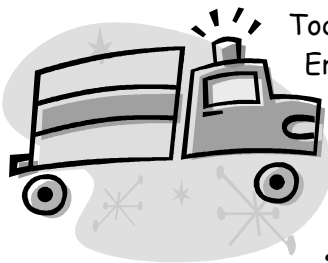


IN YOUR COMMUNITY: THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

An interesting tidbit of Anchorage history: we can date the Anchorage Maintenance Department back to the early 1900s. A "one-man" operation at the time, the sole work-hand had the responsibility of maintaining the City's water lines and, aided by volunteers in winter, shoveling cinders onto City streets from the back of a truck. The maintenance building at that time was an old, rickety, wooden structure located in the same spot as the present-day maintenance building.



Today the department employs four full-time staff: Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, an 18-year veteran of the Anchorage Police Department; Roby Wentworth; Trevor Whittaker; and Steve Birch. The department's responsibilities have greatly expanded through the years and include the maintenance of Anchorage roads and rights-of-ways, and the upkeep of City properties such as City Hall, the police station, and Wagner Park. Each season brings different responsibilities:

- **Spring** showers produce fast-growing grass that constantly needs to be cut. To reduce and prevent flooding, the department clears storm drains of debris to allow the free flow of rain waters.
- **Summer** is a continuation of mowing and weeding. Anchorage, in its 20th year of being a Tree City, USA, requires the department to deal with the trimming and removal of the City's mature, declining trees. A week before the 4th of July they prep the City for the annual celebration.
- The leaves in **fall** bring beautiful color to Anchorage that soon have to be mulched and vacuumed from City properties and ditch lines. This past fall brought the "Big Blow of '08" with damage and power outages from fallen trees. Of the sixteen roadways that were blocked by fallen trees in the City, the department had over half opened within the first twelve hours. For weeks after the department worked to clear right-of-ways of debris.
- **Winter** brings the challenge of providing safe streets for residents. The department maintains four snowplows and three salt spreaders and recently invested in a salt brine pre-treatment system that helps prevent ice and snow from sticking to roads. This past winter's ice storm brought down trees and power lines, made slick roadways, and created the largest loss of power that Kentucky - and some parts of Anchorage - have ever experienced. The department maintained 24-hour emergency service for several days in response to the City's needs.

Regular working hours for the department are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but when emergencies arise, these men are on-call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The department takes pride in providing the residents of Anchorage a safe and beautiful environment in which to live and enjoy. You can contact the City's maintenance at (502) 245-9700.

Sunday Concerts in the Park
Presented by
the Anchorage Civic Club

Pack a picnic basket, bring your chairs, & come join the Civic Club at Wagner Park:

Sunday, August 23, 5 - 8 PM Local band DNR will be performing
Sunday, September 20, 5 - 8 PM **COSA SERIA** performing

WEAR YOUR DANCING SHOES IF SO INCLINED!!



Anchorage Forestry Update

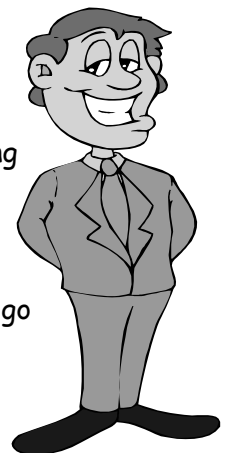
If you love trees and have concerns about the removal of the foliage that adorns properties in Anchorage, listen up! Mark Timmons and Andrea Hanlon, arborists who give the City advice about the maintenance, care, and continuity of our lush urban forest, will lead an informative discussion next month at City Hall, open to all residents. Join the Forestry Board and Mark and Andrea for an Arbor Day celebration that will educate and answer questions about this ongoing subject. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars for:

AN ARBOR DAY GATHERING
Presented by the Anchorage Forestry Board
Topic of discussion: "HAZARDOUS TREES"
Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 6-7 P.M.
Anchorage City Hall
(RSVP Nan at City Hall 245-4654 by September 14)

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION

Any group or individual wishing to solicit door-to-door in Anchorage has to go through a permit process. Solicitors are required to complete an application, supply samples of what they will show residents, and present a criminal records check to City Hall from their state of residence. The City Clerk will contact the company they are representing and confirm employment. The solicitors pay a permit fee and are told the rules in regard to selling in the City, given a copy of Anchorage's "No Soliciting" list, and given a copy of their permit. They are instructed to show homeowners their solicitor's permit, proving they have approval to sell in the City. These permits allow solicitors to go door-to-door during the daylight hours only.

Any resident interested in being placed on the "No Soliciting" list can contact Nan at City Hall at 245-4654.



SCHOOL DAIZE



No sooner does it seem that summer break begins, than mid-August is here and school is back in session. Amidst the hustle and bustle of beginning the new school year, please remind our children who walk to and from school to be alert and to be safe: watch for cars and stay on pedways where available. And drivers: keep an eye out for school children on bicycles and on foot. Crossing guards will be there to aid children crossing Hwy. 146 at Bellewood Road and the railroad crossing, and at the crosswalk on Evergreen from Station Road to Osage Road. Let's make this transition back to school a safe, good time for our youth!

SUMMER RAINS AND CLOGGED DRAINS

This summer's weather has surprised us all with the cooler than usual days, and extra heavy rains. Many of the rains have been heavy downpours causing drainage swales and pipes to overflow. The water flow from the heavy rains brings dirt, sticks, and other debris to culvert inlets where the material blocks the culvert and causes extra flooding and backups on neighboring properties.

Be sure to check your culverts regularly to make sure the inlets and outlets are clear and open. Also, check inside your culvert for accumulated silt or blockages. Check to see if your culvert has collapsed, or rusted out, and replace it with a new one, if necessary. If you replace your culvert, please check to be sure it is sized correctly for the water flow it will handle during a storm. And check with City Hall to determine if the project will require a forestry permit.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS...

More from the 4th of July:

Thank you to our talented Anchorage volunteer band for braving the weather on the Fourth.

They were joined this year by U of L's Patrick Henry Hughes.

Congratulations...
to Peter Kerpestein, our 2009 parade Grand Marshal!

CITY-WIDE YARD SALE:

Looking for the opportunity to "downsize" your belongings? Here's your chance! A City-wide yard sale is being planned. Date and details to follow in next month's ANCHOR AGE.