

AUGUST 2025

Anchorage Homeowners Association Official Newsletter

HOA BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Board meeting on **August 14 @ 7:00 PM**

💰 Plan Ahead — Avoid Late Fees!

In July, we were so close to reaching 100% of quarterly HOA dues paid on time — thank you to all who made that happen! Let's aim for a perfect record this October. The next quarter will be **October (\$125)**, and are **due the first of the month**, so now's the time to make your plan, set a reminder, or schedule your payment. On-time payments help keep our community running smoothly — and help you avoid unnecessary late fees.

News from the Pool- Let's keep it clean!

Steve does a great job keeping our Pool sparkling clean. He shared these tips to help avoid germs at the pool: *Shower before swimming for at least 1 minute *Avoid the pool if you are ill * try to keep water out of your mouth * take frequent bathroom breaks for children and adults alike * dry your ears thoroughly after swimming to help prevent swimmer's ear * avoid swimming with open wound-or at least make sure it's covered with a waterproof bandage * shower after swimming. More in depth reading at : https://theconversation.com/how-germy-is-the-public-pool-an-infectious-disease-expert-weighs-in-on-poop-pee-and-perspiration-and-the-deceptive-smell-of-chlorine-260996?utm_medium=article_native_share&utm_source=theconversation.com

Planning a Party? Don't Forget the Clubhouse!

It's the perfect spot for gatherings of up to 100 people- and at just \$50 it's a bargain. A \$200 security deposit is required but fully refundable as long as the clubhouse is left in the condition received. You'll also need to obtain a special event insurance policy for the event day- this helps protect you and the association. Make your next birthday, anniversary, or celebration simple and close to home. The clubhouse is here for you-use it!

A Word from our President

We're getting warmer, and I hope many of you are taking advantage and enjoying the pool—it's one of our community's best features.

Speaking of the pool, you've probably heard the talk over the years about replacing the aging fence. Well, it's finally happening! The board has approved the installation, and—great news—we were able to fund the project without a special assessment. The original fence is in poor condition, and current building codes no longer allow for simple repairs. New gates will be installed, and rest assured: we made sure with the installers that your existing key will still work.

Mark your calendars—Patty will be sharing more details soon about our Volunteer Breakfast on September 13. Volunteers are the heartbeat of this community, and this breakfast is just one way we say thank you.

Here's something you might not know: our HOA is self-managed, which is rare. Our attorney recently shared with me that if we were using a management company, dues would likely be over \$400 per month. Thanks to our dedicated board and volunteers, we keep that number at just \$125 quarterly.

That's why your involvement matters. Three of our current board members will complete their terms in December, and we need new leadership to step up. Please consider serving on the board—it's a two-year term and a meaningful way to protect the value of your home and shape the future of our community. If you're curious or have questions, I'd be happy to talk. Your voice matters here.



Art Worth- President

We've received several complaints about pet waste being left behind. Please remember: picking up after your dog isn't just courteous-it is *essential* to keeping our lawns beautiful, our shoes clean, and our community enjoyable for everyone. Let's be respectful, responsible, and neighborly. Grab a bag, do your part, and help keep Anchorage a clean and welcoming place for all.

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Also, you can join our unofficial Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/anchorage55>

**Our Anchorage HOA Board and
Committee Chairs**



2025 Board Members

President- Art Worth (727) 781-2847
 Clubhouse – Patty Boyle (727) 224-9321
 Treasurer – Laura Ragain (727) 698-3157
 (assisted by Leigh Wolfe)
 Pools & Grounds- Steve Gillespie (610) 937-4899
 Secretary – Mary Sofchek (727) 786-4339

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Review – Gary Ware
 Neighborhood Watch -Richard Vincent
 Deed Restrictions – Rocky Trahan
 Library – Liz Harmon
 New Resident Review – Lisa Minich
 Newsletter – Cheryl Corbett
 Website – Tony Evans



Bingo Night- Wednesday, August 13th, doors open at 6:00, games run until 8:00. Join us for a night of laughs and some friendly competition, where the prizes are fun and company even better. Bring a snack, a beverage of choice and a friend or two. It's not just Bingo; it's a social event disguised as a game night. Come shout "BINGO" like you mean it!

No happy hour for the month of August. We will see you in September. Set your reminder to join your neighbors for some laughs and conversation.



September 13th – Volunteer Breakfast
October 20th- Annual General Membership Meeting
November 15th – Thankful for our Heritage Potluck
December 13th – Holiday Dinner Party



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Dog Days of Summer? No, Your Pup's Not to Blame! The "Dog Days of Summer" aren't about panting pooches (though we relate!). This old phrase dates back to the Romans, who noticed the star Sirius—nicknamed the Dog Star—rising with the sun during the hottest stretch of the year. These steamy days, from July to August, were believed to bring on lethargy, heatwaves, and maybe a little crankiness. So, if you're feeling extra lazy, sweaty, or grumpy—blame the stars. And maybe take a dip in the pool... or a nap in the shade. You've got historical permission!

Speaking of dogs, did you know that on an 85°F Day, asphalt can reach over 130°F in direct sunlight? That's hot enough to burn your pet's paws in seconds. Dogs and cats also don't sweat like humans—they cool themselves through panting and limited sweat glands in their paws. This means they're more prone to overheating.

Signs of heat stress in pets include excessive panting, drooling, weakness, and vomiting. To keep them safe, walk early or late in the day, always provide shade and fresh water, consider a cooling mat or body wrap or cooling bath if overheated. Never leave pets in a parked car—temps can soar to deadly levels in minutes! Summer should be fun for everyone—let's make sure our four-legged family members stay safe too. For more info check out www.humaneworld.org

On a personal note,

Our volunteer HOA not only keeps our neighborhood running, it fosters a sense of community. One of the reasons many of us chose this neighborhood is the clubhouse, a hub where we can gather for social events, play games, read a book, shoot pool, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee with friends. For a comparatively small HOA fee, we gain something far more valuable: connection. Social engagement isn't just nice-it's powerful. Staying connected builds your cognitive reserve, reduces dementia risk, improves memory and thinking, and even adds years to your healthy life. So come on, step out, grab a friend and have some good times- your neighbors are great people. Your mind and body will thank you later.

Remember, this newsletter is your newsletter! I am always looking for fresh ideas, feedback, and community contributions that will benefit us all. Reach out at editor@anchorage-hoa.com

Keep engaged and stay cool this August!