

April 2008

ROADS PAVED IN THE SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT

All roads in the sewer expansion area have now been repaved! During the week of April 21st the shoulders of the roads will be graded and seeded; mail boxes, stop signs, and street signs will be replaced; and a number of other repairs and corrections made.

An important meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall for residents of the sewer project area. Information about payment of the assessments and when homeowners may connect to the sewers, and other general items will be discussed.

Please Note: Plumbers may NOT connect to the sewer yet! The sewer will not be accepted by MSD and the Kentucky Division of Water until as-built drawings have been approved. If you have approached a plumber to get a quote on installing the line to your house, please call Nan Schindwein at City Hall (245-4654) to give her the plumber's name. City Hall can present information about Anchorage permits and trenching requirements to these contractors.

WITHERSPOON TRAIL "UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

As many of you know, work has begun on the Witherspoon Trail. In an effort to continue the construction of the trail in a safe and timely manner, Evergreen Real Estate is asking for the cooperation of all Anchorage residents. The next phase of construction on the trail will involve heavy equipment and conditions that are not conducive to pedestrian traffic. **For your safety, please do not use the trail during this construction phase.** Completion of the trail is anticipated to be May 2008. At that time there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the trail to the public. Please call Jay



Foley, with Evergreen Real Estate, at 245-9013 with questions.

ANCHORAGE TRAILS

By now everyone should have received a letter outlining the developments of the newly revitalized Anchorage Trails. A big **THANK YOU** to those who have already sent in your annual dues. For those of you who haven't, please do so as soon as possible! The AT dues, first collected 56 years ago, remain \$10 for individuals but we encourage you to join as a family for \$50. Of course, any additional contributions are welcomed! Please mail your checks to: Anchorage Trails, P.O. Box 23502, Anchorage, KY 40223. Don't forget to show your support by placing the AT sticker on your car and **get out and enjoy the trails!**

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD...

The Forestry Board has been very busy since the first of the year. Over 500 seedlings have been ordered for our tree nursery, which will be the trees for the Fall Tree Give-Away. More than 130 trees will have been planted through our tree campaign, and we are doing two Arbor Day projects at Anchorage School, one of which involves the whole community. We hope to see all of you there to show your appreciation for the wonderful community we live in. We are also starting to plan our 2009 calendar. Don't forget to watch the DVD "Forever Green" that came with your 2008 calendar. You will have a greater appreciation for the forest we are trying to preserve.

Drainage Issues

Nothing brings out drainage problems like heavy rains. This year's heavy rains started in the winter and carried on into early spring, and the City has received numerous calls about drainage issues.

This is a good time to remind residents about the importance of keeping their drainage channels clear. City of Anchorage Ordinance §52.11 states that: "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." Also, the ordinance says: "It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to deposit leaves, grass clippings, or any other form of debris, or obstruction, in any natural or man made drainage channel."

It is also the responsibility of the property owner to keep driveway culverts open and free flowing. Many culverts are clogged with leaves and silt, or collapsed and non-functioning. Please clean out clogged culverts, and/or replace collapsed and non-functioning culverts.

Please call City Hall if you have questions or concerns about drainage in your neighborhood.

ELECTION 2008 TUESDAY, MAY 20th

Tuesday, May 20th is Election Day. Polling locations will be open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Anchorage residents are assigned one of two polling locations: the firehouse at 1400 Evergreen Road or the Presbyterian Church at 11403 Park Road. Find your polling location by visiting www.jeffersoncountyclerk.org and clicking on "voter information" or by calling the Board of Elections at 574-6100. Need a ride to the polls? Call Democratic Party HQ at 582-1999, or Republican Party HQ at 897-5750.



Here's a reminder about the City's sign ordinance in regard to political signs:

1. The maximum size shall be six (6) square feet.
2. Political signs shall not be posted more than 30 days prior to the election to which the sign relates and shall be removed within five (5) days after the election to which the sign pertains.
3. Do not place signs in the road right-of-ways. Signs should not be placed closer than ten (10) feet from the edge of the street or curb.

ANCHORAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GUIDEBOOK

The Anchorage Historical Preservation Commission was established by the City to regulate changes made within Anchorage's historic district. The purpose of the commission is to maintain the City's structural history as well as encourage development that enhances the heritage of the community. To help provide homeowners with guidelines that define what is complementary with the historical character of the area, the commission has compiled *The Anchorage Historic Preservation District Commission Guidebook*. This guidebook is available at City Hall and walks through the steps necessary to make additions/changes to the homes located in Anchorage's historic district.

SAFETY IN OUR WATERWAYS

We have all been affected by the capricious weather in the past few years, especially during the early months of this year. Our Emergency Preparedness Committee has been endeavoring to set up programs to help citizens affected by these events. One area that seems to be neglected is the effect from our local streams. While they may not appear to be of a volume high enough to present a drowning please maintain precautions with younger children. In addition, virtually all urban waterways suffer from some degree of pollution. This could lead to significant illness among children who choose to wade among the occasionally swollen waterways. It is strongly recommended that parents discourage their children from having contact with waterways in the City, especially during stages of flooding.

CITY TREES

As many of you have noticed, a number of trees in the City right-of-ways (ROW) are marked for removal. Mark Timmons and Associates, the City's contract arborists, have been watching the trees in the ROWs for many years, keeping a list of "watch" trees and a list of "hazardous" trees slated for removal. This year, more than 60 trees moved from "watch" list to the "hazardous" list, and the City needs to remove them.

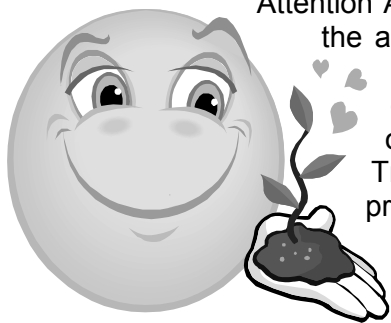


Even though some hazardous trees are leafing out, the trunks of those trees are unstable. Pruning those trees only stresses them further. The droughts over the last few years have taken a serious toll on many of the older trees, and the older maples have particularly suffered.

The Forestry Board's Annual Canopy Campaign has planted more than 700 trees over the last three years. This year alone, more than 130 Canopy Campaign trees will be planted. Each year, residents are encouraged to participate in the Canopy Campaign by planting new trees 15 to 20 feet off the edge of the road. As the old trees are removed due to decline and demise, the new trees will grow to maintain the canopy.



The Forestry Board's Canopy Campaign order forms are in the January newsletters each year. The Board arranges for discounted prices on a selection of canopy-type trees, and low-cost planting by a tree company. Watch for Canopy Campaign order forms in the January 2009 Anchor Age newsletter.



Attention Anchorites!!! Bring your family and friends to participate in the annual Arbor Day project at Anchorage School, sponsored by the Anchorage Forestry Board. The community will gather at the school on **May 17th from 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.** on Saturday to give the grounds a thorough spring cleaning. Trash bags will be provided. Pack your garden gloves, pruners, and shears for a morning of outdoor activity and fun. Refreshments will be served. Parents and children will have the opportunity to dig in the dirt while we clean up our school. The community will be grateful, the school

will benefit - the personal rewards are boundless! This wonderful, outdoor event can be counted as community service for individuals or groups and will be used for the City to maintain "Tree City, U.S.A." status. With your help we can show our children how to respect nature, maintain our beautiful school grounds, and preserve our urban forest.

Please RSVP Sally Wilson by e-mail at wdugan37@aol.com or by phone at 245-3158.
The Forestry Board thanks you for your participation.
See you there!!!!