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## Park named for former assemblyman

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- A longtime advocate of city parks now has a lasting tribute. Dave Rose and his wife Fran moved to Anchorage back in 1960 and lived in the Russian Jack area for more than 20 years.

Rose represented the area on the Assembly and later became the first executive director of the Permanent Fund Corporation.

As an assemblyman, Rose fought a high-density housing project in the area and helped secure some of the land that today became Dave Rose Park.

Evan Rose said his father worked to shape Anchorage.

"My dad really loved Anchorage, and he really loved Alaska. He wanted to be part of growing something of building something. Of turning Anchorage from a boomtown to a place where people really wanted to live and really love living here, generation after generation," Rose said.

Family and friends are celebrating the dedication of the park by planting trees through the summer with the Anchorage Park Foundation.

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