

Rotary's Inclusive Playground – Ribbon Cutting on August 3rd (Saturday)
at 1:00 pm

Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club is planning to complete its “inclusive playground” at Newcomb Park on Wasilla Lake on Saturday, August 3rd. The playground is highly visible from the busy Parks Highway. The Mat-Su Valley is one of the fastest growing areas of the State and the demand for services for residents with physical and/or developmental disabilities is growing. Rotary identified a need - a general lack of accommodation for the younger generation in this population segment, and, as a Club we are committed to help meet some of this demand with this proposed project. Rotary's inclusive playground will be located next to the newly constructed playground for 2 to 5 year olds that the City of Wasilla began building last fall. Our \$50,000 project will complement the new City playground and will include accessible activities for handicapped and developmentally disabled children. The City of Wasilla has assisted our club with administration of the project

The women and men of the Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club have had a lot of fun planning and building the Valley's first “inclusive playground” at Newcomb Park at Wasilla Lake. The new playground is especially designed for families with special needs children.

The project took shape over four Saturdays of volunteer efforts from the 35 women and men of the Rotary Club:

July 13th – project layout and drilled 42 holes two to three feet deep.

July 20th – erected the equipment and placed it in the holes.

July 27th – Completed the construction of equipment and poured concrete.

August 3rd – Complete the surface material and public ribbon cutting at 1:00 pm

This unique \$50,000 project is getting tremendous community support, not just from Wasilla Sunrise Rotarians. The Mat-Su Health Foundation, The Alaska Mental Health Trust and several other private donations are helping to fund the new playground. In-kind donations have been valuable, too. Our club's current “Gallons for Giving” fundraiser will also help pay for this community asset.

The new inclusive playground is not our Club's first substantive project with the City of Wasilla. The Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club enjoys a positive relationship with the City and looks forward to other collaborative efforts in the future.

Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club is a non-profit organization affiliated with Rotary International. Our goal is to make a better community and better world. Locally, we provide a wide range of other community service projects as a single club or in concert with one or more of the other Rotary Clubs in the Valley. On an attached page we have included a short list of some of our projects over time.

Sincerely, s/

Dan Kennedy, President

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The following are a few pictures of our recent efforts:



