

the ANCHOR AGE



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ANCHORAGE CIVIC CLUB presents...

2011 TURKEY TROT



Thursday, November 24th

Bring your family and friends to the annual Anchorage Turkey Trot walk/run on Thanksgiving morning. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the lower level of the Anchorage Café, and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. The entry fee of \$15 (\$10 for kids under 12) includes a souvenir long-sleeve shirt. Prizes will be awarded for the best time by age category and distance. The course is 5K or twice around for 10K. The race will begin at the trail entrance, move through city streets, and conclude with the Anchorage Trail loop.



ANCHORAGE DOG SHOW

Sunday, October 16

3:30 p.m.

Station and Evergreen Roads

This free, family-friendly event benefits the Bellewood Home for Children. All dogs will be showcased, and prizes will be awarded in 10 competition classes with all

competitors vying for the coveted "Best in Show" winner! Join your neighbors for a great afternoon.



ANCHORAGE CIVIC CLUB FREE SUNDAY CONCERT

Poetically gifted, singer/songwriter

Danny Flanagan

October 23, 6-8 p.m.

Station and Evergreen Roads

Bring the entire family, some folding chairs or a blanket, and

enjoy Danny's inflective voice, percussive guitar, great lyrics, and original music.

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Monday, November 7, 9:30 a.m., at City Hall

ISA Certified Arborist and City Forester Andrea Hanlon will present "Managing Your Trees – Proper Planting Techniques Part II," the third in a series of free arboriculture topics for Anchorage residents. If you attended the first session in September, you would now know the answers to the following questions. Check your tree knowledge.

(Answers on page 3.)

1. Most tree roots are found...
 - a. in the top 12 to 18 inches of soil
 - b. in the top 6 to 12 inches of soil
 - c. deeper than 24 inches
 - d. both a and c are true
2. Tree roots extend out how far from the trunk?
 - a. to the edge of the dripline
 - b. 5 times the diameter of the trunk
 - c. 2½ to 3 times the height of the tree
 - d. 15 inches from the trunk in most cases



Save the Dates for these Holiday Events!

Watch for Additional Information in the November Anchor Age

CHRISTMAS IN ANCHORAGE AND HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Saturday, December 3 at Anchorage School

This fun-filled holiday tradition is sponsored by the Anchorage Parent Teacher Association and is open to the public. All proceeds help support enrichment programs at the school.

Breakfast with Santa – 8:30 and 9:30 seatings

Lunch with Santa – 12 to 2 p.m.

Holiday Boutique, Secret Santa Shopping, Paint Your Own Pottery and the North Pole Bakery - all from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Home Tour – 1 to 5 p.m.



YULE LOG LIGHTING AND CAROL SING

Sunday, December 4
at Hobbs Chapel

The Anchorage Garden Club is sponsoring its annual Yule Log Lighting and Carol Sing at 6:00 p.m. on December 4. Be sure to bring candles and candle holders. Rain Date is Monday, December 5th.

Starting November: Keepsake ornaments will be available for purchase again this year. Order in advance and then pick up at Christmas in Anchorage. Home Tour tickets will be available for \$18 at Commonwealth Bank and Trust in downtown Anchorage, or \$20 at the door. To make advance reservations for Breakfast and/or Lunch with Santa, please contact Sandra Masters at sandramasters@insightbb.com, 418-7676, Errin Allen at richarderrinallen@insightbb.com, 417-6851, or Stacey Paznokas at staceypaz@gmail.com, 419-2815

POOL MANNERS MATTER

Mind your "Pool Manners" when you drain your pool. Warm pool water full of chemicals is toxic and will kill aquatic life and plants if drained to a stream or drainage channel. Protect our watershed! Follow these simple steps to avoid flooding, water back-up, or harming the environment when you drain your pool this fall:

- Test pool water and allow chlorine to drop below 0.5 ppm.
- Ensure the pH level is between 6 and 8 (normal range).
- Do not drain your pool during or up to 48 hours after a rain.
- Slowly drain the pool to a grassy area on your property and allow the water to soak into the ground. It should not flow directly into a street, drainage channel, stream, **or your neighbor's property.**



- Do not discharge to storm sewers or catch basins as it will reach a water body.
- Drain only to a sanitary sewer via a connection on the property like a bathtub or floor drain, and do so at a flow rate of 30 gallons per minute or less. Draining your pool to the sewer too fast will cause your basement to back-up.
- If you have any questions, contact Gary Kohler at MSD at least 24 hours before you drain your pool.

For additional information visit www.msdlouky.org/insidemsd/pools.htm or call MSD at 587-0603.



FROM THE FORESTRY BOARD

Residents who ordered trees during the Fall Canopy Campaign will receive their flags the end of October. If no one is home, the flags will be left in the newspaper tube or by the front door. **Tree locations must be marked before the Board contacts "Before You Dig" to locate utilities, and the landscape company plants in November.** Once your flags are in place, please make sure they are not removed by service personnel. **No flags, no trees!** Canopy trees must be planted no closer than 15 feet from the edge of the road and no further away than 25 feet. The Forestry Board thanks all participants for helping maintain Anchorage's road canopy.

2012 FORESTRY BOARD CALENDARS

All Anchorage households receive one free calendar. This year the Forestry Board will be delivering the calendars **before** Thanksgiving. If you are going to be out of town the week before Thanksgiving, please contact City Hall at 245-4654 and your calendar will be held for you to pick up when you return.



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

It's time to:

- Check all home smoke detectors and carbon dioxide detectors.
- Have fireplaces and chimneys serviced and cleaned if necessary.
- Have home heating equipment checked and serviced.
- 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 National Fire Protection Agency 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, please make certain that the address on your home or business is clearly visible from the street.

NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTIONS



Polling locations will be open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Anchorage residents are assigned one of two polling places: the Anchorage firehouse at 1400 Evergreen Road or the Anchorage Presbyterian Church at 11403 Park Road. If you're

uncertain of your voting location, you can check your polling site at www.jeffersoncountyclerk.org by clicking on "voter information" or by calling the Board of Elections at 574-6100.

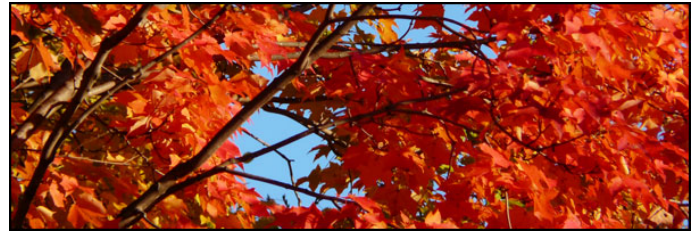
Registered voters who will be absent from the county on election day can vote their ballot at the Election Center, 810 Barrett Avenue, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through November 7.

If you need a ride to the polls, call the Democratic Party HQ at 582-1999 or the Republican Party HQ at 897-5750.

ANCHORAGE CIVIC CLUB 2011-2012 TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

If you were unable to attend Anchorfest and receive your new phone books, or would like to purchase additional copies, the 2011-2012 Directories are available at City Hall. Civic Club members receive two phone books with their paid \$30 bi-annual membership; additional books are \$5 each. Non-members may purchase directories for \$15.00 each. To become a Civic Club member, you can register online at www.anchoragecivicclub.com or pick up an application at City Hall.

Forestry Answers: 1-b, 2-c *How did you do?*



AHHH, AUTUMN!

Crisp temperatures, apple cider, pumpkin patches, spectacular foliage, and lots and lots of fall leaves! October also brings rains that can carry the leaves and sticks and other debris, downstream. These items collect, form small dams, and clog culverts and drainage channels.



Autumn is a good time to remind residents about the importance of keeping these channels clear to avoid water back-up and flooding. Please take time to rake leaves and other debris away from catch basins and

culverts. Property owners are responsible for keeping natural or man-made drainage channels free of any form of obstruction which impedes water flow. When swales and culverts are properly cleaned and maintained, the water keeps moving and helps prevent flooding of Anchorage roads and property.



INDUSTRIAL DISPOSAL REQUESTS YOUR HELP

In September, a can of paint placed in household trash was crushed during compression and resulted in paint being dripped on the driveways of five Anchorage homes. The following week Industrial Disposal

noted cans of liquid paint in with trash at four other residences.

- ▶ **Oil-based paints are classified as hazardous waste and Industrial Disposal is not authorized to collect hazardous materials.** Contact Metro Call 311 for hazardous waste disposal locations.
- ▶ Latex or water-based paints must be left open to dry out, or the liquid mixed with sufficient kitty litter or sawdust to form a solid mass before being set out for trash collection.

The damage at five homes is already done. Please help prevent future problems. Only put latex or water-based paints in your residential trash after following the above noted steps to dry the liquid.