



ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy People



Fall 2008 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 \$14.5 million dollars for the repairs and improvements you have identified. For the September report to the Anchorage Assembly click [here!](#)



Recent News

On Saturday, August 23, 2008, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department celebrated the Grand Opening of the new [Cuddy Family Midtown Park](#).



This summer featured a variety of construction projects in Anchorage parks:

- [7 new natural turf multi-use/soccer fields](#) in Kincaid Park
- 24 of the [2006 Challenge Grants](#) will be completed before snowfall
- Work commenced on 9 of the [2008 Challenge Grant Projects](#), including [Bear Valley Neighborhood Park](#), [singletrack bike trails](#) in Far North Bicentennial Park and [whale bones display](#) at Kincaid Park

This year's [Youth Employment in Parks](#) (YEP) summer program doubled in size since last summer. We worked with 50 Anchorage teens on a variety of recreation and parks projects. We plan to continue to expand this program next year!



Fairview Community Council Kicks off Parks Report Card Project

This fall, volunteers are assessing the condition of their neighborhood parks with [Anchorage Parks Report Card](#). Fairview Community Council was the first group to participate during *Take Back Fairbanks Park Day*.

Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the Anchorage Park Foundation plan to hit the resulting "fix it" list hard in summer 2009, so get

events

Saturday, Oct. 4
[Tanglewood Park](#) Workday
Volunteer to build boardwalk for outdoor classroom

Early Oct.
[Tikishla Park](#) Workday
Volunteer to help install hockey dasher boards

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 am - 12 pm
Kincaid Clean-Up
Volunteer to pick up trash at [Kincaid Outdoor Center](#)

Friday, Oct. 24, 6 - 8:30 pm
Fall Harvest Event
[Fairview Recreation Center](#)
Family games and activities

Saturday, Oct. 25 4:30 - 8:30 pm
Haunted Trails
[Selkregg Chalet](#)
Walk the haunted trails of Russian Jack park! Scary and non-scary activities for the whole family, including a Pumpkin Patch for little ones.
Come in costume!

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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involved. Broken equipment and safety hazards will be the first to go!

If you're interested in filling out a report card for your local park, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Beardsley, at beardsleynj@muni.org.



More APF on the Web

We've been hard at work on the Anchorage Park Foundation website, building a really useful new feature: a [directory](#) of the 81 Anchorage neighborhood 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 neighborhood parks near you. Coming soon: all the other parks!

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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