



# COUNTY OF ANOKA

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Campground Hosts Needed**

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department is looking for great people to fill some really big shoes! For the first time in 17 years, Bunker Hills Regional Park Campground will have new volunteer campground hosts. Barb and George Carley, who have provided hospitality and friendship as campground hosts since 1994, are retiring.

“Campground hosts are an integral part of our campground operation!” said Jim Kordiak, Anoka County commissioner and Parks and Recreation Committee chair. “They are here when staff is not, and are the ultimate ambassadors of our park system. We have been so fortunate to have two fantastic hosts at Bunker Hills. They pioneered the program for Anoka County.”

Volunteer campground hosts assist the Parks Department by being onsite during evening and overnight hours when Parks and Recreation staff members are not available. They assist with late check-ins, sell firewood, promote parks activities, direct campers, and do light maintenance and cleaning duties in the restrooms. Hosts also assist campers during severe weather and work closely with the Park Ranger Unit to monitor behavior in the campgrounds. In exchange, hosts may use an electric and water hook-up site at the campground while they are acting as hosts.

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While the Carleys look forward to moving to Arizona's much more temperate climate, they'll miss the many friends they've made at Bunker Hills Regional Park Campground. "This has been home to us for many years," said Barb. "We love our campers. But it's time to settle into one home again!"

Anyone interested in applying to be a volunteer camp host may download an application at [www.anokacountyparks.com](http://www.anokacountyparks.com) and return it to Camp Host Applications, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW, Andover, MN 55304, or it can be emailed to [anokacountyparks@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:anokacountyparks@co.anoka.mn.us). If you have questions about the program, call 763-757-3920.

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