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Healthy Parks, Healthy People



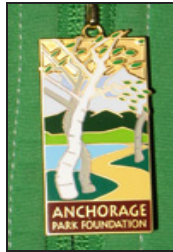
Spring 2009 Newsletter: Mother's Day Edition

Note from the Development Director

As a mother, for Mother's Day this year I'd like nothing better than a Clean & Green park for children to enjoy. You can improve Anchorage parks this year by making a gift to the Anchorage Park Foundation in your mother's honor!



- For an operating [gift](#) of \$25 or more we can send this **new Bill Spear pin or zipper pull** (at right) directly to your mother. The Rasmuson Foundation will double your gift!
- Contribute to the [Foster-a-Flower](#) program, which supports beautiful hanging flower baskets adding color to our city. Foster one basket for \$75, or foster two baskets for \$150 and we will display a plaque on a light post recognizing your donation. **Fostering two baskets is a great way to celebrate and honor your mom on Mother's Day!**
- Give to an existing [Challenge Grant](#) in your mother's honor!



Park & Play

Nothing says "I love you mom" like a free, healthy play opportunity for Anchorage children in five Anchorage parks this summer. The [Park & Play](#) program offers no-cost, supervised, drop-in play programs at neighborhood parks. Children will play, learn about the environment, and participate in art projects in a variety of media led by eight local artists. [Youth Employment in Parks](#) Recreation Crews will work with artists to provide content-based play opportunities for Anchorage youth ages 6 - 12.

Participating parks:

- [Davis Park](#)
- [Sunset Park](#)
- [Goose Lake Park](#)
- [Jewel Lake Park](#)
- [Taku Lake Park](#)

See the [Art in the Parks](#) schedule for incredible art fun at one park each week with local Alaskan artists.



Park & Play will be available for children at all five parks Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information,

events

May 8

[Anchorage Trails Photography Exhibition](#)

View images by Danny Anstil depicting the greenbelt trails system. [Elim Cafe](#), 6 - 8 pm.

May 8-10

[Girdwood Bike Path Work Weekend](#)

Volunteers will repair a wooden bridge to improve path safety. Contact Jonnie Lazarus at 783-8146.

May 9

[Anchorage Creeks Clean-Up](#)

Volunteer opportunities throughout Anchorage.

[Trail Watch East Campbell Creek Trail Safety Makeover](#)

Join Trail Watch at the Tudor Road Public Works Complex Trail Head (3600 Elmore Road) between 8:30 - 9 am. Contact John McCleary at 343-4296 or McClearyJI@muni.org.

May 15

[Bike to Work Day](#)

Enjoy Anchorage trails and join your neighbors in getting active for Bike to Work Day.

Volunteers needed to count bikers. Contact Lori Schanche at SchancheLE@muni.org.

May 27 & 29

[Standish Park Fix-it Work Day & Block Party](#)

Staff and volunteers will revitalize Standish Park

please contact Aimee Wedemeier at WedemeierAM@muni.org or 343-4369.

Neighborhood Park Fix-Its

Your mother will cherish a great volunteer day with the whole family at one of our [neighborhood park fix-it block parties](#). We'll have activities and fun for the whole family while we work together to revitalize parks.

[Standish Park](#) (NE)
[Meadow Park](#) (CE)
[Red Bridge Park](#) (NW)
[Johns Park](#) (SW)
[Duldida Park](#) (NE)
[Kanchee Park](#) (NE)
[Chugach Foothills Park](#) (NE)
[Castle Heights Park](#) (NE)
[Al Miller Park](#) (NW)
[Alderwood Park](#) (NW)
[Woodland Park](#) (NW)
[Wilson Street Park](#) (NW)
[Bob & Arlene Cross Park](#) (SE)
[Pamela Joy Lowry Memorial Park](#) (SW)



Get Involved

Did you miss the Parks & Recreation strategic planning meetings? You can still participate! Contribute your feedback [here](#).

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](#).

[Volunteer of the month](#)

Wednesday, May 27, and celebrate their success at a community block party Friday, May 29 from 5 - 8 pm. More details [here](#).

June 1

[Youth Employment in Parks Program Begins](#)

Nothing pleases a mother more than hearing her child say "I got a job!" Read more about the YEP program [here](#).

Saturday June 6

[National Trails Day](#)

Projects on trails throughout the city. Check our [events](#) page for a full listing.

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.

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