



ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy People



Summer 2007 Newsletter

Note from the Foundation Director

Thank you Anchorage! This spring has been packed with volunteer opportunities in parks, and the summer will offer celebration for our accomplishments.

Keep an eye open for the new benches, bear proof trash containers, and other new park features popping up all over town. The more you see the more you'll be convinced that your investment in the Anchorage Park Foundation is an investment in our future. Dig In!

[Beth Nordlund](#)



Recent News

[Fairview Day of Caring](#), June 1 & 2, was an incredible showing of 600 volunteers using private and public funds to improve parks in an area of need. View photos, news articles, and a quicktime movie of the patio installation [here!](#)

[Capital Projects](#)

The park bonds passed and the state legislature has placed many park projects in the 2007 capital budget. Always take time to THANK YOUR LEGISLATORS, and please let the Governor know you value Anchorage Parks. See your park projects [here](#).

The new [Youth Employment in Parks](#) program is making a difference in parks throughout town. View the weekly themes and park projects [here](#).

The Park Maintenance Division has rejoined the Parks & Recreation Department! The park hotline for park maintenance and other issues is 343-4554. Feel free to contact us and help us keep your parks *Clean & Green, Safe & Secure*.

Abbott Loop Community Park Picnic Shelter will be complete within the month. Picnickers get ready!



events

June 19-27

[Citizen Weeds Warriors](#),
June 19, Westchester Lagoon
June 21, Goose Lake
June 26, Taku Lake
June 27, Earthquake Park

For more information contact
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June 23

[Mayor's Marathon](#)

July 19

[Centennial Celebration of the Chugach National Forest Hilltop Chalet](#)

Daytime activities for kids,
afterwork activities for all

July

[Spenard Skate Spot Community Build](#)

Join Spenard Community Council members and local skaters to build a skate spot at Spenard Recreation Center

August 4

[Mayor's Picnic](#)

Fairview Lions Park

August 25

[KaBOOM!](#)

David Rose Park Soccer Task Force volunteers improve multi-purpose field

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.

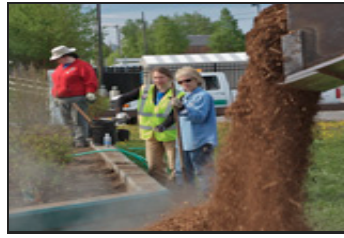
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United Way Champions Volunteering in Parks

United Way's Sue Brogan pauses for topsoil in Fairview Lions Park.

The United Way of Anchorage wanted to take on a very special project in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. They found that project in Fairview *Where People Make the Difference and Diversity is our Strength!*



Jeff Clarke
Ernie Hall
Janie Leask
Vic Mollozzi
Stewart Osgood
David Wight

donate now!

"The Fairview community is one of the communities in town that have a lot of young families, they have a lot of children, they really use their parks. This particular part of their city has been going through a lot of rejuvenation, and we just felt that this was probably one of the best areas that we could get together as a community and make it, make a difference," said Cindy Curtis, the Chair of the Day of Caring Committee.

Thanks for inspiring businesses to take part in this park makeover. View see [participating businesses here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Along with all the opportunities to clean and fix up the parks listed in our events section, please consider ongoing opportunities you and your active organization may want to take up:



Adopt-A-Park: Volunteers remove trash at least once a month and report safety hazards and concerns to Parks & Recreation. A sign is displayed in the adopted park recognizing the name or group name and the contribution they make to the park.

Adopt-A-Trail: Adopt a segment of trail with the same responsibilities as adopt-a-park -- the program always needs more community involvement!

Trail Watch: Trail Watchers set their own schedule, carry a cell phone and wear a reflective band or vest during normal trail use, to report crimes and vandalism. Trail Watch Ambassadors commit to a schedule, volunteer for special activities, and submit reports after each patrol. Sign up at www.muni.org/trailwatch.

Clean & Green: Community volunteer groups make a physical improvement to a park under Parks & Recreation leadership. Painting and pruning for trail safety are the two most popular projects.

Volunteer Opportunities in Parks

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Volunteer of the Month

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