



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION



### Memorandum PRC 08-37

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**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Beth Nordlund  
**SUBJECT:** Anchorage Park Foundation and Volunteer Update

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#### **Challenge Grants**

The 2006 Challenge Grantees have until October 1 to turn in a final report on the completion of their challenge grant projects. Our Project Manager Vickie Cable will be working directly with some of these original grantees to ensure their success.

We issued 16 grants in 2008 (please see memo 8-32 in packet). The Anchorage Park Foundation plans to fundraise, promote, and make funder/partner connections for grantees.

#### **Anchorage Birding Map**

A \$5,000 grant to Audubon Alaska enabled a new Anchorage Birding Map to get printed in April 2008. Proceeds will go to Audubon Alaska to allow them to print the next version, a funding strategy like that of our Anchorage trails map.

#### **Alaska State Legislature Grants**

Various park funding projects are in the capital budget, and we expect to know by around May 20<sup>th</sup> if the Governor will veto certain projects. Park advocates are working to let the Governor, Budget Director, and Legislators know why their projects should be matched with state funding.

Funding for Lloyd Steele Park came in the supplemental budget for improvements to the multi-use fields this August.

#### **Foster a Flower**

Don't forget to foster a downtown flower basket for Mother's Day. Foster two baskets for \$150 and we will display a plaque on a light post recognizing your donation. [www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/FosterAFlower.htm](http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/FosterAFlower.htm)

#### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

<http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/events/index.htm>

#### **TREEcity USA**

May 6, 11am Mann Leiser Greenhouse

#### **Citywide Cleanup**

May 3-May 10, Parks all over Anchorage! (May 9, Davis Park noon-2 for Parks & Recreation Staff)

#### **TREEmendous**

May 17, (NOT ConnocoPhillips Atrium this year) Parking Lot on H Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **National Trails Day**

June 7, [Helen Louise McDowell Sanctuary](http://www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/events/index.htm)

#### **Citizen Weeds Warriors**

June 17, Lidia Selkregg Chalet 6-8pm

#### **Flight of the Raven Installation**

June 30, Peratrovich Park