



February 2010

ANCHORAGE TRAILS AND GRAY TOWER FLOWERS WIN FIRST CHILI COOK-OFF

TOWN MEETING ATTENDANCE BREAKS ALL RECORDS STANDING ROOM ONLY



Sparked by a fun outdoor venue and a great elk chili recipe, the team of Anchorage Trails and Gray Tower Flowers prevailed over five other competitors in the 'hotly' contested Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the Civic Club and the Anchorage Business Association. With pleasant winter weather on Sunday evening, over 200 residents sampled chili in the downtown area....and filled the Shall We Dance Studio for the Annual Town Meeting.

The Civic Club thanks all competitors for making this inaugural event such a big success, including the following teams of businesses and civic organizations:

- **The Forestry Board and Commonwealth Bank**
- **Historic Preservation, City Council, and Evergreen Real Estate**
- **Anchorage School and Marcum's Gallery**
- **City Police and Serenity Spa**
- **City Fire Department and EMS**
- **Anchorage Trails and Gray Tower Flowers**

Thanks also to **Shall We Dance Studio** for hosting the Town Meeting and all of the Anchorage neighbors for coming out on a Sunday afternoon. Special thanks as well to Connie O'Connell, 2009 Civic Club President, for initiating and organizing this creative and fun event!

BE A MEMBER OF THE CIVIC CLUB

If you enjoyed this event and others put on by the Civic Club, why not become a member? Just stop by City Hall to sign up. In return for your \$25 fee, you'll receive two new Anchorage phone books and enjoy all of the fun events the Civic Club organizes for our community.

NEW RESTAURANTS TO OPEN THIS SPRING

The Civic Club's Town Hall Meeting also served as the venue for two Anchorage residents to announce the planned April openings of their restaurants:

- Kevin Grangier is completing work on the former Train Station to convert the historic structure. The main floor will host an elegant fine dining establishment, and the lower level will be transformed into a more casual sports bar to include big screen TVs and outdoor seating.
- Bruce Lake has finalized plans for a café at the building resembling the old interurban station. Bruce recently returned from a trip to the Pacific Northwest where he researched the coffee art-form concept he's undertaking for his caffeinated beverage and lighter fare establishment.

The restaurants' fares won't compete, but will compliment each other and provide Anchorage residents with places where neighbors can meet and enjoy the delectable delights of two very unique culinary ventures.

IMPORTANT INSERT IN THIS EDITION

The City of Anchorage is required to publish all ordinances that have been passed by City Council.

These ordinances can be published in The Courier-Journal, the City's Anchor Age newsletter (as is this one) or by individual mailings.

Though many ordinances may not directly affect everyone in the community, this information is made available to all homeowners of the City.

WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

City Council voted unanimously to approve the bid of Industrial Disposal (ID), the City's current contract waste hauler. Several Council members stated that unprecedented numbers of phone calls and emails from residents, strongly requesting that ID be retained as the service provider, had been received prior to Monday's City Council Meeting.

18TH ANNUAL IRISH CLASSIC 10K RUN



E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park is holding its annual 10K run on Saturday morning, March 13, 2010. Approximately 200 runners are expected to participate in this year's event.

The route from the park will follow Frey's Hill Road south to Evergreen Road, east onto Osage Road East, and then turning onto Osage Road North. The race is planned with a turnaround at the intersection of Osage Road North and Owl Cove Place. This means that runners will be traveling in both directions on the roads at the same time. Anchorage streets will remain open to traffic during the race which is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 11:00 am. While no roads will be closed to vehicular traffic, residents are advised to watch for runners and graciously share the roadway to prevent accidents or injuries.

E-MAIL FROM CITY HALL

If you've asked to be included on the City's email distribution list to receive time-sensitive information, but are not receiving email messages, please check the settings on your SPAM filter or your "Junk Folder." Sometimes mail is refused or diverted depending on your computer settings. If this does not resolve the problem, please contact Sandra Kunzler at City Hall, 245-4654, and she'll investigate further.

"BLOOMING" YARD SIGNS

POLITICAL AND ALL OTHER SIGNAGE



Election Day is still months away and already a new crop of political signs is popping up. Sometimes a candidate's office will place signs in residents' yards, but

the responsibility of following the City's sign ordinance falls upon the resident.

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

- The maximum size shall be six (6) square feet.
- ***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. (Anchorage Ord. §153.13(G))

Regarding signs in general, please 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. If you have a question about signs, please call City Hall, 245-4654, or review the Sign Ordinance online at www.cityofanchorage.org.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION

Any group or individual wishing to solicit door-to-door in Anchorage must secure a permit to do so. Solicitors are required to complete an application, supply samples of what they will be showing residents, provide a copy of their Louisville Metro solicitation permit, and present a criminal background records check to City Hall. Solicitors pay a permit fee, and are informed of the rules governing solicitation. That includes adhering to the "No Soliciting" list and presenting their permit before selling to a resident.

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

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Dear Friends,
This year's CRUISE AUCTION 2010 is shaping up to be a fantastic event. The only thing that would make it any better is to have you on board! Please send in your RSVP, and we'll look forward to seeing you at

Owl Creek Country Club on Saturday, February 27th at 6 o'clock. Thank you for all your support to benefit our wonderful school.

Bon Voyage!
Julie Ensor, Cruise Director



HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Spring is fast approaching and with warmer weather comes thoughts of improving our properties. When considering an addition or modification to the exterior of your home, a permit may be required before you can proceed with your plans. As a reminder, the following improvements require review by the City's Zoning Officer:



- Construction or demolition of any structure
- An addition or alteration to a structure (includes outbuildings and decks)
- Projects such as driveways, fences, and sidewalks

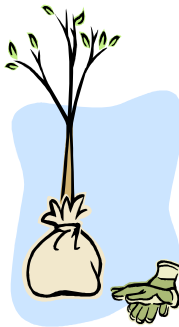
If you are in the Historic District or in a community with a homeowners' association, you will need additional approvals.

Other activities that require a permit:

- Tree removal (for trees with a 3" or greater diameter)
- A trench in the ground that exceeds 12' in length such as drainage work, repair or installation of an irrigation system, burying phone, gas, electric or cable lines, septic systems, or the installation of a patio or driveway
- Landscaping projects (no permit needed to plant trees and shrubs)

CITY TREES

As many of you may have noticed, a number of trees in the City right-of-ways are marked for removal. Mark Timmons and Associates, the City's contract arborists, have been watching the trees for many years. This spring 70 hazardous trees are slated for removal. The trees are in severe distress and the trunks are unstable. Last year's storms took a serious toll on many of these older trees and stressed them further. As the old trees are removed due to decline and demise, new trees can be planted to restore the canopy.



The Anchorage Forestry Board's new spring tree program arranges for a selection of canopy-type trees to be planted between 15-25 feet from the edge of the road at no cost to property owners. Red Maple and Red Oaks are available to residents who sign up by February 19th. Other free trees can be planted elsewhere for just a \$10 planting fee.



In addition to increasing property values and the visual appeal to residents, healthy trees provide many ecological benefits. They reduce water run-off and lessen the chance of flooding. Trees

help reduce soil erosion, and improve air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide from motor vehicles and other gas-powered machines. And reforestation efforts create and maintain wildlife habitat.

ALARM REGISTRATION

A reminder that burglar alarms must be registered with the Anchorage Police Department regardless of the monitoring agency. Registration ensures that necessary contact information is on file, and provides for the safety of the officers when responding to an alarm. The fee is \$60 for the calendar year, or you can be billed \$25 for each false run. Applications were due by December 31st. An **Alarm Registration Form** was included in the December edition of the Anchor Age. They are also available by calling City Hall at 245-4654. Completed applications and fees can be dropped off at City Hall or the police station, or mailed to City of Anchorage, P.O. Box 23266, Anchorage, KY 40223.



DRAINAGE ISSUES

Nothing brings out drainage problems like the heavy rains that start in late winter and carry on into spring. It's the responsibility of the property owner to keep channels and culverts open and free flowing. Please check for leaves, silt or collapsed culverts that may impede water flow and create drainage issues.