

Public Naming Commission Submission Form

Municipality of Anchorage
Clerk's Office
PO Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650
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☐ Naming

☐ Renaming

☒ Honorary Naming

Submitting Individual or Agency (Required)

Name of Individual or Agency:

Girdwood Lions Club

Contact Person (if submitting on behalf of an agency):

Kathy Trautner

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 722 Girdwood, AK 99587

Contact Phone—Day:

Evening:

907 - 360 - 9173

Email (required):

KathyTrautner@msn.com

Public Place Proposed for Naming or Renaming (Required)

Current Name (if applicable):

Proposed Name: The John Trautner Pavilion

Location Address or Description of Public Space:

Girdwood Lions Park on the corner of Alyeska Highway
and Egloff Drive across from Fire Station + Glacier City Hall

Narrative Statement (Required)

Provide a narrative explaining the rationale for the proposed naming or renaming. If known, include historical context, significance of the proposed name, community support, and any cultural, historical, or geographical considerations, including indigenous historical or cultural relevance. If recommending naming for an individual or group, include their positive impacts on the local community and their relationship to the facility or space proposed for naming. Posthumous naming is limited to no earlier than 36 months posthumously. (Use additional pages if necessary):

Please see attached plus two photos and one more
parks and Rec. map —

Exhibit (Optional)

A map or photo showing the location and boundaries of the public space being proposed for naming or renaming is encouraged.

Attached Map or Photo: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Submission Instructions

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Vision Statement: We envision a Municipality of Anchorage where the names of public places reflect the full story of our community – the land's history, Indigenous place names, and the cultural, natural, and civic identities of our city. By recognizing stories and landscapes that shape our community, we aim to foster a sense of shared identity and belonging. Our work includes the careful consideration and recommendation of names for Municipal sites, objects, trails, landscapes, and buildings. The Public Naming Commission uses a culturally aware naming process with active community input.

John Trautner
12/04/1935-9/19/2022

John was a businessman, logger, gold miner, wildlife photographer and had loved everything about Alaska since he read Jack London's *Call of the Wild* in a one-room schoolhouse in Minnesota. He finally made it to Alaska in 1953 and moved to Girdwood in 1969. He never left.

He was involved in all aspects of life in Girdwood by working at Alyeska Resort, serving as fire chief, and being voted onto the Board of Supervisors.

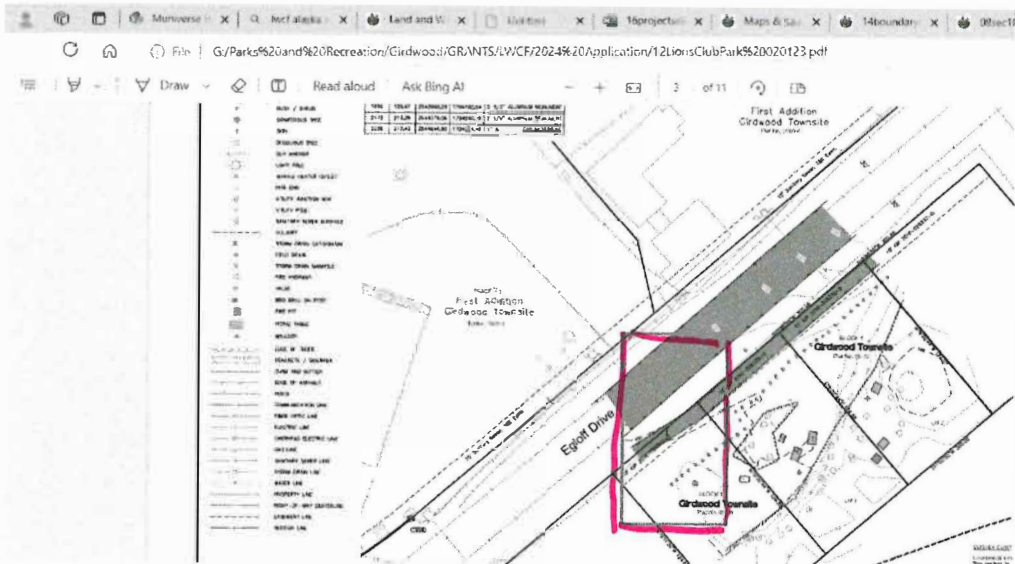
He owned the Texaco Service Station on the Alyeska Highway (1977-1995) and was a mentor and financial supporter of many young people who wanted to start or build a business in Girdwood.

He served in Lions Clubs International from 1953 until his death and helped charter the Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club in 1992. Through the local Lions Club, he explored the options for building a picnic pavilion in the Girdwood Lions Park to encourage families to be outside as much as possible in spite of our rainforest weather.

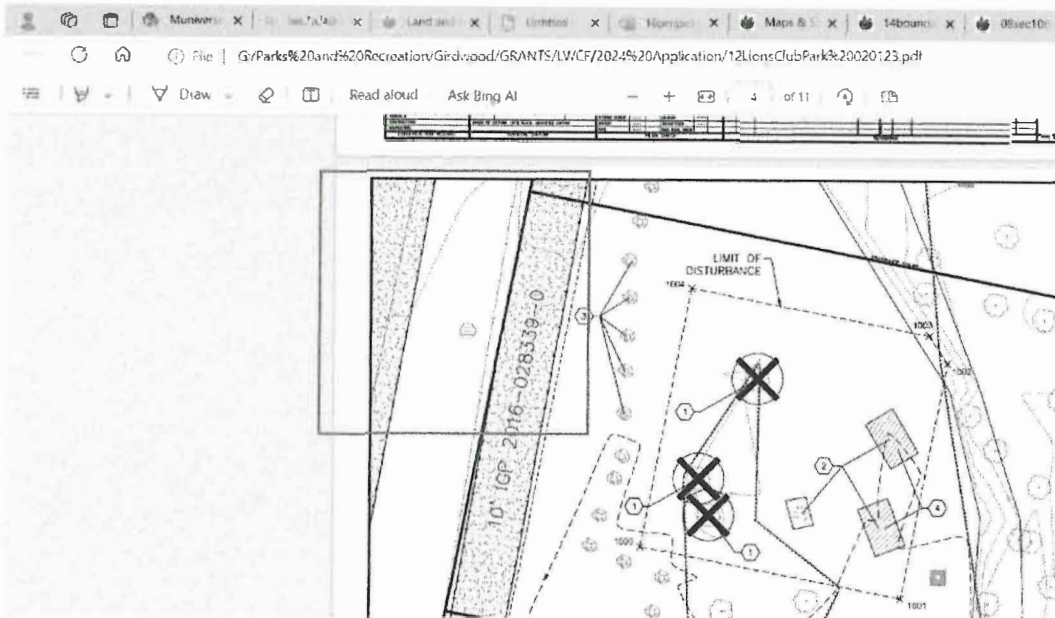
After John's death, the Girdwood Lions continued to raise considerable funds and work with Girdwood Parks and Recreation Office to plan and build a pavilion acceptable to Municipality of Anchorage codes. The pavilion was completed this June, and people use it every day. It is inviting, well built, and located prominently across from the children's playground and tennis courts in the heart of our community.

We would like to name this structure in John's honor.

Site Map: Lot 3

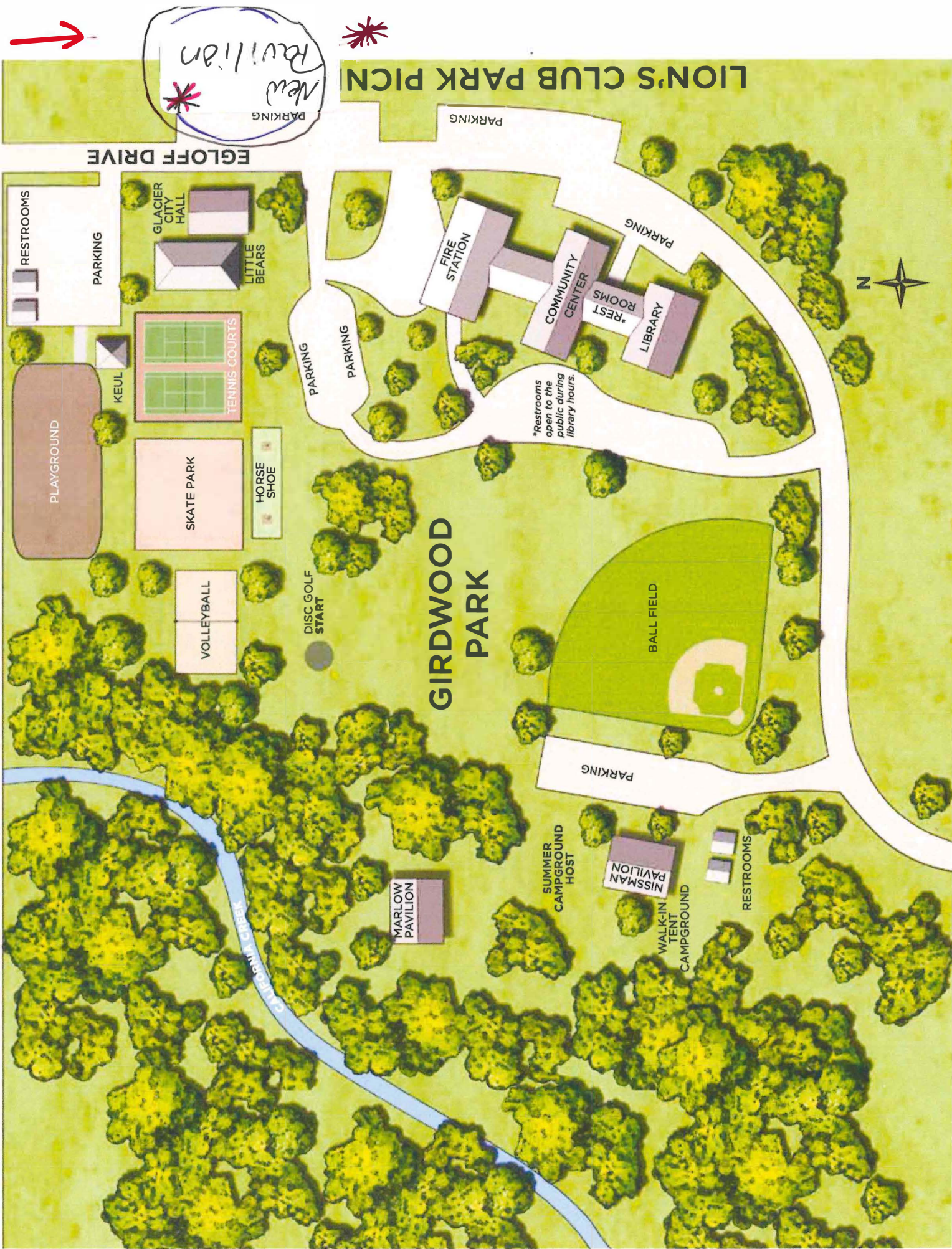


Area of Potential Effect (APE):



from Margaret Tyler,
Girdwood Parks & Rec.

ALYESKA HWY



LION'S CLUB PARK PICNIC

EGLOFF DRIVE

PARKING

PARKING

PARKING

PARKING

PARKING

PARKING



New Pavilion

RESTROOMS

PARKING

GLACIER CITY HALL

LITTLE BEARS

TENNIS COURTS

KEUL

PLAYGROUND

SKATE PARK

HORSE SHOE

VOLLEYBALL

DISC GOLF START

GIRDWOOD PARK

BALL FIELD

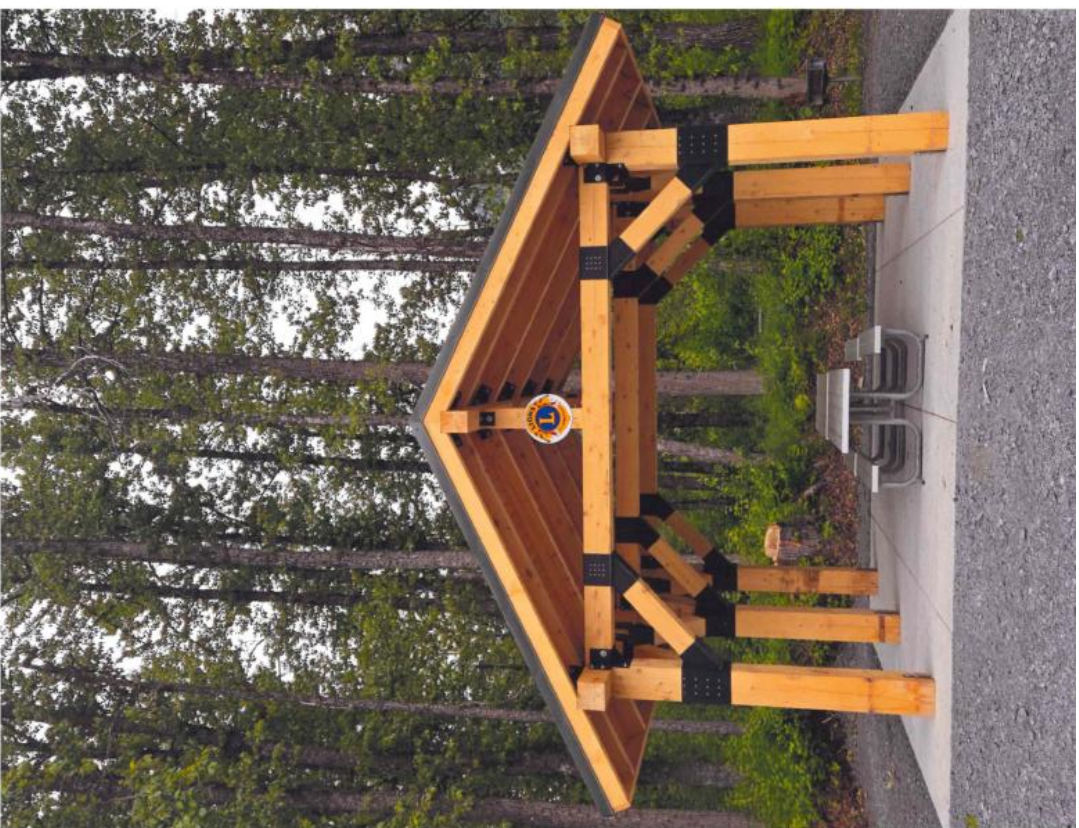
SUMMER CAMPGROUND HOST

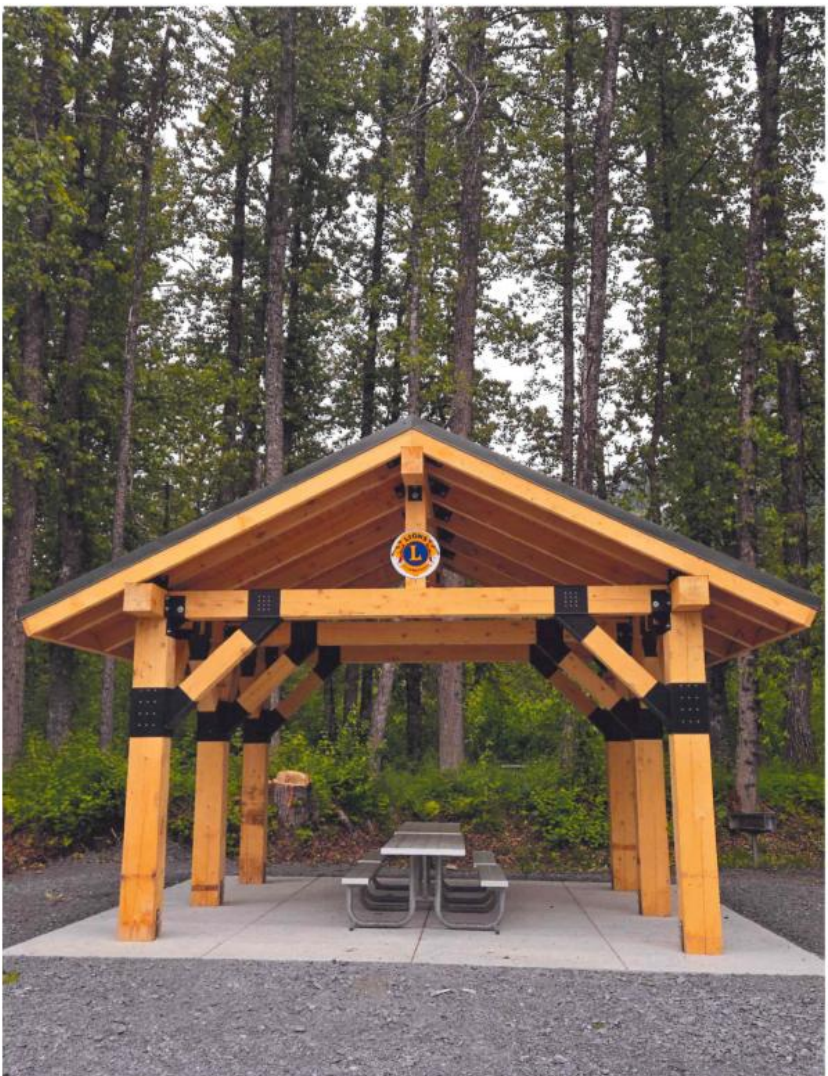
NISSMAN PAVILION

RESTROOMS

WALK-IN TENT CAMPGROUND

MARLOW PAVILION





Municipality of Anchorage



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Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor*

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jennifer Wingard & Kellie Okonek, Co-Chairs
Brian Burnett, Amanda Tuttle, Nick Crews*

Resolution 2026-08 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NAMING THE JOHN TRAUTNER PAVILION**

Whereas, Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club (GTLC) decided to build a picnic pavilion in the Lions' Club Park to increase usage of the park; and

Whereas, Girdwood Parks and Recreation, with GTLC's support, was awarded a major grant to build the pavilion; and

Whereas, over several years, GTLC raised the \$27,000 required for the grant; and

Whereas, the pavilion has been built and is well used; and

Whereas, GTLC desires to name this municipal pavilion for long-time Lion and Girdwood resident John Trautner; and

Whereas, John Trautner died in 2022, exceeding the Public Naming Commission minimum of 36 months; and

Whereas, The John Trautner Pavilion will memorialize John's decades of generosity to the people of Girdwood and dedication to Alaska and Girdwood Lions;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors strongly supports the name of the new pavilion in Lions Club Park to be The John Trautner Pavilion.

Passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed this 17th day of August, 2026

Jennifer Wingard

Jennifer Wingard
Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Co-Chair; Land Use Liaison

Margaret Tyler

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Attest

From: [World Wide Web Municipal Clerk](#)
To: [Acres, Jasmine M.](#)
Subject: Fw: Girdwood-Turnagain Arm LIONS Trautner Pavillion
Date: Monday, August 31, 2026 4:29:59 PM

Here is one for you.

Best,

Angel D. Gonzales
Municipal Clerk's Office

From: Patty Hamre <[REDACTED]@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2026 1:58 PM
To: World Wide Web Municipal Clerk <WWMASMC@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Girdwood-Turnagain Arm LIONS Trautner Pavillion

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello MOA Naming Commisssin, please support the naming of the John Trautner Pavillion in Girdwood. He lived and worked in Girdwood many years, and was a leading philanthropist for many projects large and small. John was a U.S. Marine, a Girdwood business owner of Texaco gas station & mall, supporter of Providence Hospital, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and a great community member, gardener, um-pah band player, and well loved by all. My own girdwood heritage goes back to 1959, and I wholly support this project as a community gathering place. Thank you, LION Patty Faulkner Hamre
Sent from my iPhone

From: [World Wide Web Municipal Clerk](#)
To: [Acres, Jasmine M.](#)
Subject: Fw: Naming Commission support letter for Girdwood Pavillion
Date: Monday, August 31, 2026 4:31:59 PM

Another for you!

Best,

Angel D. Gonzales
Municipal Clerk's Office

From: Kathy Trautner <[REDACTED]@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2026 9:03 AM
To: World Wide Web Municipal Clerk <WWMASMC@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Naming Commission support letter for Girdwood Pavillion

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To the Naming Commission regarding the naming of the new pavilion in the Girdwood Lions Park on the agenda September 9, 2026:

My late husband, John Trautner, was a long time member of Lions Clubs International and a Girdwood resident for 57 years. He died in September of 2022 after many years of establishing and supporting many businesses in Girdwood. He was always ready to serve on the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, in the volunteer Girdwood Fire Department as Chief, and was always supporting projects and services that would enhance the community of Girdwood. He was working on plans to build a pavilion in the Girdwood Lions Picnic Park for two years before he died.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on August 17, 2026 in support of naming the new pavilion in Lions Club Park The John Trautner Pavilion.

I am strongly in favor of the resolution and I would love to see John's dedication to Girdwood honored by naming the pavilion for John Trautner.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Kathy Trautner
Sent from my iPad