

October 2005

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL,
SUPPER, AND
HAUNTED HOUSE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 at 5 PM



Come dressed in your favorite costume and join the Halloween Parade Friday, October 28th at 5:00 p.m. at Anchorage School. After the parade, join others in the community for dinner provided by YUM. Residents can enjoy the carnival with games and prizes, go through the haunted house designed by the 8th graders, and even have pictures taken with a witch or goblin!! Come join the fun and help raise money for the 8th graders' upcoming trip to Big Pine Key, Florida.

**THE VILLAGE
OF ANCHORAGE**

Dr. Samuel Thomas has researched, written, and edited an informative 350-paged, hardbound book about Anchorage. It is a compilation of photographs, maps, and other illustrations. **THE VILLAGE OF ANCHORAGE**, written as a narrative, is a completely documented history of Anchorage. Priced at \$53.00, **THE VILLAGE OF ANCHORAGE** makes great gift ideas for many of those on your holiday shopping list.

Books are available at these local bookstores: The Reader's Corner, Barnes and Nobles, Borders, and Carmichael's on Frankfort Avenue. You can also purchase **THE VILLAGE OF ANCHORAGE** at Herbal Accents and City Hall in Anchorage.

**Anchorage Cub Scouts
Need Your Help in
Fighting Hunger in Louisville**

Our local Cub Scouts are participating in the annual "Scouting for Food" drive to support Dare to Care. It's easy to help! Just put together a bag or two of canned and boxed foods and leave them outside your door on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th by 9 a.m. The Scouts will pick them up. You can also drop off items at the fire station anytime between November 12th and noon on the 19th. (We thank the firefighters for their help!)

If you have questions, contact Nadine Brewer at 254-7265. Thank you for your support of our kids and this important cause.

FORESTRY UPDATE

The Anchorage Forestry Board is in the process of restocking their nursery off Lakeland Road of bare-rooted trees. If any Anchorage residents have a preference of species of trees, the Forestry Board would appreciate your input. Call any Forestry Board member or City Hall to make such requests.

The Board is also preparing for their third Canopy Campaign planting for the spring of 2006. Balled trees will be offered at a reduced rate to interested Anchorites.

FROM THE CIVIC CLUB:

Anchorfest was a record-breaking success! The Anchorage Civic Club Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone who came out to enjoy our village at it's finest. Special thanks go out to the many people who volunteered their time, and to Neil Benner for his exceptional guidance as event-chairman.

Get Civic-Minded: Positions are available for next year's class of directors for the Anchorage Civic Club. Directors serve a 3-year term, attend monthly meetings on the evening of the 1st Tuesday of each month, and help plan, promote, and execute the various civic club events throughout the year. If you are interested in applying for a position on the board, please contact president-elect Lorie Davenport at 245-0909 or davenport@insightbb.com.

Oops! Brooks and Calvin Riley Pinney, 11808 Spring Garden Lane, phone #245-1623, were omitted from the new 2005/2006 Anchorage Phone Directory. Our apologies to them. If we have missed any other names, or incorrectly spelled a name, please call City Hall at 245-4654 with corrections. New homeowners who didn't make the directory can also call and pass on the needed information for the next directory. An additional correction to the directories: Anchorage Archives are open only on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon.

**OWL CREEK GARDEN CLUB
By Judy George**

On Wednesday, October 5th members of the Owl Creek Garden Club went to work with tillers, shovels, rakes, and brooms and landscaped a Habitat for Humanity house on West Madison Street in Louisville. After working the soil and amending it with aged manure straight from Anchorage, they planted foundation shrubs, a flowering bush and several liriopse across the front. Hostas, ferns, and ornamental grasses from club members' own gardens, as well as newly purchased rhododendrons, were planted along the back sidewalk. A shade garden was also planted in the back.

Anchorage Presbyterian Church was one of 17 churches that contributed to the building of this new home. At the dedication service/house-blessing Saturday, October 8th the Owl Creek Garden Club members presented a garden hose as a housewarming gift to the very excited new homeowner!

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF...

October is National Fire Prevention Month. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in 2004 there were 395,000 reported home structure fires with an associated 3,190 civilian fire deaths. Now is the time to remember:

- *Check all home smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- *Have fireplaces, chimneys, and home heating equipment serviced and cleaned.
- *Use candles with extreme caution and be certain they are extinguished before leaving home or going to bed.
- *Plan and practice a home fire drill. The NFPA reports that only 23% of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- *Put matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- *And those with children: listen to the lessons they learn in their schools and daycares.

HURRICANE DISASTER UPDATE:

Two members of Anchorage Fire and EMS have been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the hurricane disaster area. Firefighter EMT Ron Wilder and Firefighter Paramedic Josh Keats departed for the area on September 8th. They have spent the past month in several areas of Alabama and Mississippi performing a variety of functions and duties to help people to begin putting their lives back in order. These two members are to be commended for their dedication and effort. Firefighter Wilder has kept a diary of their time spent in the area. For an up-close look at their work and experiences, I encourage everyone to check out his blog at <http://www.anchoragefireandems.com/katrina.html>.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING
TO HELP ANCHORAGE SCHOOL**

Just by doing your holiday shopping at Kroger, Fresh Market, or Paul's you can earn money for the Anchorage PTA. The PTA will earn 4-5% of total purchases made on rechargeable Kroger gift cards and gift certificates to Paul's and Fresh Market sold by the school. Cards and certificates are available during school hours at the front desk of Anchorage School or anytime from Elizabeth Taylor (245-6463 or eettee@mindspring.com).

Kroger gift cards and gift certificates from Paul's and Fresh Market make wonderful gifts for personal or corporate giving - what a great gift idea for that hard to buy person on your holiday shopping list! Contact Elizabeth for more information.

2005 APTA POINSETTIA SALE

The APTA will again be selling poinsettias for the upcoming holidays. Complete the attached order form and return with remittance on or before Friday, November 18th. Make checks payable to APTA. Return to: Anchorage School, Attention Sharon Clore, 11400 Ridge Road, Anchorage, KY 40223. Except for the 4.5", which only comes in red, white, and pink, all other sizes also come in marble (pink and white mixture) and Jingle Bells (red with specks, smaller blooms).



	Color	Quantity	Total
4.5" (2-4 blooms) \$6	_____	_____	_____
6.5" (4-6 blooms) \$10	_____	_____	_____
7.5" (8-12 blooms) \$15	_____	_____	_____
8.5" (12-16 blooms) \$20	_____	_____	_____
Hanging Basket w/ 25-30 blooms \$28	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			_____

Please pick up your poinsettias on Tuesday, December 6 between 1:00 and 4:00 at the home of Kelly Erwin, 1313 Glenbrook Road. If these hours do not work with your schedule, please call us prior to pick-up day to make other arrangements. Please call Kelly Erwin (244-4774), Patti Edwards (254-5393), Jennifer Knights (489-5264), or Erica Wellemeier (327-0150) with questions. Thanks for supporting the APTA!



YULE LOG LIGHTING & CAROL SING

The Garden Club is sponsoring the annual Yule Log Lighting and Carol Sing at Hobbs Chapel on Sunday, December 11th at 6 PM, with the snow/rain date Monday, December 12th at 6 PM. Be sure to bring candles and candle guards. See you then!

CHRISTMAS IN ANCHORAGE

Mark your calendars now for Christmas in Anchorage on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Anchorage School. Christmas in Anchorage has been an Anchorage tradition for 23 years. The Anchorage Parent/Teacher Association (APTA) sponsors the event, and all proceeds go directly to help support enrichment programs.

The day is filled with activities and entertainment for all ages. Young children will enjoy **Breakfast with Santa** or making gifts at the **Make It/Take It** area. We are excited to offer a ceramic painting area where children and adults can create unique pottery gifts for friends and family. There will be musical performances from local musicians to help get us in the holiday spirit. The **Holiday Boutique** will help you get a head start on all your holiday shopping. The **North Pole Bakery** will be selling baked goods provided by Anchorage School families. Don't forget to stop by **Reindeer Ranch** or **Candy Cane Café** for lunch.

This year's Anchorage holiday ornament will feature Hobbs Chapel and will be priced at \$10.00. There will be a few of the previous years' ornaments featuring City Hall and the school priced at \$12.50 each.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Sternberg at 245-1786. See you then!

RAILROAD CROSSING DELAYS

From time to time City Hall gets calls from residents about the CSX trains blocking the Lucas Lane crossing, especially when the Chamberlain Lane crossing is blocked at the same time. While the people at City Hall understand your frustration, they can do little to alleviate the problem.

The Federal Railroad Administration and the Interstate Commerce Commission regulate the railroad. Because its operations involve interstate commerce, under federal law, neither the City nor the state has the power to regulate the operation of the railroad. The trains blocking the crossing are usually waiting to get into the Ford plant or the adjacent train yard. Often the trains have to wait until Ford permits them to enter the docks, or they have to maneuver cars in the train yard (uncoupling, turn around, re-coupling, etc.), which increases the delays at the crossings. CSX says their engineers are not unnecessarily blocking the crossing—quite the opposite. They attempt to clear at least one crossing if not both at the earliest opportunity. Unfortunately, Ford's inventory changeover time often coincides with the heavier traffic times around 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Some residents have asked if the trains could park between the Lucas Lane and Glenbrook crossings, which are approximately a mile apart. However, the average length of a train going into the Ford plant is 6,500 feet long—about a mile and a quarter. Parking a train of that length west of the Lucas Lane crossing would block the busier crossings of Evergreen and Bellewood Roads. The train also needs to be in the closest proximity to the plant.

The lengthy time for a CSX train to finish its business with Ford is often irritating and inconvenient causing residents to double back to the Glenbrook or Evergreen Roads crossings to get to the Snyder Freeway or Chamberlain Lane area. If you see a train blocking both crossings for a period beyond 20 minutes, please try to get the number on the lead engine and note the time of day. Each railroad crossing has a sign with the telephone number: 1 800-232-0144. You can call that number and register a complaint with the appropriate supervisor.