- Store irreplaceable items, valuables, and insurance policies in an area safe from flooding.

## Bike to Beat Cancer

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On September 9, bicyclists will enjoy the beauty of Anchorage as they bike to raise funds for cancer prevention, early detection, education, clinical research, and more. Cyclists on the 35-mile route (Evergreen Road (coming from the south) to Ridge Road, Bellewood Road, Park Road, pit stop on Anchorage Trail, Evergreen Road to Osage Road, Lucas Lane and Old LaGrange Road) will ride through Anchorage from about 9:00 a.m. until noon. Those on the 65/100-mile route are expected to make a loop from Evergreen Road, to Glenbrook Road onto Evergreen Road to Osage Road, and take Lucas Lane back to Old LaGrange Road between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please pay extra attention for cyclists and drive safely.

## Calendar of Events

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### UPDATE DATES & EVENTS

**August 9** Anchorage Public School first day - noon dismissal

**August 15** Coffee with the Mayor

**September 4** Labor Day Holiday: Anchorage City Hall and Public Works Closed

**September 4** All Republic Services pickups on a one-day delay all week.

**September 9** Bike to Beat Cancer (through Anchorage)

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