



ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy People



Spring 2009 Newsletter

## Note from the Development Director

With the help of many committed volunteers and donors, the Anchorage Park Foundation is putting private and public funds to work in parks. To date we have raised more than \$16.5 million dollars, and this spring marks the debut of our [Get Out Into Spring and Give Back to Parks](#) annual campaign, raising funds for the Anchorage Park Foundation general fund.



I'd also like to welcome four new Anchorage Park Foundation board members: Matt Carle, Ernie Hall, Janie Leask and Stewart Osgood. All four are valuable advocates for parks and trails, and we're excited to have their involvement!

## Anchorage Parks Report Card: We Heard You!

This fall, more than 1,000 community volunteers graded 53 Anchorage neighborhood parks for the [Anchorage Parks Report Card](#). We listened to what volunteers like you had to say, and this summer, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department will partner to accomplish the [Fix Its YOU](#) identified in 14 Anchorage neighborhood Parks:

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



The balance of the parks graded during the Anchorage Parks Report Card project will be improved with private and public funds over the next three years. There will be [opportunities for volunteers](#) to participate in park improvements all summer long.

**On April 7, voters will decide on the 2009 Parks Bond, which will provide funding for Neighborhood Parks improvements. See below for more information on bond projects.**

## events

### Tuesday April 7

[Parks Bond on the Ballot](#)  
[Your polling place](#)  
[Proposition 4](#) will provide funding to support six parks projects.

### Saturday April 11

[Wet & Wild Egg Hunt](#)  
[Dimond Pool](#), 2 - 3:30 pm  
and 4:30 - 6 pm  
Splash & dive your way through these egg hunts.

### Saturday April 25

[Fitness Fair](#)  
[Spenard Recreation Center](#),  
11 am - 3 pm  
Class demonstrations,  
instructor consultations and fun  
throughout the day.

### May 1 -3 and 8-10

[Girdwood Bike Path Work](#)  
[Weekends](#)  
Volunteers will repair a wooden  
bridge to improve path safety.  
For more information, contact  
Jonnie Lazarus at 783-8146.

### Saturday June 6

[National Trails Day](#)  
Projects on trails throughout  
the city. Check our [events](#)  
page for more details.

### May-September

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)  
This summer is the Summer of  
the Volunteer in Anchorage  
Parks. Get involved!

## 2009 Parks Bond

The Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department is offering an \$1.85 million bond for approval by Anchorage voters on April 7, 2009. The Park Bond comprises six projects designed to improve parks, revitalize communities and create jobs.

All six projects have received support and funding from a variety of sources in addition to the Municipality, including the State of Alaska, the Anchorage Park Foundation, non-profit organizations and community volunteers.

Projects include:

- [Anchorage Multi-Use Athletic Fields](#)
- [Anchorage Neighborhood Parks](#)
- [Far North Bicentennial Park](#)
- [Margaret Egan Sullivan Park](#)
- [Ruth Arcand Park & Equestrian Center](#)
- [Chester Creek Trail to Campbell Creek Trail Match](#)



For more information on this and other bonds, please visit [Anchorage Tomorrow](#) and [School Bonds Yes](#).

## Speak Up for your Neighborhood Parks

For information on becoming a Parks Advocate, visit our [Supporters Toolkit](#).

You can communicate with decision makers on a number of topics, including:

- [Stimulus package funding opportunities](#)
- [State legislative capital budgets](#)
- [Parks & Recreation operating budget](#)
- [Recreation programs you care about](#)



## Adopt a Park or Trail

Parks & Recreation volunteer coordinators are recruiting volunteers to [adopt Anchorage parks and trails](#) this summer. If you are interested in adopting one of Anchorage's 223 parks or more than 250 miles of trails, contact Nancy Beardsley at [BeardsleyNJ@muni.org](mailto:BeardsleyNJ@muni.org) today.

## Get Involved

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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### Board Members

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Eleanor Andrews  
Matt Carle  
Jeff Clarke  
Ernie Hall  
Janie Leask  
Vic Molozzi  
Stewart Osgood  
Kristin Sholton  
David Wight

 [donate now!](#)

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**

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