



ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy People



Winter 2008 Enewsletter

Note from the Director

This fall, more than **1,000** Anchorage residents filled out [Anchorage Parks Report Cards](#)! We unveiled the results of their work Friday with Mayor Mark Begich at a press event at Fairview Recreation Center.



We're excited to get to work on attacking the "Fix It" lists for our neighborhood parks. With help from supporters and volunteers like you, we'll make a difference in our community. Check out the [park profiles](#) for detailed results in your neighborhood.

May your holiday season and New Year be filled with healthy recreation opportunities!

Beth Nordlund
Development Director

Get Outdoors Summit

On Dec. 10 & 11, the [Get Outdoors Anchorage! Coalition](#) met for a [working summit](#) to discuss reconnecting Anchorage children with the outdoors. The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are active leaders in the effort to get kids healthy, active and outdoors.



Naturalists Needed!

Anchorage Parks & Recreation and the Anchorage Park Foundation are partnering to kick off a new Naturalists Program, and we need your help! We are looking for people to lead nature walks, give talks about parks, natural environments and community history and lead tours of parks and park facilities.

It's a great way to get involved in your community and introduce kids and park visitors to their surroundings. Knowledge about wildlife, ecology, parkland, Anchorage history or just about anything else is useful! You can help for one day or for one year. If you're interested, please contact Abbey Harding at hardingas@muni.org.

This Winter: [FREEZE](#) on the Park Strip

events

Winter Events

[Anchorage Parks Winter Family Skate Series](#)
Join Parks & Recreation staff for hot cocoa, games and skating activities in parks throughout the city, all winter long

[Kincaid Cardboard Sled Derby](#)
December 20, 1 pm
Race down the Kincaid Park sledding hill in your sled made only from cardboard and duct tape and white glue

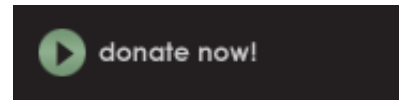
[Get Your Winter Activity Guide](#)
December 28
In your copy of the ADN or [online](#)

[2009 Fire & Ice Celebration](#)
December 31, 2008
New Year's Eve fireworks in Town Square Park

[Alaska Celebrates 50 Years of Statehood](#)
January 3
Statehood celebration festivities in Town Square Park

The **Anchorage Park Foundation** strives to build *Healthy Parks - Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.

Between January 10 - February 2, the [FREEZE](#) Project, a celebration of life in Alaska and other northern climates, will feature an **installation of ice sculptures** created by internationally known artists on the [Delaney Park Strip](#). The FREEZE Project will also include a variety of community events, lectures and programs.



This project is supported in part by a [Challenge Grant](#) from the Anchorage Park Foundation.

New Expertise at Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Department recently hired [Chris Conlon](#) to lead the Recreation section and [Scott Stringer](#) to tackle the new Urban Forester position. Both have extensive experience in their fields and a lot to offer the Anchorage community.



More APF on the Web

We've been hard at work on the Anchorage Park Foundation website, building a useful new feature: a [directory](#) of Anchorage parks. Looking for a park near you? Interested in knowing what features that park you keep meaning to visit has? Use our [Google map](#) and our [directory](#) to get acquainted with parks near you.

Looking for more ways to stay involved in Anchorage parks? Become a fan of the [Anchorage Park Foundation](#) on Facebook or follow us on [Twitter](#).

Anchorage Parks & Recreation's Volunteer of the Month

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