



# SW City Dog Park



Winter Newsletter - Feb. 12, 2011

## ATTENTION—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Mark your calendars!** The General Membership Meeting of the Dog Park is coming up.

**Date:** March 1, 2011  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Location:** Buder Library  
4401 Hampton

We will discuss 2012 improvements to the park. There is always lots of talk about improvements at the park. Now is your chance to voice your opinion and try to make it happen.

That night will be the time when you can ask questions about the park and find out what the city will and will not allow us to do.

Please try to come to the meeting.

Refreshments will be available.

## HELP, HELP, HELP

We are in dire need of help. We have board and committee vacancies that need to be filled. The more people who volunteer the less work for everyone.

- \* We have the Vice President's position open.
- \* We need people to help on the landscaping committee.
- \* We would like to have someone write and send the newsletter.
- \* We need some people on the social committee.
- \* We would like someone who can modify the web page.

Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

We will have signup sheets at the meeting.

## Dog Park 'Bark in the Park' Team

We have set up a dog park team for Bark in the Park. To join our team go to [member.hsmo.org/](http://member.hsmo.org/) and click on Events then Bark in the P

ark. In the search field type SW City Dog Park. Follow instructions from there.

Show your support. Hope you and your pups can make it to Bark in the Park to have a **"WOOFIN' GOOD TIME"**

See side bar for specifics of the event.

## Spotlight on Dogs

### Support Dogs' 6th Annual Tacky Ball

Saturday, Mar 26, 6:00pm  
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch, St Louis  
Support Dogs will host its sixth annual "Tacky Ball" with this year's theme "The Dogfather: A Gala You Can't Refuse. For info: 314-997-2325.

### How to SPEAK Dog

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Kirkwood Sr High.  
Learn what to look for in dogs to allow us to communicate better with them. Advance registration is required by calling St. Louis Community College-Meramec at 314-984-7777.

### Dog Obedience Class

Thursday, 4/7-5/26, 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Affton White-Rodgers Community Center.  
All dogs must be at least 6 months old and have proof of shots. Advance registration is required by calling St. Louis Community College-Meramec at 314-984-7777.

Bark in the Park- A Walk for Animals & Country Fair—  
Saturday, May 21, 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Cricket Field, in Forest Park. For more info [member.hsmo.org/](http://member.hsmo.org/) click on Events then Bark in the Park.

**Types of Behavior at the Park**

When your dog is greeting another dog be aware of both of the dogs' demeanors.

Friendly postures generally involve the dog making him or herself "smaller" relative to the other dog. This, along with other physical posturing, serves to decrease their potential threat to others. Dogs exhibiting passive submission tend to have an averted gaze, lower their neck and ears, lick, groom and paw.

Not so friendly greetings involve the dog making itself appear larger. Erect stance, head up, ears forward, tail up (possibly flicking tip), hair up on neck/back, puffed tail hair, direct stare, raised lips, low tone growl, snapping, etc. Behaviors, such as, mounting, chasing, & pinning are considered normal but may not be received favorably by the other dogs.

You as the owner/guardian are responsible for your dogs behavior and his safety. Make sure you are aware and in charge of all situations involving your pups at the park. Bottom line, PAY ATTENTION.