

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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## BROWN'S POINT PARK

348 Harvard Street

### Park History

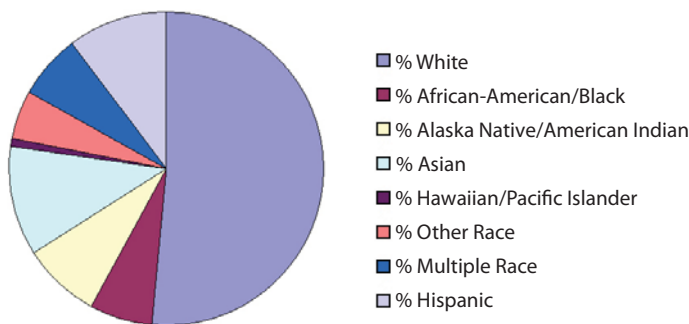
This property was acquired from the Bureau of Land Management through the Recreation & Public Purposes Act for \$50.00. The park was named in honor of Jack and Nellie Brown, who moved into the Ship Creek area in 1915. The park is known for its view of the city, the Alaska Railroad area, the waterfront and the surrounding mountains. The park also contains a totem pole that was built by schoolchildren and recently restored by the community.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 1,947  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 25.6%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- .24 acres
- Picnic area with tables and benches
- Grill
- Totem pole
- Located in Government Hill Greenbelt

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# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: BROWN'S POINT PARK 2008

## Report Card Background

The Anchorage Parks Report Card utilized community volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of our neighborhood parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. Almost 1,000 citizens along with APRD staff evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. APRD will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

### OVERALL GRADE

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Active Recreation Areas

N/A

Green Spaces

76

Park Entry

75

Passive Recreation Areas

81

Pathways

94

Playgrounds

N/A

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Brown's Point Park Findings

Participants at Brown's Point Park were most concerned about improving sight lines in the green spaces surrounding the park. Furthermore, overgrown trees limit the views of the waterfront and city. Also, participants requested additional trash cans and a dog station for park users.

## Fix It List

- Remove weeds and trim shrubbery around the park sign to make it more visible
- Trim trees and remove overgrown brush to improve sight lines and restore scenic views
- Add trash cans
- Establish location and install dog station



Users identified needed improvements in the park entry area



Tree trimming is needed to restore scenic views

For a complete directory of Report Card results for neighborhood parks, go to [www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/projects/reportcard.htm](http://www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/projects/reportcard.htm)

The Anchorage Park Foundation developed the Anchorage Parks Report Card in partnership with the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University, and community volunteers, thanks to a generous grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. The APF has raised over \$15 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: