



## SCENIC FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

December 2004

### Municipal Parks Reorganization

The Municipality recently announced a reorganization of the Parks and Recreation Department, creating regional centers to be more responsive to the needs of the various areas of our community.

Jeff Dillon, the new Director of Parks and Recreation, will be at our December meeting to describe how this will affect us on the Eastside.

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

Join us at the December meeting to hear this presentation and discuss your recreational concerns with Mr. Dillon.

### Baxter Bog Trail

Our Assembly Representatives and Mr. Dillon are trying to segregate \$20,000 in the Parks operating budget to assist in basic improvements to the Baxter Bog Trail. A prior Parks capital bond did not pass a year ago, so this is expected to be a stop-gap measure. A citizens' work party will need to be established to provide most of the labor.

If you use the Baxter Bog Trail and want to help, or if you just want to discuss what you believe to be the most important needs in improving the trail, please come to the December meeting to talk to Jeff Dillon and show him this project has our Community Council support.

### Youth Golf Fund Alaska

A new non-profit organization is being formed to develop programs for the youth of Anchorage, assisting them in developing confidence through golf and their academics. Russian Jack Springs would be used for this program. Dr. Cable Starlings will present these exciting new ideas at our Council meeting.

### Don't Miss Out!

Do you ever wish you had an opportunity to share an issue with your Assemblymen? Well you are missing out on a great opportunity if you don't attend the Council meetings. Every month, one or both of our Council area's Assembly representatives attend our council meeting. For example, if you had been at our November 4 Council meeting, you would have had a chance to hear the insights and ideas of Assemblyman Brian Whittle and Ken Stout.

Assemblyman Ken Stout asked our council members for suggestions on items they would like to see in the coming 2005 MOA budget. Mr. Stout stated his support for developing a means of achieving the Baxter Bog trail improvements by working within the current budget of the Parks and Rec. department and having our citizens provide the sweat equity. Mr. Stout also described an important development where bars will be required to have their bartenders and bouncers pass a CHAR sponsored safety course on crowd control, to prevent future tragedies as occurred at Chilkoot Charlie's last year.

Assemblyman Brian Whittle described the new city park headquarters at Russian Jack and the programs he is hoping will be developed for our area youth. He described exciting funding possibilities for the Muldoon Town Center by private foundations. He also advised the Council that he is working with the MOA engineering department to develop a street designation that falls between "residential" and "collector" which would allow us to upgrade 32<sup>nd</sup> and Pioneer streets in a manner that would not prevent residential driveway access.

**Our Assemblymen are ready to help---Don't miss your chance to be heard. Attend our next council meeting, 7pm, Thursday, December 2 at Scenic Park Elementary School!**

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