

THE ANCHORAGE

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ANCHORAGE, KENTUCKY

May 2024

2024 Anchorage Tax Bills



Anchorage City Real Property and Personal Property tax bills (for businesses operating in the City) were mailed to property owners and businesses by April 30. If you have any questions concerning your invoice, please contact Deputy City Treasurer Alison Melton at City Hall, 245-4654, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

City Council passed an ordinance in April, that established a lower real and personal property tax rate effective with the 2023-2024 fiscal year ending 30 June 2024. The tax rate decreased from \$.329/\$100 assessed value to \$.323/\$100 assessed value.

Homestead Exemption Reminder

Residential property owners who are 65 years old or older may save money on property taxes if they qualify to receive a Homestead Exemption. Find details and an application at www.cityofanchorage.org.

| | Start Date | End Date |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| 5% Discount | 05/01/24 | 05/31/24 |
| Face Amount | 06/01/24 | 06/30/24 |
| 1% Interest per month | 07/01/24 | until paid |
| 25% Penalty | 11/01/24 | |

Holiday Closings

Anchorage City Hall and Public Works will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Republic Services will run on a one-day delay for all services (trash, yard waste, and recycling) May 27 through June 1.

National Historic Preservation Month

The National Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates Preservation Month annually in May. This year's preservation theme is "People Saving Places." To coincide with the national celebration, Mayor Ramsey with the support of City Council will proclaim May as Historic Preservation month in Anchorage.

The Anchorage Historic Preservation District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Property owners and the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission continually work together to maintain and protect historic structures and the character of the City for all to enjoy now and in the future. Property owners benefit from the availability of design guidance and increased property values.

May is a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy the Anchorage community. Whether you walk, run, bike, or drive, be sure to look around to appreciate the historic homes and buildings and the variety of architecture that contribute to this community's character that exist because of Anchorage people saving places.

Glow Worm Cafe & Play

Glow Worm Cafe & Play is opening this spring in Anchorage at 11603 Hazelwood Road. Glow Worm in Anchorage is a full-service coffee shop and bakery on the right and a play lounge for kids and caregivers on the left. This location is unique because it provides the community with a separate cafe space that is not just for families — it is for everyone! Glow Worm also offers private party rentals, a private meeting space with a kitchen, a retail shop for kids, and community classes and support groups for parents. Glow Worm is excited to join the community and cannot wait to show everyone what they have to offer. Their grand opening date will be announced soon, so follow them on social media at Glow Worm Cafe and Play East for more details.

Anchorage School Updates

Pardon Our Dust!

Carolyn Siler Browning Auditorium Renovation Begins in June

The Anchorage Independent Board of Education is pleased to share that a renovation of the school auditorium is set to begin this summer and is planned to be completed in two-phases:

Summer 2024 Scope

- Plaster repair
- Some electrical modifications
- Carpentry, including building code and ADA compliance updates to the stage
- Painting

Upon completion of the first phase of work, the auditorium is scheduled to reopen to students and community groups in the fall of 2024.

Summer 2025 Scope

- Flooring
- Sound and lighting
- Seating
- Electrical updates

G. Scott & Associates, Architects PLC is providing design services and construction plans for this project. Funding for this project will be sourced from the Facilities Support Program of Kentucky (FSPK), a portion of property taxes committed for the district's building fund. In partnership with the Anchorage Parent Teacher Association (APTA), a donor nameplate campaign for auditorium seating will also kick-off next school year to help offset the costs of the new seats.

This project is a major undertaking for the district and interruptions to the "norm" at times when the space is closed for construction are anticipated. The board is grateful for community partners and APTA, which have helped move the project to this point and looks forward to continuing to work with these organizations to make the vision for the space become an exciting reality for our students, staff, and community.

"If you have expertise, ideas, or contacts to share that may be of use for the project (fundraising, contractor, materials, audio/visual equipment, etc.), please complete [this form](#)."

APS Middle School Revitalization

In partnership with the APTA, another exciting project will also be taking place this summer. Classrooms, hallways, and the stairwells in the middle school area of our building are receiving updates. The entire space will be painted. Ten classrooms will be outfitted with new cabinetry and classroom furniture. The hallways and stairwells will be updated with graphics themed around our school's logo and mottos. Minor updates to some flooring, window shades, plumbing, and electrical will round out the project. Funding for this project is sourced from an external partner agreement with the APTA, community support, and district FSPK and general funds. The big reveal of these amazing updates to our students will be on their first day of school in the fall.



School board meeting dates, agendas, highlight communications, and minutes are available and archived for your convenient review at: <https://www.anchorage-school.org/domain/66>.

Photo: Rendering of stairwell graphics to be installed as part of the Middle School Revitalization project.

Road and Drainage Improvements

The 2024 capital road project includes road paving, repairs, and drainage improvements. Road improvements are slated for Log Cabin Lane, Woodland Road, Shady Lane, a portion of Glenbrook Road, Ridge Road west of Walnut Lane, Ridge Court, and a section of Evergreen Road near Garr Avenue. Be sure you are signed up for Reach Alerts to get notified of road work. Click [here](#) for sign-up instructions.

Election Primaries

The primary election will be on May 21, 2024. Election information and sample ballots can be found on the [Jefferson County Clerk's website](#).

The general election will be on November 5, 2024. Elections for Anchorage City Council members are held every two years on even numbered years. Anchorage City Council candidates will be on the general election ballot only, as write-in candidates. More information regarding this will be published closer to the November election.

LG&E Meter Upgrade Work

In the next few weeks, Utility Partners of America (UPA) working on behalf of LG&E and KU will be exchanging electric meters in the 40223 zip code. Technicians carry photo identification, and their vehicles are marked as LG&E and KU contractors. Read this [LG&E-KU notification letter](#) for more details.

Spring Storm Runoff

During and after heavy spring rains, homeowners may notice areas of their yards that do not drain well. Wet areas can prevent kids or dogs from playing outside or regular lawn maintenance. They may also contribute to foundation problems and attract insects such as mosquitoes.

- Existing drains and downspouts should be checked for damage, leaks, or blockage and be repaired, replaced, or cleared.
- Preserving existing vegetation, adding mulch or seed to bare soil, or creating a rain garden can promote infiltration and prevent erosion. Learn how to create a rain garden by reading the [Louisville MSD Rain Garden Handbook](#).
- Adding French drains (rock-lined drainage ditches) or underground pipes, can direct water away from homes or wet areas.

Be sure to obtain a trenching permit from the City Forester for trenches that are 12-feet or more in length.

From the Forestry Board

ARBOR DAY 2024

A big thank you to Laura Veldman of WestRock for a very enlightening presentation on recycling. She presented a fascinating look at the recovery and handling of our recyclable materials, from curbside pickup by Republic Services to sorting, processing, and baling at WestRock's facility, and, finally, to shipping of these materials to various plants that recycle them into usable goods. Paper fiber is transported to WestRock's own paper and cardboard manufacturing plants, while glass, plastics, and metals are transported to appropriate repurposing partners.

To see videos that illustrate WestRock's elaborately engineered processes go to: [WestRock Recycling](#).

Thanks to upgraded processes and helpful relationships with recycling partners, WestRock now accepts more recyclable items than ever before. You may be surprised by how easy and convenient it is to recycle. To learn more about "Recycling Dos and Don'ts" in Anchorage go to: [Recycling Guide](#). Quick reference guides are also available at City Hall.

Tree Giveaway

Each year, young trees are purchased by the City and offered free of charge to residents during the Arbor Day event. The Board thanks residents who selected and took home trees. This year, all 250 trees were adopted!

TAKE CARE OF YOUR TREES

New trees

Be sure new plantings get plenty of water and protect them with tree guards. Guards are available at City Hall for \$7.75 each; watering donuts are also available for \$19.00 each. (All purchases with cash or check only.)

New and existing trees

Enough with the volcano mulch! Volcano mulch is like the Mt. Saint Helens of tree problems. Volcano mulch buries the root flare; in young trees, it prevents a proper flare from ever developing. Trees without proper root flare lack stability and are more prone to windthrow. Mulch piled against a tree's stem also encourages disease and decay because the bark is almost always wet. As the roots elongate over the years inside of the mulch volcano, they encircle the trunk. This is called girdling. The girdling action literally strangles the tree and deprives roots and canopy of necessary resources.

CORRECT MULCHING: Apply mulch in a donut shape 2-3 inches deep, extending out to the drip line.



CORRECT MULCHING (left): Apply mulch in a donut shape 2-3 inches deep, extending out to the drip line.

INCORRECT MULCHING! (right) "Volcano mulching" can kill your tree!



Calendar of Events

May 21 Primary Election Day

May 27 Anchorage City Hall and Public Works Closed

May 27 - June 1 Republic Services 1-day Delay All Week

May 31 Anchorage Property Tax Payment Deadline to receive Discount

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