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FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY TAKES BACK FAIRBANKS PARK

Community Celebrates Safety Improvements and Grades Park

Members of the Fairview community will partner with the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, the Anchorage Park Foundation to celebrate the renewal of Fairbanks Park (530 E. 11th Ave.) and the new Anchorage Parks Report Card project from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 6.

The Fairview Community Council has teamed up with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Anchorage Park Foundation to use a combination of public and private funding to make significant improvements in safety and cleanliness in Fairbanks Park. This Saturday, the park will host a barbecue and invite neighbors and community members to enjoy the Clean & Green, Safe & Secure park environment.

While enjoying the barbecue, attendees will participate in the new Anchorage Park Report Card project. This asks Anchorage community members to evaluate their neighborhood parks on their cleanliness, functionality, structural integrity and appearance. Are the benches clean and safe? Are the lawns and well-maintained?

Participants will also be asked to fill out a "fix-it list" for their neighborhood park. Is a swing broke play set? Are the signs falling down? If so, participants can let the Department know, and also can sign up to participate in a Clean & Green Volunteer Day or a more ambitious Challenge Grant project.

The Parks and Recreation Department will use this information to develop maintenance plans, seek and public support for future projects, and engage the Anchorage community in improving our neighborhood parks.

"This is an important step in continuing to build community ownership of Anchorage parks," said Jeffery, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department. "With our 'fix-it list', we will know how the community wants us to direct our limited public and private funding to improve neighborhood parks."

For more information on the Anchorage Parks Report Card Project, or to grade your neighborhood park, see: www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org.

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