

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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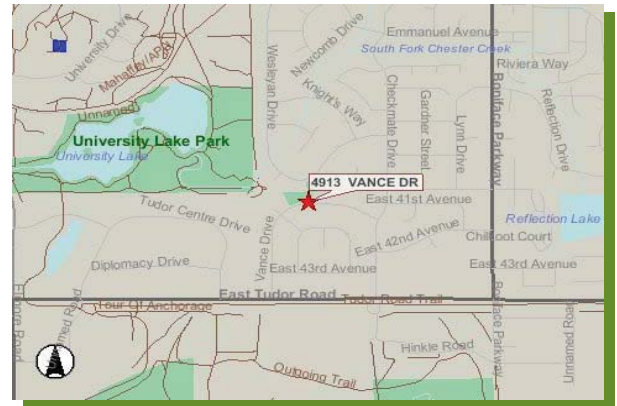


## CASTLE HEIGHTS PARK

4913 Vance Drive

### Park History

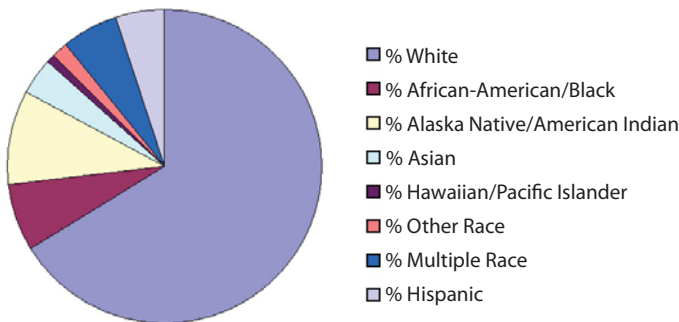
In 1978, the University Area community asked the Parks & Recreation Department to consider creating a park in a lot containing a condemned home. In 1981, the parkland was purchased using bond and Federal Grant funds. The park consists of six lots that were either condemned or deemed unsuitable for homes. The park was developed in 1982.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 10,221  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 31.2%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

#### Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 1.38 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- On-street parking



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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: CASTLE HEIGHTS 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

98

Green Spaces

88

Park Entry

76

Passive Recreation Areas

87

Pathways

62

Playgrounds

66

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Castle Heights Park Findings

Children's play areas are one of the primary uses of neighborhood parks and should receive the highest priority for upkeep and maintenance. Report Card participants expressed concern that the Castle Heights Park playground has inadequate safety surfacing and needs better edging. Additionally, participants noted inadequate picnic and seating areas.

## Fix It List

- Replenish gravel in play area surfacing and improve edging
- Repair existing tables and benches and work with neighborhood to expand picnic area
- Determine appropriate location for dog station and install
- Install informational signs with park hours and uses



Informational signs are needed to improve access



More gravel is needed for safety in the play area

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: