

the ANCHOR AGE



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JOIN THE CIVIC CLUB FOR "SPRUCE UP ANCHORAGE"

Let's give the City a good spring cleaning! Plan to meet Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

in front of the Anchorage Café. Bring the whole family! The Civic Club will provide bags and gloves as well as some breakfast goodies! Wear appropriate attire. This is a great community service project as well as a great way to get to know all the beauty of Anchorage.

GREAT CENTRAL U.S. SHAKE OUT

Everyone is encouraged to participate in "The 2011 Great Central U. S. Shake Out" scheduled for 11:15 a.m. (Eastern Zone) on April 28th. The main goal of the Central United States Shake Out is to get everyone in the eight-state New Madrid Earthquake Seismic Zone prepared for major earthquakes. The Shake Out is an opportunity to learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake, and for you to practice these important steps. By practicing now, individuals, businesses, and communities can increase their chance of survival after one of these events. To access resources and links, to register as a Shake Out participant, or to obtain more information, please visit www.shakeout.org/centralus.

BE PREPARED

Have A Plan And Practice It!

The February 2011 edition of *The Anchor Age* contained valuable information about identifying potential hazards in and around your home and advance planning tips for earthquake emergencies. That article can be accessed at <http://www.cityofanchorage.org/newsletter.htm>.

ACTING ANCHORS PRESENT...



Show dates:

May 13, 14 at 7:00 p.m.
May 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets:

\$8 for adults
\$5 for children

Pre-show
lemonade!

- Directed by: Melodie Stacey

A cast of 60 Anchorage students is working to present a show you will truly enjoy! All performances will be held in the Anchorage School auditorium.

Acting Anchors is a non-profit theatre group which provides Anchorage children from first through fifth grade the opportunity to participate in theatrical performances for the purpose of developing talent, creativity, imagination and teamwork. For additional information, please contact Lynne Sternberg at 445-7232.

SPRING YARD SALE

Anchorage City-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rain or Shine



Anyone who wishes to participate should contact City Hall at 245-4654, or Diane McAllister at 245-8139, and send \$5 if they want their address added to the list of participants. The list will be available at the Firehouse, along with a City map, for all shoppers. The \$5 is to cover the cost of an ad that will be placed in the newspaper for three consecutive days prior to the event.

IMPORTANT INSERT IN THIS EDITION

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 homeowners of the City.

100 YEARS SPIRITWEAR

Show your ANCHOR pride in “a million memories” with new spiritwear commemorating the 100-year anniversary of Anchorage School. Choose from printed tee shirts and tote bags or embroidered polo shirts, baseball caps and chenille throws, all with the “Centennial Design.” Pick up an order form at the Center Office at the school or at City Hall. Deadline for orders and payment to be turned in at the school is Tuesday, April 26. Orders will be ready for pick-up at the school in 3-4 weeks.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you have memorabilia, a story, experience or special memory about the school, please contact Jane Brown at sbrown4078@aol.com, 802-6219, or Debbie Doering at didoer@aol.com, 245-3010.

Don't forget to visit the Facebook page: **Anchorage Public School Alumni Association**. It's a great way to get the latest anniversary information and updates. Spread the word to your friends and children. Let's make September 3rd the kind of celebration that only comes around every 100 years!

COMMEMORATIVE CAR DECAL

To recognize the 100th Anniversary of Anchorage School, resident Liz Ferguson has designed a special commemorative car decal that is available for only \$2.00. Like buying a Pegasus pin to support Derby festivities, proceeds from the decal sales will help fund the community-wide 100th Anniversary Celebration on September 3rd. By mid-April, decals will be available for purchase at the front desk of Anchorage School, at City Hall, and at the Anchorage branch of Commonwealth Bank.



POWER OUTAGE MAP

Don't be Left in the Dark

From time to time, power outages occur for various reasons across the City. In most cases, LG&E restores power in a short time, but sometimes more serious outages are possible. Tornadoes, thunderstorms, ice storms, fierce winds and extreme heat strain the power delivery system and can prolong power restoration.

LG&E now features an **Outage Map** on their website www.lge-ku.com (visit Customer Links in the center of the home page). No more phone calls to find out when your power will be back on! The map provides a snapshot of current power outages. Scroll over the icons to see the number of customers affected and the estimated time when power will be restored to the area. Power outages can result from many causes, and this is reflected in the maps which automatically update every few minutes. You can also sign-up and register your LG&E account online, and receive detailed outage information right down to your street address! While your home computer may not be in service due to the outage, the information is available on any laptop, iPad, cell phone or other battery-powered device with internet access – or you can contact a family member or friend with power and have them check the status of your outage for you.



PHOTOS FOR THE FORESTRY BOARD 2012 ANCHORAGE CALENDAR



Anchorage's beautiful landscape is coming back to life! Some of Anchorage's most beautiful scenery is in your own back yard, so take out that camera and document the beauty emerging by your home.

Please consider sharing your photographs for possible inclusion in the 2012 Anchorage Forestry Board Calendar. Email your photographs to Liz Ferguson at liz@reddot-photo.com. You can also mail the pictures to her or drop them off at her home at 12319 Forest School Lane.

If you have something in your yard you would like to have photographed, but your camera is not cooperating, Liz has graciously offered to drop by and take the photograph herself.

Send her an email detailing the location and subject, and depending on weather and availability, she will be happy to do the photography for you. Every season in Anchorage is a delight, so continue to photograph throughout the year.



THE COMMUNAL BENEFITS OF TREES

The City of Anchorage recently received a Tree City USA award for the 22nd consecutive year. Gaining and retaining the Tree City USA distinction is recognition to the City's arborist, forestry board members, dedicated residents, and others who work on behalf of better care of Anchorage's trees. Trees make life more pleasant, and people respond to the presence of trees beyond simply observing their beauty. A grove of trees feels serene, peaceful, restful, and tranquil. While individual trees may be private property, their size often makes them part of the community as well. Because trees occupy considerable space, planning is required if both you and your neighbors are to benefit.

Make Planning Easier With A Tree Inventory

A complete tree inventory will help you better manage the trees in your care. It can make short term maintenance and long term budget planning much easier when you have a good understanding of the health and age of your trees. A fully trained, certified arborist can help you create a tree inventory that includes the following information about the trees on your property:

- Locations
- Species
- Diameter
- Approximate age
- Damage
- Site characteristics
- Treatments required to maintain health

Tree Risk Assessment

Unhealthy or damaged trees can present a significant risk to people and property. Your arborist will also conduct a visual inspection that identifies conditions and defects that may indicate above average risk. They have state-of-the-art equipment for detecting internal decay and defects that are not visible from the exterior. What you think is a healthy tree could easily come down in the next storm if such problems go undetected and uncorrected. An arborist can also recommend pruning and thinning mature trees to provide light and air movement, to remove dead and diseased wood, and open up beautiful vistas.

Woodlot Management

If you have unmanicured, wooded areas on your property, these sections should be routinely thinned to remove dead, diseased, or undesirable trees. Woodlot management will open up an overcrowded forest canopy to encourage forest regeneration, species diversity, and the growth of desirable understory shrubs.



Tree Removal

Tree removal is a highly technical, yet delicate task, and requires highly qualified professionals to ensure your safety and the protection of your home and property. Removals address health, liability, and aesthetics and enable competing species to develop and mature. In certain instances, you may have to remove a tree that is alive if it is interfering with other trees, buildings, or utility wires.

Removal Alternatives

In some cases, tree removal can be avoided, particularly when your arborist determines there is a safe and reasonable alternative available that will allow you to keep your beloved tree. Proactive tree service and maintenance is the best way to ensure the longevity of your trees. Cabling and bracing create artificial support for structurally weak or injured trees and branches. They help prevent further injury or crotch failure, and provide protection against storm damage. This practice may extend the life and well-being of featured trees.

Trees are an investment with long-term benefits. Make a sustainable contribution to the environment. Plant a tree now for future generations!

WHO'S WATCHING YOUR HOUSE?

It's a great feeling to know that your home is being monitored by the police when you are out of town. To register for the Home Surveillance program call the Anchorage Police Department at 244-0562 at least 48 hours before leaving to ensure your home is watched every day. Cost is just \$1.00 per day.



CITY EMAIL GROWS

Over 400 Anchorage households have signed up to receive City email alerts. Residents can be notified of everything from police bulletins, community events, and lost and found pets to temporary street closings. Just email Sandy at anchorage.sandy@insightbb.com to sign up for this free service.