



SCENIC FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

January 2005

JANUARY MEETING CANCELED

The January Community Council meeting has been canceled because it would be so close to the end of the holidays.

The next meeting will be February 3.

Among the future topics will be:

- 1) the development of an Eastside Community Center, funded by the Salvation Army through a major donation from the Kroc Foundation;
- 2) proposed Anchorage Museum expansion and the ballot proposition to raise the Municipal tax cap for the increased operational funding
- 3) Eastside traffic considerations and road upgrades.

An Apology

Through a few glitches in our distribution system, the last Council Newsletter arrived in many homes after our Council meeting. We'll try to get it to you sooner. We still encourage you to use email distribution instead of "snail mail" to get information quicker and help us save our valuable resources for other projects.

Municipal Parks Reorganization

Jeff Dillon, the new Director of Parks and Recreation, came to our December Council meeting and described the reorganization of the Parks and Recreation Department in the Municipality.

The chalet at Russian Jack Springs Park will be the regional office for the Scenic Foothills area.

Baxter Bog Trail

At the December Council meeting, Jeff Dillon indicated that \$20,000 would be available from the Municipality to assist a citizen's workparty this Spring in restoring parts of the Baxter Bog Nature Trail.

Anchorage Parks Foundation

In an effort to bridge the gap between growing park and recreation needs and limited financial resources within the city, Mayor Mark Begich recently announced the creation of the Anchorage Park Foundation. The announcement was highlighted with the first gift to the foundation of \$400,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation to be used for capital improvements for trails and parks.

The Anchorage Park Foundation is now able to accept tax deductible contributions. Its mission is to advance park and recreation opportunities, trail projects, and conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors to Anchorage.

Anchorage has over 14,000 acres of municipal parkland, 200 parks and over 400 kilometers of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. In our area, some of larger parks we enjoy are Chugach Foothills Park, the Far North Bicentennial Park, Baxter Bog Park and the Arnold Muldoon Park.

The quality of services available through Anchorage Parks and Recreation are a reflection of the community's commitment to our programs through tax dollars, volunteerism, and now through private contributions to the Foundation. We can do more with your help.

To help the Parks in your area,
a tax-deductible contribution can be made through the Foundation, specifying which Park you wish to benefit. When our Council repairs the Baxter Bog Trail in the Spring, additional contributions would be helpful.

The Anchorage Park Foundation is a Community Involvement Fund within the Alaska Community Foundation. For more information go to:

<http://www.alaskacf.org>

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