

Rotary Club of Ketchikan First City

P-460

Rotary Beach Access/Beauty Year 2013-14

Activity Type Community Development: General

Project Summary: Rotary Beach Access Stairs, railings, and Pathways

Project Description:

One of our signature Rotary projects for years has been our very own Rotary Beach formerly called "Bugge's Beach". Due to erosion, the beach is not easily accessible for the elderly mothers and their small children or anyone with knee problems, etc. Our club is proposing to build a concrete stairway with steel railings for accessibility to the beach. We also plan to cut through large logs blocking the access to one of the only flat rock and sandy beaches in Ketchikan. Many of our young adults with children find the washed out path extremely hard to navigate and fall and hurt themselves. This beach is the closest one to town and has been called "A Jewel of Ketchikan".

This would enhance and update the most highly used beach for parents with little children. We also plan to put in new D1 and/or pebbles to update and maintain the playground and paths going into the park.

Visibility: All residents of Ketchikan and Saxman. We plan to put a metal engraved plaque up on the site.

There already is a Rotary Wheel with a note that local Rotary Clubs update this Beach on occasion.

If funds permit, we plan to put a planter box with tree and or flowers along with a metal sign with Rotary on it.

We plan to start as soon as possible and finish by June 1, 2014.

Progress Report:

April 18, 2014

By President Rosie Roppel.

Our Rotary Beach progress is going great! Project members have met with the governmental officials and received the Corps of Engineers blessing to put concrete stairs down to the beach and below extreme high tide level. Fred Monrean, Dick Miller, Jennifer Wescott, and Rosie Roppel met to design the beach access stairs overview which was approved by the borough. Fred Monrean/Dick Miller are working on the actual construction design for the stairs and railings. Al Rockwood and Dick Miller have been clearing and cutting trees to clear a path for the stairs. Rental equipment has been secured to dredge the pool area of debris. Concrete equipment and rock is being lined up. The club is on alert to help clean when the weather improves. We seem to be on target for our June 1 date.