

Expansion of the Parks and Recreation Service Area.

The majority of Bear Valley residences are not currently within the Parks and Recreation Service area. As such these residents of Bear Valley do not pay the Parks and Rec taxes and do not receive any services from the department of Parks and Recreation. This same issue occurs in other areas of the hillside (such as Basher).

There is a ballot measure on the April Ballot that would expand the Parks and Rec service area to include Bear Valley and the other areas along the hillside. This ballot measure must pass by a dual majority vote. That is, the residents that are currently within the service area (most of greater Anchorage) must approve of the annexation. Also, residents of the areas being annexed must approve of the expansion. The ballot measure will only pass if both groups approve (separately) by a majority vote.

If passed the properties annexed into the service area will begin paying the Parks and Rec taxes which are currently set at \$55/100,000 in property valuation.

If passed, each property will be taxed this year. This is a permanent tax could differ in future years; the mill rate is subject to change.

Please vote April 4th.