



Alaska WildBird Center is proud to participate in the Big Lake Block Party to be held June 11, 2016 starting at 11 AM, with locations shown in the flier below. We celebrate our community, and how we have recovered from the devastating Miller's Reach Fire. Owls and birds have struggled and rebounded as well. Come see our amazing education owls as part of this great event. We hope you will learn about their features and the adaptations that make them such an resilient part of our habitat.

You're Invited

to a **FREE** Community Event

Big Lake Block Party

Saturday

June 11, 2016

11 am - 3 pm

Big Lake Fire Station,

Big Lake Library

and Jordan Lake Park

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of



the Miller's Reach Fire



Special Presentation at 1:00

For more
Information
Contact
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**Free Food, Summer Safety Information,
and Summer Reading Program Sign-up!!!**



This event made possible with a grant from

The Big Lake Community Council

A little bit about us!

The Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center accepts injured birds; from our location in Houston, AK, we have rescued birds from throughout the state of Alaska. Healed birds



are generally released as close as possible to the location where found. The center is staffed from about 10 AM to 2 PM, 7 days a week, but volunteers are on call for rescues and emergency care at all hours.

In addition, our education program uses non-releasable birds, those with injuries which prevent their release, to teach the public about Alaska's wild birds and their habitats. The public has a significant interest in the well-being of the birds of Alaska!



Baby birds

First, don't try to raise a wild native bird in captivity. It's illegal without the proper permits. More importantly, wild animals deserve the best possible care. Providing the proper care is challenging because each species has specialized needs. Infections, parasites, and injuries are common and difficult to detect and treat in wild animals.

How to help:

There are some things you can do to help a chick you discover on the ground. It just takes a little knowledge and observation to figure out the

situation.

Does the baby bird have feathers and ability to hop around? If so, it is a fledgling, and this is a part of its growing up process. Leave it alone – it can't fly, and hopping is natural at this age. Its parents are almost certainly in the area, and continue to feed the young. Birds left in nature have a better chance of survival than birds that are removed from their natural setting and brought into captivity. If the parents do not appear after an hour or so, assistance may be needed.

Does the bird have little or no feathers? If it cannot hop, this is a nestling.

Carefully return it to the nest. There is no truth to the notion that birds will reject a chick that you have handled. If you can't reach the nest, make one. Poke drainage holes in the bottom of a clean plastic container and line the bowl with paper towels. Then tack the container as close to the original nest as possible, and place the bird into it. Then leave. The parents will usually feed the chick as if it were still in the original nest.

If the bird is injured, abandoned, or you just have questions, call us at Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center at (907) 892-2927.



Upcoming Event - help us plan and prepare!
AWBRC Garage Sale

Use this opportunity to help support our birds. AWBRC will hold a HUGE garage sale July 16 - full of treasures. Save and donate gently used or unneeded items to Alaska WildBird, and join your friends in participating in this lively event. We will notify all our friends when the Center is ready to accept donations. More to come on this fun sale!



Important Notice!

Community Rewards Customer Re-enrollment

Participants in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program will now be required to re-enroll in order to keep this free program working for nonprofits. The enrollment period opens on June 1, 2016 and goes through June 30, 2016. Supporters who have their Rewards Card linked to a nonprofit will be notified by Fred Meyer about the re-enrollment process via an email. The message will easily allow you to re-link your Rewards Card to Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center. Please note that all households that do not re-enroll during this period will be dropped on July 1. You may still re-link their Rewards Card online after the re-enrollment period by visiting [https://www.fredmeyer.com/asset/Reenrollment Comm Rewards Flier FM 2](https://www.fredmeyer.com/asset/Reenrollment_Comm_Rewards_Flier_FM_2).

Thank you all for your valued support.



Please consider Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center with your Pick.Click.Give. donations this year. Supporters can still make changes to their Pick.Click.Give donations, through August 31..All Alaska WildBird contributions go directly to help Alaska's wild birds with food and medical and housing needs.



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