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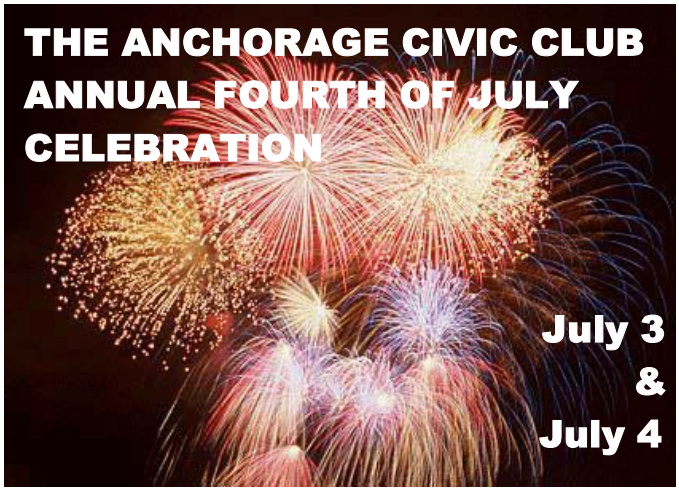
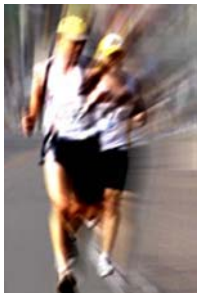


JULY 3rd FIREWORKS OVER OWL CREEK!

Co-sponsored by the Owl Creek Country Club and the Anchorage Civic Club.

Enjoy the fireworks show at Owl Creek Country Club starting at dusk on Saturday night. Please take care of the golf course and park appropriately. An outdoor cash bar will be available. Kindly do not bring your own food, beverages or fireworks on the premises.



ANCHORAGE FIRECRACKER 5K/10K RUN/WALK
Sunday, July 4th

Bring your family and friends to the annual Anchorage Firecracker 5K/10K Run/Walk.

- Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. *(No pre-registration this year)*
- Race begins at 8:00 a.m.

The race will begin at the Anchorage Trail entrance on Station Road, move through Anchorage streets, then conclude with the trail loop. 5K = once around; 10K = twice around the loop.

Prizes awarded by age category. $15 for adult ($10 for youths under 12) includes a tee shirt or hat.

JULY 4th PARADE, PICNIC AND GAMES!

Join your family and friends on Sunday for the Annual Anchorage Independence Day Parade. Registration begins at 4:45 p.m.

- Motorized vehicles: Anchorage Presbyterian Church
- Non-motorized: Anchorage Crossings parking lot

The parade starts at 5:30 p.m. sharp!

The parade route begins on Station Road, to Evergreen, east on Osage to Hobbs Park, south to Hazelwood, and ends at City Hall.

Prize categories:

- Best Bike/Scooter
- Best Car/Truck
- Best Golf Cart, etc.
- Best Family
- Best Horse/Animal
- Most Original
- Most Bizarre
- Good Neighbors
- Normal Rockwell Small Town USA, and
- Judges Award

No unlicensed drivers or vehicles allowed on city streets.

Picnic, Presentation And Games

- ► 6:15 p.m. Announcements at the Gazebo – Mayor's speech, Firecracker Run Winners, Parade Winners, and Presentation of the Manure Spreader!
- ► 6:30 p.m. Picnic – Please bring your own food and beverages
- ► 7:30 p.m. Games! Egg toss, sack races, Hula-Hoop, and tug o'war

IMPORTANT INSERTS 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 are these) 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.

5th GRADE GIRL SCOUTS - Nesting On The Trail

Fifth-grade Girl Scouts of Troop 356 are making a difference in their community and have built nesting houses for the Anchorage Trail. By doing this, the girls have earned their Bronze Award, a Girl Scout leadership honor. They made nesting houses for Wood Ducks and Screech Owls. You can find the owl boxes high up in trees along the Trail. The duck boxes are placed near the lake. Soon the Troop will put up information and a map showing nesting box locations at the Trail Kiosk. Troop 356 invites you to check it out!

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Schnatter for their support of the troop, and Drew Holdaway for going above and beyond the call of duty in support of the community and the 5th-grade Girl Scouts.

Bronze Award Recipients: Kendall Beache, Morgan Betsill, Emily Coffield, Meredith Coleman, Ellie Fizer, Maggie Kennedy, and Madison Zinner

STORYTELLING AND S'MORES

Hayrides, music, a bonfire, s'mores and stories! What more could you ask for? Bring the whole family to E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park on Saturday, June 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and enjoy a summer evening of fun. If you have your own instrument, bring that too. Meet at Picnic Grove. Hayrides are from 6-7 p.m., and storytelling begins at 7 p.m. Fee: $3 per person.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH 3rd ANNUAL PIGNIC

Saturday, July 3rd

Tired of the same run-of-the-mill chain-store BBQ? Looking for a place to take the whole family for the holiday? Then don't miss our PIGNIC on July 3rd from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the horse ring. Join us for all-you-can-eat BBQ with sides, $12 per adult, and hot dogs with sides, $5 for children 11 years old and under.

There will be games for the kids, raffles, and musical entertainment for everyone. All proceeds raised will go to charity. Put us on your calendar now for Saturday, July 3rd from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Bring family and friends and **LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1206 Maple Lane, Anchorage

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Lawn fertilizers, garden pesticides and herbicides eventually make their way into the aquatic ecosystem and our drinking water. Carefully follow manufacturer directions and exercise caution when using these chemicals around your home. This is one case where more is not better – never use more product than specified for the task. The cumulative effect of these chemicals and their degradates, even in low-levels, adversely affect water quality, aquatic life, wildlife, and public health. Be proactive! Limit chemical use, use less-toxic alternatives, or go organic whenever possible.

YARD SIGNS

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. Anchorage Sign Ordinance §153.00 applies to real estate signs, political signs, or advertising signs of any nature. If a sign was placed on your property that you did not authorize or want, please remove it. If you have a question about signs, please call City Hall at 245-4654, or review the City's sign ordinance online at www.cityofanchorage.org.

GARDENING FOR TERMITES

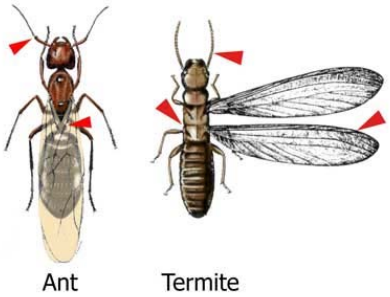
Gardeners are normally more concerned about insects that attack plants than about insects that attack buildings, but there are good reasons for home gardeners to learn more about termites.

If your house was last treated with a liquid termiticide, then it is important to avoid disturbing that bank of treated soil. This is where gardeners need to be careful. The list of possibilities is long, but any activity that causes treated soil to be moved away from the foundation or causes untreated soil to be moved over treated soil, will compromise the barrier. This includes digging too close to the foundation, adding mulch or allowing leaves or pine straw to accumulate over the treated barrier. As these organic materials break down they become soil – untreated soil that provides termites a bridge they can use to enter your home.

THINGS THAT CAN PREDISPOSE A HOME TO TERMITE ATTACK:

- Not having the building properly treated for termites
- Soil in contact with siding or any wood portion of the house
- Adding a patio, deck or addition and not having it treated
- Adding a trellis or other wood structure using untreated wood
- Adding raised flower beds against the foundation
- Mulch piled against the foundation
- Dogs or other animals digging in the treated soil band
- Water from roof or downspouts dripping onto treated soil
- Firewood or lumber stacked against the house

It's often difficult to tell the difference between flying ants and termites. Both are about one-half inch in length. They both swarm, which means that they send out winged representatives from their colonies to find new homes.



So how do you tell flying ants and termites apart?

- Termites have relatively straight antennae while ants have elbowed antennae
- Termites have a thick waist and ants have a narrow waist
- Termites have four wings that are about equal in length
- Ants have four wings, but the rear two are smaller

FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

Residents who removed trees over the past year are reminded that section 7 of the Anchorage Tree Protection and Preservation Ordinance requires a replacement tree be planted within one year of removal. Replacement trees must be a minimum of 1-inch in diameter (measured at 4½ feet above the existing grade) and of nursery grade. Forestry Board members will be using the list of issued tree removal permits to insure owners are in compliance.

TAX REMINDER

City and ambulance property tax payments are due June 30, 2010. Taxes are considered delinquent as of July 1, and the City charges interest of 1% per month starting July 1 in accordance with Ordinance §35.03. If you have questions concerning your invoice, please call City Treasurer, Renee Major, at 245-4654, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Along with the summer heat, we've come to expect severe summer storms and downed power lines. If you see a downed power line, stay away and notify LG&E. If you believe they pose a danger, call 911 immediately. Be safe!

This special, full color edition of the *Anchor Age* was sponsored by the Anchorage Civic Club as part of its Independence Day Celebration.

If you haven't yet paid your Civic Club dues, or don't know whether or not you are a member of the Civic Club, please contact Sandi at City Hall, 245-4654. Membership applications are available at City Hall Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.