

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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JOHNS PARK

700 Thomassen Drive

Park History

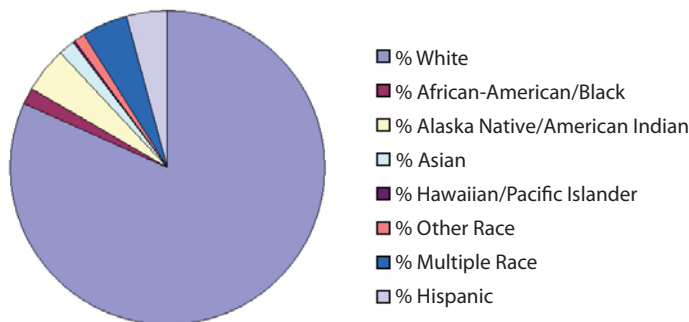
This property was originally homesteaded by Mr. & Mrs. Johns in 1947. They offered the 50 acre property for sale to the Municipality of Anchorage in 1972 for use as a park. The Johns requested that the property remain free of motorized vehicles, buildings, and diversion of Furrow Creek. They wished to preserve the park as green space for wildlife.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 7,113
 Percent of Population under age 19: 33.4%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 58.75 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Hiking and cross-country skiing trails
- Fitness Station
- On-street parking
- Located in Furrow Creek Greenbelt



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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: JOHNS 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

87

Park Entry

82

Passive Recreation Areas

84

Pathways

81

Playgrounds

91

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Johns Park Findings

Community members near Johns Park reported broken swings and inadequate safety cushioning material in the play area. Furthermore, there is graffiti on equipment and litter problems in various areas of the park. Community members also noted that trash cans should be bear-proof in this area.

Fix It List

- Repair swings and replenish safety surface material in play area
- Remove graffiti on play equipment and on bridge over Furrow Creek
- Add bear-proof trash cans to trail and picnic area
- Add informational signs
- Establish appropriate location and install dog station



The neighborhood is concerned about the safety of the fitness equipment



Graffiti is a concern for park neighbors

For a complete directory of Report Card results for neighborhood parks, go to 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: