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New Park Climbing Boulder Provides Recreation Opportunities for All Ages *Community Coming Together for Sitka Street Park Fix-It*

August 18, 2016, Anchorage, AK – On Saturday, August 20th from 9am-12pm, volunteers will join the Anchorage Park Foundation and Anchorage Parks and Recreation in a Park Fix-It to improve Sitka Street Park followed by a ribbon cutting for the recently installed climbing boulder. The park received the new boulder this June, with the intention of providing healthy recreation opportunities for neighborhood pre-teens, teenagers, and adults. The boulder is suitable for ages 2 to adult. Funding for the boulder came from a 2011 Alaska State Grant.

Improvement projects during the Park Fix-It will include weeding flower beds, painting bollards, sanding and re-staining benches/tables, removing graffiti in the picnic shelter, and picking-up trash. Free lunch will be provided to all who help. Volunteers are asked to come dressed in comfortable clothes that can get dirty.

A ribbon cutting celebration will follow the volunteer work at 11am. Those interested in learning to boulder are encouraged to attend the Park Fix-It and ribbon cutting. Local climbers will be available to demonstrate and provide guidance.

"I'm so excited to see this project finally complete," says Representative Geran Tarr. "Pre-teens and teenagers need healthy recreation opportunities and this new boulder is a great informal introduction to climbing. I'm happy to see the neighborhood embracing this new asset."

"This new climbing boulder is an example of the diversity of healthy recreation opportunities Anchorage parks have to offer," says Anchorage Park Foundation Executive Director, Beth Nordlund. "This boulder rocks! We hope it is the first of many in our parks."

The Anchorage Park Foundation and Anchorage Parks and Recreation host Park Fix-It events throughout the summer. Upcoming events include Kiwanis Fish Creek Park Fix-It on September 10th and Duldida Park Fix-It on September 17th. For more information or to RSVP for this event, contact the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle Fehribach at FehribachMR@muni.org or 343-4587.

Saturday August 20th
9am-12pm, ribbon cutting at 11am
Sitka Street Park
[1580 Sitka Street](#)

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/151171501983571/>

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.

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