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COPE STREET PARK NEIGHBORHOOD FIX-IT

Volunteers Improve a Spenard Neighborhood Park

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a neighborhood park fix-it opportunity for Cope Street Park (3504 Cope St. north of 36th Ave.) in the Spenard neighborhood on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

This Saturday, starting at 9 AM, volunteers will complete renovations that address citizen report card comments forwarded in a 2008 Park assessment. Renovations to Cope Street Park, accomplished by a construction contractor or volunteer power, will include removing graffiti, replacing trash cans & picnic tables, adding benches, improving a pathway, repairing play equipment, installing 881 square feet of pavers for a seating area, upgrading signs and the entrance kiosk. Alaska Club volunteers are signed up, as well as involved neighbors.

Neighborhood Park Fix-Its reflect the comments of over 1,000 citizens participating in our 2008 Park Report Card process that assessed 53 neighborhood parks. With these report cards, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Department have developed "Fix-It Lists" to plan improvements in neighborhood parks. A follow-up Park Report Card process is planned for August and September of 2011.

Improvements to Cope Street Park are paid for by support from Alaska State Legislature Capital Grants and the Rasmuson Foundation through contributions to the Anchorage Park Foundation. The next neighborhood park fix-it project scheduled is Carlson Park (on the banks of Lake Otis). Volunteers are invited to Carlson Park Fix-it Saturday, June 18, beginning at 9:00 AM. All volunteers are welcome.

"The Parks and Recreation Department manages almost 11,000 acres of parkland," said Park Superintendent Spoth-Torres. "We value and appreciate the community's volunteer support that allows us to leverage our capital funding to accomplish maximum results".

For more information about the Anchorage Park Foundation neighborhood park fix-it program and how you can get involved, please visit www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 343-4587.

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