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SOCCKER TEAMS RENOVATE NEIGHBORHOOD FIELD
First Neighborhood Field to Use the \$6 Million Rasmuson Foundation Challenge

On Saturday, Aug. 25, from 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m., volunteers will gather at the Multi-Use Sports Field in [David Rose Park](#) for a final landscaping rake out day. The park address is 201 Lane St – look for soccer players with rakes. Mayor Mark Begich will stop by to help out at 1 p.m.

The Anchorage Park Foundation worked with the Anchorage District Soccer Federation to receive a [Home Depot-KaBOOM! field refurbishment challenge grant](#) for David Rose Park fields. The generous \$6 million Rasmuson Foundation challenge grant for soccer field infrastructure will supplement the David Rose field refurbishment project and serve as the first of many sports field renovations taking place throughout Anchorage in the next five years.

“It is great to see people working hard together to improve our public lands,” Mayor Begich said. “The generous contribution from the Rasmuson Foundation, combined with Home Depot-KaBOOM grant funding and volunteer labor are making it possible for the community to come together to take care of these important community assets.”

“With equipment names like Merricrusher and Vericutter, we’ve taken a field described as being as hard as concrete and prepared a field these young people can’t wait to play on,” said Development Director Beth Nordlund. “The soccer community is thrilled with our progress. The community can expect to see much more in the coming years.”

David Rose Park (formerly Conifer Park) was renamed in 2006 after former Assembly David Rose, who worked with the Russian Jack Community to set aside the land as park land. Ten Amur Cherry trees will be planted on the west side of the park this week in memory of David Rose.

Directions to David Rose Park:
Drive east on Debarr Road
Turn left (north) on Pine Street
Turn left (west) on 3rd
Dave Rose Park is on the corner of
3rd and Lane Street

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