



# SOUTHWEST CITY DOG PARK

## March 2008 NEWSLETTER

### **ATTENTION Dog Park Closing:**

The park will be closed for one month beginning Monday, March 17, 2008. During this time work will begin on fence installation, gate repairs and lawn maintenance. Your understanding will be greatly appreciated during this time.

### **Memberships:**

No new memberships are being taken for the dog Park as of Jan. 2008. We have over 550 dogs which is more than we had by July of 2007. In order to stay within the boundaries that the City of St. Louis has set for us, we need to cap the number of dogs.

### **Landscaping Sub-Committee**

The Landscaping committee along with the board has chosen a new landscaper. They will begin work the week of March 17, 2008. They will be fertilizing, seeding and aerating. Hopefully, by the next time you bring your puppies to the Park, there will be some grass. This landscaper will, also, be doing the mowing and trimming in the park.

### **Movies at the Park:**

We plan on having outdoor movies at least once this summer at Wilmore. A date has not been finalized. Please log back in next month to find out more.

### **Speakers on Dog Related Issues:**

We plan on having some speakers come and discuss any relevant issues. If anyone has any suggestions as to topics or speakers, please send them to me at [joanlange@charter.net](mailto:joanlange@charter.net)

### **February General Membership Meeting:**

Every year we have a meeting that is open to the Dog Park membership at large. This meeting was held on Feb. 28 at Buder Library.

We discussed the expansion of the park and the addition of the special needs/small dog area. There will now be 2 gates for entrance into the park.

We, also, discussed the mud problems. The Landscaping committee is calling contractors in an effort to get someone to come in and do everything

We discussed the problem with disposable of dog feces.

- First of all, everyone needs to pick up after their own dogs.
- Second, we need to have people empty the trashcans and put them in the front of the park for the City to pick up.

The new board was introduced:

President: Sarah Evans

Treasurer/VP: Cara Liles-Baker

Secretary: Joan Lange

Advisory Committee Chairperson: Pat Williams

Incident Review: Hilary Melechen

Landscaping Chairperson: Annette Cantieri

Website Update: Tracey Grzegorzcyk

The outgoing board was thanked. Missy Krause, the outgoing President, was given a basket of goodies for her and her puppies.

### **Other Events at the Park:**

If anyone has any ideas for event this summer, please email me with them. [joanlange@charter.net](mailto:joanlange@charter.net)



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### **Bark in the Park: (May 17, 2008) 10 am–2 pm**

The Humane Society of St. Louis is sponsoring Bark in the Park. The event is being held in Forest Park at Cricket Field. This is the canine event of the year. The proceeds from this event benefit the Dr. Doolittle Fund which provides veterinary care for homeless animals. SW City Dog Park has a team. Go to <http://member.hsmo.org/site/TR> and type in SW City Dog Park as the Company Name. Click on any of the name and sign up. Get all of your fields to join us on that special day.

### **Reporting an Incident:**

The policy on reporting is as follows: a complaint must be submitted in writing by letter to the Southampton Neighborhood Association, Attn: SW City Dog Park, PO Box 5183, St. Louis, MO 63139 or by e-mail to [president@swcitydogpark.org](mailto:president@swcitydogpark.org) or another board member's email address. Complaints must include the following:

- Your name and your dog's name,
- The other owner's name and dog's name,
- Names of witnesses,
- Date of the incident, and

A description of the incident, including specific information on any injury sustained

### **Upcoming Dog Events in St. Louis:**

March 15, Herding Trial – Purina Farms  
March 28, Yappy Hour – Memoreze Bar & Grill  
Call 314-623-0412 for info  
April 7, Terrier Fun Day – Purina Farms  
April 14, Disc Dog Seminar – Purina Farms

### **Shelter Makeover:**

Did you know there is a 1,000,000 Shelter Makeover contest? Help Randy Grimm and Quentin help the animals. Go to [www.zootoo.com](http://www.zootoo.com). Click on Shelter Makeover and click on Join Us. All you need to do is sign up and Stray Rescue will receive 100 points. There are various other ways to earn points for Randy. Each time you add a review, rate a review, refer a friend or comment on pet news points will be posted to Randy's Stray Rescue shelter. Currently, Stray Rescue is running number 2 behind Washington Humane Society in Pa. The dead line is March 31, 2008. Please hurry and tell everyone you know to vote.

### **Interested in becoming a Committee Member?**

This is a volunteer organization. We need lots of help. Responsibilities include attending monthly SW City Dog Park Committee meetings, overseeing activities at the Dog Park, reviewing reported incidences, tracking memberships, and helping with any of the planned activities. If you are interested in donating some time, please contact on the Dog Park Committee members below.

### **Dog Park General Information Line**

A voicemail message box has been set up for the dog park. If you have questions or feedback for the dog park committee(s), please leave a message. We will also be using this line for notification of closings / openings of the dog park due to weather or conditions within the park.

The voicemail number is **(314) 567-2012**.

#### **Southwest City Dog Park Committee**

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