

January 2006

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

As the New Year begins and with several months of winter still remaining, I would like to remind you of steps you can take to help protect your family and home:



- Check for the proper operation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Have fireplaces and chimneys serviced.
- Have home heating systems checked and serviced.
- Use extreme caution when using candles, especially when children are present.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Practice home fire drills.

Many thanks to those citizens who assisted us with the annual "Toys for Tots" drive and the Dare to Care program. Your generosity is very much appreciated and helped many individuals during the holiday season.

And, in order to avoid omitting anyone, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude to all those that brought by cakes, cookies, and other delicious treats to the firehouse. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

-Chief Walter Lage

CAR STICKERS

According to City ordinance, any resident's vehicle that is regularly parked within the City overnight is required to be registered with the Anchorage Police Department. Upon registration and a fee of \$2.00, the City will issue a car sticker for the owner to display on the lower left hand corner of the rear window of the vehicle. The 2006-2007 stickers can be

picked up at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or at the police department at any time.

THE FIESTA AUCTION sponsored by the ANCHORAGE PTA

Hola! Come visit Cancun, Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas and Tijuana as we put the FUN in FUNdraising at the Anchorage *Fiesta* Auction on Saturday, March 25, 2006 at Owl Creek County Club! Join us south of the border to raise pesos for Anchorage Public School. Please make plans to attend this community-wide event. As the APTA continues to seek auction items, please contact either Lisa Shewmaker (253-1918) or Natalie Richards (254-5501) to make a donation. Muchas Gracias!



Public Hearing On Sewer Proposed Expansion

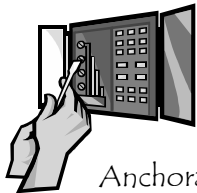
An ordinance describing the proposed sewer expansion was given its first reading at the January City Council meeting. The Council invites your input at a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 30, 2006, in the Council Room at City Hall. The ordinance and public hearing follow months of study and recommendations by the Anchorage Healthy Water Table Study Committee, preliminary engineering by Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May Engineers, two informational meetings in June 2005 and another earlier this month. Copies of the ordinance and the engineering study are available for review at City Hall. We invite those with interest to attend the public hearing.

ANCHORAGE TOWN MEETING MARCH 5th

Come to the 2006 Anchorage Town Meeting at City Hall on Sunday, March 5th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Presentations will be made by city officials and local civic organizations. Refreshments will be served. The annual Town Meeting is presented by the Anchorage Civic Club.

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 of your property. If you are eligible you must apply at both Anchorage City Hall and with the Jefferson County Property Valuation.



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.

LET'S TALK TRASH....

Industrial Disposal handles trash service in the City of Anchorage. Regular trash pick-up is scheduled Monday through Friday, with recycling on Wednesdays and yard waste pick-up on Thursdays. Some tips provided by Industrial Disposal to make these services run more smoothly are:



-Set trash out the night before or before 7 a.m. the day of service. If you have any problem with raccoons or dogs, Industrial Disposal suggests sprinkling bleach around the trashcans. Trash service is for normal household trash not demolition or construction materials. Make sure all trash is bagged, as loose paper can blow out of the trucks.

With recycling, place paper in the bottom, next plastics, then glass items on top to anchor contents. Boxes should be broken down flat.

For large items, contact Industrial Disposal to schedule a special pickup. All refrigerators, freezers, and AC units must have the freon removed and the item tagged by a licensed HVAC tech before pick-up.

All yard waste must be either bundled, bagged, or in trash receptacles. Branches and twigs can be bundled no more than 4' in length and weigh less than 30 pounds. If bagged, make sure bags are of sufficient strength to contain without breakage. ID does not pick up loose dirt, fencing, sod, or stumps.

TALKIN'

TURKEY TROT

The Anchorage Civic Club thanks all the trotters that participated in the Thanksgiving Day walk/run. An extra **BIG** Turkey hug goes out to Peter Popovich who donated the Pepsi Water products for the event and to Frank Knights (!!!) for arranging the Starbucks gift card prizes. Congratulations to the following participants who won in their categories: Brandon Page, Kate Anderson, Ginger Schnatter, TJ Eubanks, Chris Sternberg, Susan Childs, Amy Rummel, Lowery Stallings, Carol Shutt, Tim Adams, Jennifer Blum, and Larry Cashen. You all deserve an extra piece of pumpkin pie! Thanks also to the many Civic Club directors and their family members who helped with registration and course set-up, and to Run Chairman, Kip Kimmel!

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKERS & RUNNERS



Jogging and walking are fun and healthy activities for many Anchorage residents.

To ensure enjoyment, and more importantly safety, keep in mind these tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings and look people in the eye as you pass them. This lets others know that you are aware of their presence.
- Walk or jog in a familiar area. Avoid secluded areas where there are places to hide.
- Walk with a companion, especially at night. If walking alone, let someone know when you begin your walk, the route you

will be taking, and when you have returned.

-Don't wear headphones while you walk. Being able to hear in your surroundings will allow you to notice someone you don't see.

-Wear shoes and clothing that allow you freedom of movement. Wear bright-colored clothing so that you can be easily seen.

-Walk or jog facing traffic and, when in a group, walk in a row.

FORESTRY BOARD:

Latest Forecast Concerning Our Exciting Tree Planting Opportunities for Canopy Campaign 2006

Enclosed in this issue are four (4) inserts explaining in detail the particulars, responsibilities, cost, and financial perks of our 2006 spring planting. Please read the cover sheet closely, make your selection from the trees available, and note that order forms are due in to City Hall by Tuesday, February 28. Each participating Anchorage family will not only receive the highest quality trees but also the pre-designated wholesale price of the approved vendors. There will be a limited number of trees available for the Canopy Campaign Order Form but not the Wholesale Order Form. Therefore, Canopy orders will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. City Hall has extra forms if needed. Call co-chairs Hap Dunford (244-0981) or Diane McAllister (244-8139) with questions. Don't hesitate to take advantage of this money-saving opportunity to replenish our urban forest.

