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## ANNUAL ANCHORAGE ARBOR DAY EVENT

Finally, a harbinger of spring 2011. The Forestry Board has ordered 200 trees for the Spring Give-away Program. Everything will be in place and ready for the Arbor Day Event scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Come enjoy an hour of good advice and good food. Brent Wearren of Wearren and Son Nursery will share his professional knowledge of pruning young trees. All those in attendance may then take home their choice of trees as they leave. The selection includes red oak, red maple, baldcypress, blackgum, serviceberry and sweetbay magnolia.

See you there!

## NEW CIVIC CLUB WEBSITE

Enjoy a quick tour at [www.anchoragecivicclub.com](http://www.anchoragecivicclub.com) and you'll definitely want to come back to see more! Filled with valuable information, a complete schedule of Civic Club events, and important links, it's a site you will want to bookmark and visit often. Check it out today!



## SPRING CLEAN UP – HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Anchorage Civic Club is sponsoring Clean Up Anchorage on Saturday, April 23.

During reorganization of the Civic Club in 1966, the first major goal was for a clean-up and beautification of Anchorage. Throughout the years, Anchorage residents have taken a day to come together to maintain the beauty and lifestyle cherished by Anchorage generations.

Plan to meet Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Anchorage Café. Bring the whole family. The Civic Club will provide bags and gloves as well as some breakfast goodies! Wear appropriate attire – depending on the weather. This is a great community service project as well as a great way to get to know all of the beauty of Anchorage.

## SAVE THE DATE

Anchorage Public School will be celebrating its **100-year anniversary** on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The theme of the day is "One Hundred Years... a million memories." Plans are in progress for a full day of events that will be exciting and fun.



The celebration is for everyone: young and old, students and alumni, moms and dads, faculty and staff, members of the community and those whom have moved away... giving all a chance to go back in time together!

An "Anchorage Public School Alumni Association" page has been created on Facebook so link yourself to the site for updates and information. Remember to spread the word to your Anchorage friends, their friends, and their children, too.

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## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Luke's Episcopal Preschool is now accepting new family registration for the 2011-2012 school year. St. Luke's is located at 1206 Maple Lane in the heart of Anchorage, and offers an exceptional preschool program for children aged 14 months to 5 years. In addition, they offer many extended care options for working parents. St. Luke's is licensed by the State of Kentucky and is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. Stop in today to tour the school, or call director Becki Kostrach at 245-8828 for a welcome packet.



## ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL FISH FRY

Every Friday from March 11 to April 15  
1206 Maple Lane – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Take home service is also available. Phone: 245-8827. Call ahead between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and your order will be ready in 20 minutes. Just pull around to the side of the church for pick-up.

## DO YOU LIVE IN THE ANCHORAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT?

The ownership of a property in the Anchorage Historic Preservation District places a responsibility on each individual. Owners are relied upon to maintain and protect the historic and architectural character of Anchorage. In return, property owners can expect to benefit from increased property values and protection from destructive changes.

Owners considering any alterations affecting the exterior appearance of their property (repair, renovation, window replacement, addition, demolition, or construction of new buildings or other structures) must come before the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission and secure a "Certificate of Appropriateness" for the project before any work is started. In fact, applicants are encouraged to come to a Commission meeting to discuss their plans **before** they prepare their drawings. The Historic District Commission will assist each owner, builder and architect with their study to consider compatibility with the historic character of the City of Anchorage.

The Commission has prepared a Historic Preservation District Guidebook to provide information and guidelines to help owners plan their projects. Copies are available at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## HOME IMPROVEMENT AND OTHER PERMITS

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
- Any addition or alteration to a structure (includes outbuildings and decks)
- Projects such as driveways, patios, fences, sidewalks, retaining walls, and entries.

If you are in the Historic District (see article to the left), or in a community with a homeowners association, you will need to secure additional approvals.

Other activities that require a permit:

- Tree removal (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, cable or invisible fence lines, septic systems, or the installation of a patio or driveway.
- Landscaping projects (no permit needed to plant trees or shrubs)

Not sure if you're in the Historic District, or if you need a permit for your project? Contact City Hall at 245-4654.



## LET WILD ANIMALS BE WILD

### Five Good Reasons to Not Feed Wild Animals

Experts agree that it's a misplaced kindness to feed wild animals. While it might be fun to watch a furry family gobbling your treats, here are just a few of the reasons not to feed them:

1. **Providing an artificial food source causes adults to produce larger families which the natural food supply cannot support.**

Overpopulation leads to starvation and epidemics of disease, many of which are dangerous to humans and domesticated pets.

2. **Feeding causes wildlife to lose their natural fear of humans.**

They become lazy and tame. These animals learn to beg for handouts and their babies do too. They start to depend on humans for food, and all too often they become aggressive and begin to demand it. Sadly, the babies grow up not knowing how to naturally forage and will starve to death if the artificial food source is eliminated.



3. **Providing food in residential areas leads to property damage and unwelcome wild "guests."**

This results in damage and disruption to homes and landscapes from deer, coyote, raccoons, squirrels, and other wildlife. Often this is because someone is attracting the animals with food, either on purpose or inadvertently by leaving out pet food or not securing garbage.



4. **Wild animals can die from the wrong foods.** When we give people or pet food to animals, we change their diets. These foods can make them very sick and even kill them. Feeding a wrong diet to a baby animal even for a day or two can permanently damage developing muscles, bones and tissue, making survival impossible. And wild animals can die of starvation even with a belly full of feed they cannot digest.

5. **Animals may misinterpret your actions.** Wild animals defend themselves with teeth, claws, beaks, hoofs, talons, spines, venom, and toxins to name a few adaptations. There is no guarantee that a wild animal knows where the food stops and your fingers begin. Sadly, it is usually the animal that loses when the person feeding complains of being "attacked."

Most people don't mean harm, but when people and wildlife interact, wildlife often ends up losing. Always enjoy wild animals from a distance, and remember that Mother Nature will keep wildlife populations in balance with available habitat and a natural diet.



## AVOIDABLE FLOODING PROBLEMS

Heavy rains carry leaves, sticks, and other debris downstream. These items can collect, form small dams, and clog culverts and drainage channels. Spring is a good time to remind residents about the importance of keeping these channels clear to avoid water back-up and flooding. City of Anchorage Ordinance §52.11 states: "It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the real estate where natural drainage channels or man made drainage channels are located, to maintain the channels free of any form of obstruction which impedes water flow."

Property owners are responsible for replacing collapsed drainage pipes, and cleaning out culverts clogged with leaves and silt to keep them open and free flowing. Properly cleaned and maintained swales and drainage culverts will keep the water moving and help to prevent the flooding of roads and properties.

### IMPORTANT INSERT ENCLOSED

The City of Anchorage is required to publish a summary of its annual audit. This information is made available to all property owners in the City.