



Fall 2011

## Note from the Executive Director

Anchorage Park Fans-

This is a very newsy fall. We are putting the finishing touches on [46 summer park projects](#) before the snow flies, and at the same time we are asking volunteers to get out and assess the condition of our neighborhood parks with the [Park Report Card](#) tool. We want to make it easy for YOU to invest in our parks with your time, energy, advocacy, and funds. Let us know how the improvements are working for you, and what is left on your neighborhood park fix-it list.

A big welcome to [Shannon Kuhn](#), our new Communications & Development Director. We are very excited to have her join the team!

-Beth Nordlund

P.S. With this new iPhone app I will never get lost on the way to one of our 223 parks again!



## Volunteers Taking Ownership of Our Parks

In 2008, over 1,000 volunteers filled out our Anchorage Park Report Cards and helped make Fix-It Lists. Due directly to your input, we made substantial park renovations the past three summers in 27 much loved neighborhood parks! **Now we need your help again:**

**Park Report Cards:** Calling all park users and volunteers! Is your park an A or an F? Now is the time to find out. Join us in grading Anchorage parks, have a voice in neighborhood park revitalization and strengthening quality of life, and provide us with valuable input. Return to 715 L St. by October 2nd.



**The Anchorage Parks Mobile App is Here!** The FREE Anchorage Parks App features a full park directory by name, location, and will link you directly to a map if you ever need directions. Use our Report Card feature to give input directly from your phone, and even upload photos! The free download is available for both [iPhones](#) and [Androids](#). Let us know if you are having problems.

## Neighbor Power! 7 Park Fix-Its Accomplished

This summer, volunteers from all walks of life came together in their

## announcements

Seeking our 2012 **Very Important Park (VIP) Committee Members** for the following neighborhood parks:

- Sand Lake Park
- Kiwanis Fish Creek
- Sitka Park
- Valley Street Park
- Shady Birch
- Windsong Park
- Nunaka Valley North
- Wolverine Park
- Wickersham Park

To get involved contact your [Community Council President](#). For more information email City Senior Park Planner [Suzanne Little](#).

## Seeking Anchorage Park Commissioners!

Each October, approximately one third (about 150) of the seats on municipal boards and commissions are appointed. [Click here to apply today.](#) For more information, email [Jay Jackson](#) or call her at (907) 343-7115.

## Check out the list of groups doing Park Report Cards!

- Anchorage Waterways Council
- Spenard Wrecking Crew
- Youth Employment in Parks
- Rasmuson Foundation
- REI

neighborhoods to revitalize our parks. We worked with community councils committees to prioritize the fix-its to ensure that funds 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.**

- [Carlson Park](#) (Rogers Park)
- [Cope St. Park](#) (Spenard)
- [Harvard Park](#) (Gov't Hill)
- [Ira Walker Park](#) (Northeast)
- [Little Dipper Park](#) (Scenic Foothills)
- [William B. Lyons Park](#) (Mountain View)
- [Sand Lake Park](#) (Sand Lake)

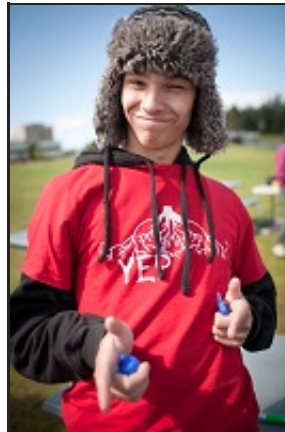


- Resource Data Inc.
- Fairview Community Council (CC)
- Government Hill CC
- Mountain View CC
- Airport Heights CC
- Turnagain CC
- Scenic Foothills CC
- Mid-Hillside CC
- Alaska Center for the Environment
- Chugach Optional Pack 103
- Conoco Phillips
- U.S. Senator Begich Anchorage Staff

And more! Contact [Shannon](#) for more info.

### In case you missed it...

The 5th year of the [Youth Employment in Parks](#) program made a difference in parks and trails around town. They also organized [Summerpalooza](#), a celebration in Cuddy Family Midtown Park. This season's 25 YEP teens represented 13 high schools, spoke 10 different languages, and accomplished tangible results.



We worked with Channel 2 to create this fun video. [Click here to watch it!](#)

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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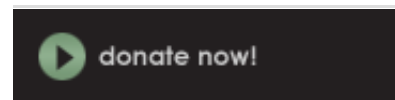
### [Board of Directors](#)

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Eleanor Andrews  
David Wight  
Ernie Hall  
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Matt Carle  
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Bill Bittner

### Recent Press:

- [City Parks Get Graded, Repaired](#), *ADN September 18*
- [Do Anchorage Parks Make the Grade?](#) *KTUU Sep. 16*
- [Parks Get a C-Minus But Are Showing Improvement](#), *Anchorage Press, September 14*



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