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The Honorable Neil Ramsey
Mayor of Anchorage



January 2023



Anchorage's Winter Bowl & Town Hall Meeting

****NEW DATE****

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Winter Bowl Cook-Off

Location: Downtown Anchorage in front of
Stock Yards Bank & Trust, Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting

Featuring the Citizen of the Year presentation and
updates from local officials

Location: Shall We Dance, Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Got a killer chili recipe? How about a fantastic soup, hot fudge sundae, or pasta dish? If you have a recipe that will fit in a bowl, you can compete in Winter Bowl 2023, the Anchorage Civic Club's annual culinary contest. This delicious and free event is a fun way to meet the neighbors, try wonderful dishes, and find out what's going on in Anchorage at the Town Hall Meeting immediately following the event. To participate in the cook-off, contact Adam Felton at Adam.felton@gmail.com to register for the Winter Bowl competition. Set up: Sunday, February 5, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each entrant should bring their own table and anything else they may need (crock pot, extension cord, chair, tablecloth, serving utensils, etc.). The Anchorage Civic Club will provide bowls, spoons, and napkins for serving.



2023 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AND APPEAL DEADLINE

Anchorage 2023 property assessment notices will be mailed to all property owners during the month of January, regardless of whether the property value changed or not. Residents that choose to appeal their assessment may do so in person or in written form. To appeal in person, please call City Hall at 502.245.4654 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to bring all relevant documentation to this meeting. To submit a written appeal, include all documentation with the request and mail to: City of Anchorage, Attn: Board of Tax Supervisors, P.O. Box 23266, Anchorage, KY 40223. **The deadline to make an appointment or submit your written appeal is Friday, February 10, 2023. Appointments will be scheduled in the order that calls are received with the first appointment starting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023.**

THANK YOU, JASON WALTERS!

At the December City Council meeting, Mayor Neil Ramsey presented Councilmember Jason Walters with a custom engraved julep cup, on behalf of the City, in appreciation for his service on the Council from 2019 to 2022. Walters was also recognized at the



meeting by Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Jan Ruzich. She presented Walters with a token of appreciation from the Board for his role as the City Council representative at the monthly Forestry Board meetings. Thank you, Jason!

2023 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

At the December 12, 2022 City Council Meeting, Mayor Neil Ramsey, with the support of City Council, appointed the following officials and board members for 2023.

Board of Tax Supervisors

Ken Purnell Bob Durham
Paul Wessel

Tax Assessor

Lee Bailey

City Officials

Paul Bergmann Zoning Compliance Officer
Cooper Robertson Alcohol Beverage Control Officer
Greg Smith City Engineer & Flood Safety Officer

Forestry Board:

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

Historic Preservation Commission:

Bill Wetherton, Chair Clyde Ensor
Bill Wilkinson Dan Grimm
Bill Fowler Emily Paprocki

Ethics Commission & Conservation Easement Board

Brooks Alexander

Cable Commission

Reneé Major

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2 City Hall and Public Works Closed
January 2-6 Republic Services on **regular** schedule
January 19-22 Anchorage Children's Theatre Shows
February 5 Winter Bowl and Town Hall Meeting
March 4 APTA Auction

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

THE “WOOD WIDE WEB”

It is clear that trees enhance human life and health. But do you also know that they communicate with and nurture each other? Here are some resources that you may find thought-provoking.

- Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest (Suzanne Simard, 2021; non-fiction; scientific and autobiographical, available in the Betty Willets Memorial (BWM) Forestry Library at City Hall) – Simard, the pioneer researcher who discovered the “wood wide web,” explains how trees are social creatures and writes of growing up in the logging country of British Columbia.
- The Hidden Life of Trees: The Illustrated Edition (Peter Wohlleben, 2018, non-fiction; available in the BWM Forestry Library) Wohlleben, a forester, compares trees to human families whose members communicate with and nurture each other.
- The Overstory: A Novel (Richard Powers; fiction; winner of numerous prizes and awards, including the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction) Powers tells interlocking stories ranging from antebellum New York to the late 20th century about a handful of people who learn to see the interconnected world of trees and impending disaster.
- Finally, check out <https://www.friendsofpando.org/the-pando-tree-2/> to see and read about Pando, a 106-acre aspen grove in Utah that is considered one organism!

FOR KIDS

- Tree Full of Wonder: An educational, rhyming book about the magic of trees for children (Anna Smithers, 2021; ages 3-8) About trees and why we need to protect them; illustrated.
- Pando: A Living Wonder of Trees (Kate Allen Fox, 2021; ages 5-8) The story of Pando, beautifully illustrated and told lyrically.
- The Magic and Mystery of Trees (DK, 2019; ages 7-9) An illustrated nature and science book about trees, ecology, and the “wood wide web.”

Note: If you acquire a print copy of a book, please save it to read again, share it, or donate it. The BWM Forestry Library will always welcome donations of gently-used tree-themed books!

2023 CALENDARS

If you have not received your 2023 calendar, you may pick it up at City Hall. While supplies last, one calendar per household is available free of charge, and additional calendars may be purchased for \$6.00 each with cash or check.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Republic Services will pick up Christmas trees with yard waste. Trees should not be placed in household trash cans. Please remove all decorations and remember each tree should be cut in half or to a size manageable for one person to load into the Republic Services truck.

MARY ANN DAVIS BENCH DEDICATION

On November 23rd, the family of Mary Ann Davis came to the Anchorage Post Office to dedicate the new bench, donated by the Anchorage Garden Club, to their beloved Mother/Grandmother. They were absolutely overwhelmed! Tears of joy, and a lot of laughter and memories were shared. And they said that Mary Ann would be so delighted! Thanks to all who made this a reality!



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DEER!

There is a thrill that comes from watching and being near wildlife, such as birds, squirrels, and deer. This is the reason birdfeeders are “wildly” popular. Birds and squirrels are typically viewed from afar and are not a threat to people. Deer can become accustomed to human activity, including being fed, and lose their fear of people. When this happens, deer and human interactions increase and so does the danger for both. Recently, deer have approached people as they exit their cars near the trailhead in anticipation of being fed. For your safety and the deer's sake, please do not feed the deer and always maintain a safe distance, especially when fawns are nearby.

ANCHORAGE CHILDREN'S THEATRE: 75TH SEASON

Pre-Show: **bugz** 2022



Junie B. Jones Jr.
The Musical

JANUARY 19 - 21
AT 6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 22
AT 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: ANCHORAGE SCHOOL

Tickets available on   DIRECTED BY: MELODIE STACY

TURKEY TROT 2022



The 2022 Anchorage Civic Club Turkey Trot was a smashing success! The longest “running” 5k event in Anchorage history had a huge turnout. With spectacular weather in the forecast, the turkey trot saw its biggest attendance in a decade as friends, families, runners, walkers, moms, dads,

kids, babies in strollers, and even dogs took to the course to complete the race/walk. Ryan Burchett was the overall winner as he blazed through the 5k. Highlights included the 6 and under winners who ran as many kilometers as they were old, as well as 70 and over champion Patsy Harkess who looked like she could complete a 50k walk if needed. The Civic Club wishes to give a special thanks to Kate Hendon, Stacey Dickens, Melanie Galloway, and Wilson Greene who helped set-up the course, manage the runners, and make this event successful. Wilson Greene said with a laugh, “It’s great to see so many people huffing and puffing so they can eat lots of stuffing!”



Age Group	Men	Women
6 & Under	Ezra Deal	Breslin Morgenthau
7-9	Ames Nicoson	Lennox Robertson
10-12	Alex Albright	Sidney Alexander
13-15	Pax Aramt	Katie Padilla
16-19	Ryan Burchett	Madox Miller
20-29	Cam Smith	Anna Wells
30-39	Cheston Newhall	Maria Galvin
40-49	Jeremy Bartel	Rachel Worley
50-59	Court Laubach	Alicia Laubach
60-69	Brent Johnson	Gayle Wiegel
70 & Up		Patsy Harkess

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE LIST

The Anchorage Emergency Preparedness Committee maintains a list of residents who they check on during emergencies or inclement weather. If you or someone you know would need assistance during an emergency and would like to be added to the resident emergency check list, please call Pat Welsh at 502.314.5685.

WINTER ADVISORY

A blanket of snow covering the ground and trees can be a beautiful scene in the wintertime. Winter weather can also bring ice and the danger of slipping or falling. Salt and ice-melting products can be used to clear sidewalks, driveways, and roads to improve safety. But did you know that they are considered water pollutants? Excessive use of salts and other products can harm ecosystems and potentially impact safe drinking water. Be sure to read and follow the directions for safe use and disposal.

2023 VEHICLE STICKERS Does your vehicle have the current sticker for 2023? Stickers are available at City Hall or the Anchorage Police Station for \$2.00 cash or check. Be sure to have your car’s information (license plate number, make, model, and year) on hand.

LIGHT UP ANCHORAGE AND 3RD ANNUAL LUMINARY WALK



Light Up Anchorage was a huge success! Stacey Dickens led the effort for the Civic Club in organizing Light Up Anchorage where Anchorage residents came together to celebrate the start of the holiday season. Families had the opportunity to take photos with Santa and Ms. Claus. The Anchorage

Civic Club provided hot chocolate and cookies, with most children gleefully indulging in the sweets. Ten20 Brewery was on hand to provide refreshments and Stock Yards Bank & Trust was present to collect toys for those less fortunate. Perhaps the highlight of the night was the Anchorage Trail being illuminated for a special nighttime walk sponsored by the Anchorage Children’s Theatre. Anchorage residents loved strolling through the night with the gleeful sounds of children laughing, playing, and giggling while enjoying the walk. Perhaps the only thing more illuminated than the trail were the hearts of Anchorage residents. With Light Up Anchorage being the Civic Club’s last event of the year, the Anchorage Civic Club wishes to especially thank Lis Williams who served as Anchorage Civic Club President with effective grace for the past year.



APTA 30TH ANNUAL AUCTION



Mark your calendars and find your sitters for March 4, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. to be part of the party at Owl Creek Country Club! The APTA is planning to celebrate the City’s wonderful, award-winning school and

community with a 1920s themed auction, and it won’t be the same without you! More details on the event will be coming soon! Until then, if you are interested in getting involved, volunteering, or donating items for the live or silent auction, please contact Courtenay Wilson at 502.544.0285 or courtenaywilson81@gmail.com or scan the QR code. It takes a village, and we have a wonderful one! Let’s come together for some fun and help the APTA raise funds for the City’s amazing school! See you all on the first Saturday in March!



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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 Send email
to Anchorage@RepublicServices.com

EMERGENCIES Call 911

Historic Preservation Commission:

Bill Wetherton, Chair Bill Wilkinson
Clyde Ensor Dan Grimm
Bill Fowler Emily Paprocki

Forestry Board:

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

CITY OFFICIALS:

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

City Council:

Diane Cook Matt Delehanty
Bill Wetherton Patrick McMahon
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City Attorney
Assistant City Attorney
City Engineer & Flood Safety Officer
City Zoning Officer
Archives

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