



Fall 2011

Note from the Executive Director

With your support we completed 36 park projects this summer including [eight neighborhood park fix-its](#), five ribbon cuttings, our 6th season of Youth Employment in Parks, an [art opening](#), a [new app](#), and a big [playground challenge](#) honoring retired ASD Superintendent Carol Comeau. We have one more ribbon to cut at North Russian Jack Springs Park, when we unveil the huge new polar bear play equipment – we will need your help naming this cool new play feature. Stay tuned!



As the political season heats up, I'll remind you park lovers to keep parks and trails on the minds of our politicians as we strive to make Anchorage the best place to [Live.Work.Play.](#) through the efforts of volunteers, private funders, and public funders!

-Beth Nordlund

P.S. We rely on supporters like you to make our projects a reality. Your gift to APF will be matched dollar for dollar by the Rasmuson Foundation! [Donate today for our future.](#)

Neighbor Power! We Revitalized 7 Neighborhood Parks this Summer

This summer, our amazing volunteers invested 750 hours into our neighborhood parks and they look AWESOME! We worked with community councils and neighbors to ensure that funds raised were used to meet community needs. We made these improvements with generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation, the Alaska State Legislature, and **supporters like YOU.**

- **Minnesota Park** (Spenard)
- **Nunaka Valley North Park** (Northeast)
- **Wolverine Park** (Taku/Campbell)
- **Windsong Park** (Northeast)
- **Kiwanis Fish Creek Park, Phase I** (Turnagain)
- **Sitka Park, Phase I** (Airport Heights)
- **Sand Lake Park** (Sand Lake)
- **Shady Birch Park** (Sand Lake)



[Click here](#) to read more about each neighborhood park fix it accomplishment.

Youth Employment in Parks Finishes it's 6th Year!

The 6th year of the [Youth Employment in Parks](#) program was a huge success! From rehabilitating ball fields in Mountain View's Davis Park to building an eco-friendly boardwalk at Sand Lake to cleaning up our city's newest asset the Campbell Creek Estuary, YEP teens made a difference in parks and trails around town. This season's 26 YEP teens represented 10 high schools, spoke 11 different languages, and accomplished tangible results. [Click here](#) to see our 2012 "We Reflect Anchorage" YEP poster. Thank you to all of our [YEP Partners](#) and supporters, we couldn't do it without you!

We are hiring a new [YEP Program Manager](#) - send in your cover letter and resume by September 7th, 2012.

APF Partners with the Light Brigade - Become a Commissioner!

As part of our commitment to foster vitality and community engagement in the parks of Anchorage, APF is partnering with a multidisciplinary group of independent artists, designers, and creators that includes Momentum Dance Collective choreographers and dancers to promote the Light Brigade project over the upcoming year.



announcements

Seeking Very Important Park (VIP) Committee Members for the following 2013 Neighborhood Parks Fix-Its:

- Arctic Benson Park
- Kiwanis Fish Creek Park, Phase II
- Elderberry Park
- Scenic Park
- Little Dipper Park

You will have a direct role in planning the improvements for our Park Fix-It's next summer! To get involved, email municipal Park Planner [Mark McCaffery](#).

Parks for All Volunteer Day:

- Saturday September 8th from 9am-noon at Cuddy Family Midtown Park. Hot catered lunch for all volunteers afterward! Email [Shannon](#) to RSVP or for more info.

United Way Day of Caring Project:

- September 12 at William B. Lyons Park. Email [Mirna](#) to RSVP or for more info.

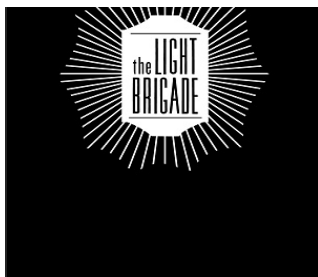
APF in the Media:

- [Revenge of the Critters: Exhibit Gives Small Things Celebrity Treatment](#), Anchorage Press, August 22
- [Anchorage Renovates MLK Jr. Memorial](#) KSKA, June 20th
- [State Grants Help Fund Anchorage Park Clean Ups](#), KTUU, June 16th
- [Teens Find Summer Jobs at Local Parks](#), KTVA, June 14th
- [Hendrickson Tennis Courts Dedicated](#), ADN June 13th

The **Anchorage Park Foundation** is a non-profit organization that builds *Healthy Parks - Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.

THE COMMISSION is an exclusive association of 100 supporters with the privilege to conspire with and inspire the Light Brigade.

Upon joining The Commission you will be issued a unique art card. This membership card will gain you admission to the inaugural meeting. The event features a free wine and hors d'oeuvres tasting where you will meet your fellow commissioners, mingle with the artists and dancers of the Light Brigade, and learn more about their vision and plans. [BECOME A LIGHT BRIGADE COMMISSIONER TODAY!](#)



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Connecting with Nature in a Virtual Age: Free Public Lecture by Best-selling Author Richard Louv in Anchorage and Fairbanks

In spite of the time we spend in front of a computer or TV, most of us realize we really should turn the screens off more often and head outdoors to play. Nationally known author, Richard Louv, is coming to Alaska to talk about how — and why — we can do this. Whether you are a parent, caregiver, educator or just curious about how technology is changing us, you will not want to miss Louv's message about the importance of nature to children and adults. This lecture is also part of Alaska Community Foundation's "Conversations About Causes That Matter" Series.



In addition to Louv's presentation, experts in conservation, education, health and recreation will be available in Anchorage and Fairbanks at Share Fairs to discuss issues and remedies addressed by Mr. Louv. These events are brought to you by the [Get Outdoors Alaska](#) coalition of partners from the public and private sector in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

6:30 pm - Get Outdoors Share Fair @ Wendy Williamson

7 pm - [Free Lecture by Richard Louv "Connecting with Nature in a Virtual Age"](#) with introduction by Fran Ulmer

8 pm - Continuation of Share Fair and Book Sale and Signing hosted by Alaska Geographic

Parks for All Volunteer Day at Cuddy Family Midtown Park!

Come play in the dirt with us this [Saturday, September 8th from 9am-noon!](#) We are looking for 40 volunteers to dig up shrubs, lay down mulch, and put the playground site to bed for the winter! Then we'll be ready to put in the play equipment first thing next summer! We will have a hot catered lunch at noon for all volunteers, as well as work gloves and tools. Join us!

To RSVP or for more info contact [Shannon](#).



Join us to Honor African-American Army Engineers

We are proud to work with Jean Pollard and Bishop Thomas towards a memorial honoring the African-American Army Engineers of the 93rd, 95th, and 97th who built the historic Alaska Highway during WW II, ultimately ending segregation in the U.S. military in 1948.

We will kick-off this project with a ceremony in Cuddy Family Midtown Park at the amphitheater at the end of September. Stay tuned for more details!



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