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Anchorage parks get graded



by Channel 2 News staff
Saturday, December 13, 2008

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- About 1,000 members of the community rated the state of Anchorage neighborhood parks and the results, which aren't very good, have been released.

In September community organizations and volunteers rated 54 neighborhood parks throughout Anchorage on a grading scale.

Only two received an "A" grade -- Cheney Lake Park and David Green Memorial Park.

Only two Anchorage parks received "A" grades in a new report card. (KTUU-TV)

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Twenty-one other parks received scores below a "C."

Parks were graded on their safety, functionality, cleanliness, structure and appearance. Graders also came up with a "fix it list."

That list includes things like graffiti removal and more trash receptacles.

This is the first time Parks and Recreation has used the report card system, and said it was helpful to gauge what needs to be done to increase park usage.

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