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Following playground fire, CBJ seeks to organize community participation on rebuild proposals
Public meeting on Twin Lakes playground set for Tuesday, May 2

The City and Borough of Juneau is deeply saddened by the fire at Twin Lakes playground Monday evening. To help organize rebuilding efforts, CBJ invites the public to a community meeting Tuesday, May 2, 5 to 7 p.m. in Sheffield Ballroom 1 at Centennial Hall. Free childcare for children ages 2 years and older will be provided by the Girl Scouts in the Egan Room.

“Project Playground was funded and constructed by community members and we are hosting a meeting for people who want to help us all rise from the ashes,” City Manager Rorie Watt said.

The Juneau Community Foundation has agreed to receive and manage donations for a playground rebuild. Please go to juneaucf.org or drop off/mail checks to JCF’s office at 350 N. Franklin Street, Suite 4, Juneau, AK 99801. For individuals who have already started separate fundraising efforts, CBJ requests those funds be directed to the Juneau Community Foundation.

CBJ’s Risk Management Officer is in communication with the city’s property insurer. Coverage will include expenses for site clean-up, and some level of design and construction.

Capital City Fire/Rescue cautions the public to stay out of the playground area. Parks and Recreation has secured the entrance and other openings around the perimeter of the playground. Any equipment still standing is burned up and will likely crumble. The fire-damaged playground continues to off-gas and an odor of burned rubber is still present. CCRF recommends not exposing yourself to the area if it’s not necessary. City staff is investigating the site for contamination risk to the public and will provide additional information as it is available.

The Twin Lakes trail is open for public use. The Twin Lakes shelter is unavailable for reservation at the moment. Please contact Parks and Recreation for more details. Staff can help re-accommodate impacted shelter users.

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For more information, contact the City Manager’s office at 586-5240 or Parks and Recreation at 586-5226.