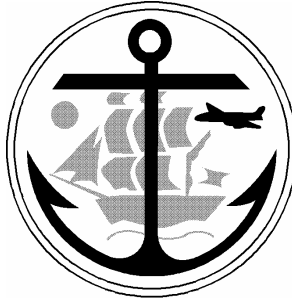


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RAIN OR SHINE, CLEAN & GREEN EVENT PLANNED TODAY

Mayor Mark Begich today will join in a Clean & Green project at Westchester Lagoon. The Alaska Conservation Foundation and the Alaska Center for the Environment are gathering at Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park (Westchester Lagoon) for a Clean & Green that includes planting shrubs, spreading mulch, weeding, installing a dog refuge station, applying reflective tape to bollards (parking barriers) sanding wood, & painting if weather permits. Thirty volunteers are expected to begin the Clean & Green at 1 pm.

Mayor Begich will be spreading mulch and planting shrubs from 4-5 pm. Park near the Trail Watch headquarters off [U and 15th](#) to attend.

2367 volunteer hours have been logged for [Clean & Green](#) this summer in 25 parks throughout Anchorage. Community organizations have stepped up to the plate to make a difference in parks that they use and care about. Before and after pictures will be available on the Anchorage Park Foundation website. The calendar is posted with the names of each participating organization.

Clean & Green, Safe & Secure was initiated after a series of public meetings this spring. The public expressed an interest in doing some simple things that would create a big visual impact on our parks and trails. Parks and Recreation, Community Work Service, Park Maintenance, Horticulture, contractors, and 621 individual volunteers have contributed to this effort.

In December 2004, the Rasmuson Foundation contributed \$400,000 to the Anchorage Park Foundation for capital improvements to parks and trails in Anchorage. After the Parks and Recreation public meetings this spring, the Anchorage Park Foundation developed a plan to spend the Rasmuson funds and some municipal bond money to make improvements to parks and trails with a combination of partners, including volunteers.

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