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ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION PARTNERS IN TWO COMMUNITY PARK EVENTS SATURDAY

Whaling Wall Artist Wyland to Paint with Children in Mountain View; Filipino Community to Celebrate Independence Day and Recognize Thelma Buchholdt at Woodland Park Fix-Its

On Saturday, June 12, the Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) will partner with other community organizations to offer two park events. Internationally recognized marine life artist Wyland will lead Anchorage youth in painting murals focusing on the connection between the health and sustainability of our water resources, public lands, and communities between 11 am and 4 pm at Davis Park in Mountain View. Also, park volunteers will complete fix-its in Woodland Park in Spenard, followed by a community celebration.

Make Murals with Wyland in Davis Park

Wyland is well known to Alaskans for his “Whaling Wall” on JCPenney’s downtown Anchorage store. In partnership with the Chugach National Forest, Alaska Geographic, NOAA, Rasmuson Foundation, Anchorage Community Land Trust and Credit Union 1, APF is proud to welcome Wyland back to Alaska in celebration of National Get Outdoors Day. The public is invited to Mountain View’s Davis Park to make murals with Wyland, build sand castles, enjoy live music and learn about Alaska’s public lands.

The event will help kick-off a packed summer season of activities for youth and their families across all public lands – including APF’s summer Arts in the Parks program, offered in by youth crews from the Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program. Throughout this summer, YEP crews will offer free arts and outdoor recreation activities in Davis Park in partnership with local artists, in recognition of Mountain View’s growing role as a neighborhood that supports the arts and emerging artists.

Volunteers Complete Woodland Park Fix-Its and Honor Thelma Buchholdt

Also on Saturday, APF and the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department (APRD) will continue their summer Neighborhood Park Fix-Its. Volunteers in Spenard will plant flowers, re-paint equipment and repair pathways in Woodland Park (335 Price Street) from 9 am – 12 pm, followed by the Filipino Community of Anchorage’s annual Independence Day celebration, which park volunteers will be welcome to attend! The Filipino Community is a strong partner in the Woodland Park Fix-Its as they raise funds to create the Thelma Buchholdt Memorial Picnic Shelter.

“We are thrilled to support the Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation in their efforts to clean up our neighborhood parks,” said volunteer and Filipino Community President Quint Bagcal. “It’s a good opportunity for us to recognize Thelma for her contributions to our state while making park improvements that will benefit the entire community.”

The APF and APRD partner to accomplish neighborhood park fix-its using volunteer and professional labor to accomplish park projects that are immediate, doable, supported, needed, and produced visible results. The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are improving neighborhood parks with funding from the Alaska State Legislature, 2007 municipal bond funds and Rasmuson Foundation funding for the Anchorage Park Foundation’s Clean & Green campaign.

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