

CHRISTMAS IN ANCHORAGE AND HOLIDAY HOME TOUR
Saturday, December 5
Sponsored by the APTA

Anchorage is a very special place for many reasons – its beauty, its small-town feel, its superior school – but the thing that sets our little village apart is its strong sense of community. This holiday season celebrate this blessing of belonging at the 29th annual “**Christmas in Anchorage**” celebration.

Saturday, December 5, Anchorage School will be brimming with fun, family-friendly activities from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and sponsored by the Anchorage Parent/Teacher Association. All proceeds help support school enrichment programs.

Highlights include:

- **Breakfast with Santa** – seatings at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., walk-ins welcome. Cost is \$7. Bring your camera for a picture with St. Nick!
- **Holiday Boutique** - with more than 80 vendors.
- Home-baked goodies for sale at the **North Pole Bakery**.
- Exciting **raffles** for a video iPod Nano and custom-designed wreaths.
- **Box lunches** as well as quick concessions



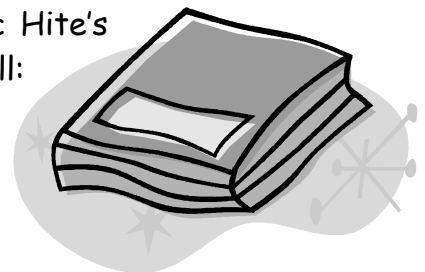
The much-anticipated **Holiday Home Tour** will again feature three beautiful Anchorage homes bedecked for the holidays – this year all conveniently located along Owl Creek Lane. The tour will run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with free shuttle service provided. Advance tickets are on sale now at Commonwealth Bank in Anchorage, City Hall, and at the school for \$15. “Day of” tickets will be available for \$18 at “**Christmas in Anchorage**”.

“**Christmas in Anchorage**” and the **Holiday Home Tour** are wonderful ways to celebrate our special gift of community in Anchorage – but gifts this good just have to be shared! Spread the word and bring your friends to this long-standing Anchorage tradition and we’ll ring in the holidays together!

If you have any questions, please contact Meg McDermott at 244-4698 or e-mail her at 5mcdermotts@bellsouth.net. See you there!

“THE VILLAGE OF ANCHORAGE”
by Samuel Thomas

THE VILLAGE OF ANCHORAGE, written by Samuel W. Thomas, is for sale at City Hall. Marking the 125th anniversary of Anchorage’s incorporation, this thoroughly researched and documented history of Anchorage contains letters, newspaper accounts, oral history, photographs, maps, and plats dating back to the time of Isaac Hite’s settlement. Books are available at these local bookstores as well: The Reader’s Corner, Barnes and Nobles, Borders, and Carmichael’s on Frankfort Avenue. THE VILLAGE OF ANCHORAGE makes a perfect holiday gift for anyone who loves or has a history with our wonderful community!



RULES OF THE ROAD FOR BIKE RIDERS

Bicycling is a great way to get around and a wonderful form of exercise. But fun can be cut short when safety takes a backseat. Here are some must-know safety tips to keep in mind:

- Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights **just as cars do**. Yield to pedestrians and be especially careful at intersections.
- Always ride in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic.
- Never ride at dusk or in the dark.
- Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving a driveway, an alley, or a curb.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars — doors can open suddenly.
- Always walk a bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk if one is available.
- When riding in a group, always ride single file on the street.
- Parents should periodically go bike riding with their children and provide the example of safety on a bike.

A big THANKS from the 3rd grade Brownies, 1st/2nd grade Daisies, and 3rd Grade Cub Scouts for helping them help the Center for Women and Families Celebrate Halloween! These kids took four carloads of Scout-made costumes, donated costumes, and treats to the Center. They were very appreciative! Thanks for helping our youth people "make the world a better place to live and play"!

HOLIDAY REMINDER



When getting stamps or mailing packages this holiday season consider using the Anchorage Post Office located at Park and Station Roads. The waiting lines will be much shorter than other area post offices. And when mailing parcels consider using delivery confirmation for every package you send. This way you know as soon as your loved ones have received their gifts as well as know when returned merchandise has been received by the company. Anchorage Post Office is open from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Yule Log Lighting and Carol Sing

The Anchorage Garden Club and Civic Club are sponsoring the annual Yule Log Lighting and Carol Sing on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m., with the rain date Monday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Carolers will meet at Hobbs Chapel on Osage Road. Remember to bring candles and candle guard for this special time of fellowship.

Anchorage Forestry Update

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in our annual Tree Giveaway Sunday, November 8th, 2009 - it was a rewarding afternoon for all of us.

Congratulations go to Anchorage resident Weasy MacLean who submitted the winning photograph in the photo contest sponsored by the Forestry Board. The photograph she submitted will be on the cover of the Forestry Board's 2010 Anchorage calendar. Check it out - along with other great photos from Anchorage residents - when you receive your calendar, delivered FREE to each residence in Anchorage after the Thanksgiving holiday. Additional calendars can be and friends!



Anchorage Business Association to hold open houses in conjunction with "Christmas in Anchorage"

The newly-formed Anchorage Business Association will be holding our annual open houses on Saturday, December 5 from 2-5 p.m. Local businesses will be offering complimentary refreshments, drawings for fabulous prizes, and even a free chair massage! Stop by Commonwealth Bank, Gray Tower Flowers, Shall We Dance Dance Studio, Marcums' Gallery, Serenity The Spa in Anchorage, and our newest addition The Salon at Anchorage to relax and pick up your copy of the Anchorage Business Association directory. Extra parking is available within walking distance of the Anchorage School.