

December 2005

## UPDATE MEETING ON PROPOSED SEWER EXPANSION

In June 2005, two meetings were held to inform residents about the results of a study by the Anchorage Healthy Water Table Study Committee and to announce the intention of pursuing an expansion of the Anchorage sewer system. Since these meetings the City Council has contracted with Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May Engineers (FMSM) to conduct certain preliminary engineering to provide information for an enabling ordinance.

To keep residents informed on the progress there will be an open meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 5, 2006, in the Council Room at City Hall. Residents in the affected area are encouraged to attend.

Subjects to be covered include: tentative routes of sewer lines, schedule of proposed legislation, estimated costs to be born by the City and by property owners, action required by property owners, questions and answers by FMSM and the City's Sewer Project Manager, Joe Roehrig.

## ANCHORAGE PROVIDES BACKUP FOR 911

When you call 911, the operator will ask if you need Police, Fire, or EMS. If you call from a telephone with an address in Anchorage, a request for Police assistance goes directly to the Anchorage dispatcher. If you request Fire or EMS help, your call goes to a dispatcher with Louisville's Metro Safe system who will know you need our emergency services. (If you call from a cell phone, and need help in Anchorage, always inform the operator that you are in Anchorage.)

Occasionally there is an overload in the 911 system. If 911 does not promptly answer, call the Anchorage dispatcher at **245-4334** and inform them you have not been able to reach 911. There can also be an overload at Metro Safe in dispatching Fire and EMS services. If you need our Fire or EMS services, *after* you call 911, and only if time permits, also notify the Anchorage dispatcher to make sure our emergency units are on the way to your home.

**Anchorage Dispatch Emergency  
Number: 245-4334**

Anchorage Police Business Number:  
244-0562.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

After Christmas, Industrial Disposal will pick up Christmas trees on Thursdays along with residents' regular yard waste. Trees will be picked up at the curb and, if the tree is more than 8 feet long, it will need to be cut in half. If you have questions regarding your service, you may call ID at 638-9000.



**Trash Pick-up Schedule for the holidays:** Christmas and New Year's holidays will be observed on the following Monday. All services will be on a one-day delay for the remainder of the week, concluding on Saturday.

## ANCHORAGE FORESTRY UPDATE

In sync with our November announcement in the Anchor Age, the Anchorage Forestry Board will repeat last year's successful planting in the spring of 2006. This program is an opportunity for residents to purchase and plant a variety of trees at lower contract prices from approved vendors. All trees will be nursery grade with approximately a 2" diameter trunk, and a large, wrapped root-ball. Trees that qualify under the Canopy Campaign portion of the program will be sold to Anchorites on a cost-sharing basis. The Canopy Campaign co-chairs, Hap Dunford and Diane McAllister, will inform each resident by letter in January 2006 concerning the specifics of this

opportunity. Early written notice will give each resident a chance to evaluate and respond so that the Forestry Board can select the best trees and have them in the ground by Derby 2006. There will be an insert included in the January 2006 issue of the Anchor Age with a list of trees offered and their costs.

We hope that most residents received a free 2006 Anchorage Forestry calendar, delivered on the third of December. If for some reason any household was overlooked, please stop by City Hall and Nan, Alice, or Jim will give you a copy. Many thanks go to Tyleen Stoutt and her committee for their hard work – the calendars look great!

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

If you are 65 or older, or if you have been declared totally disabled, you are eligible for the homestead exemption. If you have already applied, you do not need to apply again. If you qualify, you will receive a discount on the assessment on your property. If you are eligible you must apply at both Anchorage City Hall and with the Jefferson County Property Valuation. An affidavit must be submitted as soon as possible.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CITY HALL:

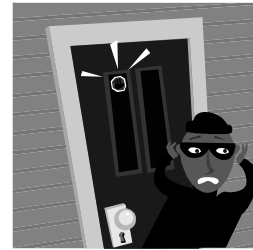
Closed 12:30-5 PM on Friday,  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> and all day  
Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for the  
Christmas holiday.  
Closed again on Monday, January  
2<sup>nd</sup> for the  
New Year holiday.

## TREE TRIMMING

LG&E will begin their routine trimming of the power lines throughout the City of Anchorage within the next month or so. The City started this tree evaluation and trimming with LG&E four years ago, and it worked well at that time. This pruning cycle occurs about every four years. The City foresters have worked hand-in-hand with the LG&E foresters as they have evaluated the trees along LG&E easements. They have identified and selected some very fast-growing, weed-type trees that, left to grow, would potentially damage electrical lines and cause power outages. Often these very fast-growing trees such as black locust, black cherry, Tree of Heaven, tulip poplar, etc., have to be "topped" if left to mature. (Topping is a practice that results in very unsightly trees with shortened life spans.) Both the City and LG&E will work to minimize any inconvenience to residents.

## BURGLAR ALARMS

Please remember that if you have a burglar alarm in your home it must be registered with the Anchorage Police Station regardless of the monitoring agency. Burglar alarm registration enables the Police to have the necessary information to ensure the safety of the Officers when they respond to an alarm. The registration information can also be used to help if a homeowner is out of town. If an alarm is



activated while a resident is out of town and it is not registered, the police do not know whom to contact to reset it, and thus could leave the home vulnerable until the homeowner returns. Contact the Anchorage Police Department at 244-0562 for more information.

## ANCHORAGE BOTANICAL SOCIETY

The Anchorage Botanical Society will gather for its first meeting of 2006 on Wednesday, January 11th, at the home of Lelia Sublett, 11406 Ridge Rd. "Herb Planting and Cooking with Herbs" will begin at 11:00 A.M., including lunch. If you would like to attend please email [sdmitchell@insightbb.com](mailto:sdmitchell@insightbb.com) or call membership chairman Theresa Moody at 254-5585.