



# Quickie News

Stuff That Just Can't Wait Until Next Newsletter



April 17, 2014

## Turf Update as of April 17

After the 5+ inches of rain, which delayed our turf work during the first week of closure – we finally got a second SWCDP volunteer crew together on Sunday, April 6 – to finish raking straw and cleaning up the gardens. We were quite pleased with the turn out and finished our work almost 2 hours ahead of schedule. Then came more rain. This delayed the landscape contractor; he could not bring in his heavy equipment and crew for several days. On Saturday, April 12 – seven guys, three trucks, and an assortment of tools and attachments came to work. The straw was moist, but they hauled off in 3 truck loads. The 15 yards of dirt was still moist – but they did a pretty good job of distributing and grading. We still have a few dips but improvement was achieved. The crew worked for about 7 hours. Unfortunately, huge gusts of wind attacked the grounds just as they finished distributing the straw – by 7pm, most of the straw had been blown away or in clumps around the grounds or clinging to the fence. And, then, plenty more rain on Sunday. Bummer!

We evaluated the situation on Monday – and Wednesday. The contractor determined that most of the seed was not displaced by the wind and rain – and he brought in more straw to replace what we lost. We have the sprinkler system on a timer, so that the grounds will get watered any day that it does not rain to provide optimal growing conditions.

Now we must wait – and hope Mother Nature will give us a nice growing season so that we can re-open as planned. Tough start – but we are hopeful. We will need more volunteers in late May for final season prep.

## Membership Application

With this Quickie News, you should also receive your membership application for the 2014-2015 season. You may complete and return by mail – or you may bring to the GMM (General Membership Meeting) on May 14 and pick up your tags then. Picking up tags saves us money and volunteer time, of course, we prefer this – but are happy to mail to you if you cannot stop by Buder Elementary cafeteria on 5/14 for pick up.

### Remember Two Things

- **New PO Box: 191152, StL MO 63119**
- **Bordetella Vaccine now required with regular vaccines**



We are pretty sure your 4-Legged wants to do this

You Are Invited



**Swim and Romp Play Date**  
**Saturday, April 19**  
**8:30 – 10:30 am**



**Children under 8 years old – are not allowed inside the dog park – enforced by Park Rangers**

**Large fenced in dog park with pond. Plenty of room for doggie swimming and acres for romping.**

**Broemmelsiek Dog Park** - Early event offers the opportunity for you to get in a fantastic 4-Legged activity - and still have most of your Saturday for other weekend activities. This is a **public and free dog park**; expect other 2 and 4 Leggeds to join us as the morning moves forward! Bring waste bags to pick up after your dog and water bowl for clean water for your dog to drink. There is a hose at the covered pavilion. Feel free to bring your lawn chair or beach towels, if you wish to sit on the grass or closer to the pond. Parking is close to gate entry and a restroom is on site.

Call Broemmelsiek **Hot Line 636/949-7475** before heading out – park closes to protect the turf when the grounds are wet. In case of a rain out – our event will move to the following Saturday – 4/26.

**Directions to Broemmelsiek Dog Park**

Schwede and Wilson Roads, off State Road DD. Take Highway 40/61, exit at the WingHaven Blvd (Highway DD) interchange – go south on Hwy DD for approximately 4 miles. Turn right on Schwede Road to the 2nd park entrance. Sign for “off leash” area at the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance on the left. Follow signs to “off leash” area – Canine Drive. *About a 35 minute drive from our dog park.*



## Our 4-Leggeds Are Lucky Dogs!

Our SWCDP doggie members are indeed – *lucky dogs*. As we wrap up another successful and fun dog park season, we ask our members to **pay it forward**. We invite you to join us in another worthy community project – and help us make things just a little bit better for a few not-so-lucky canines.

### SWCDP Community Project

## SWCDP Bark In Park Team

### WHO IS RUNNING / SPONSORING THIS EVENT?

Purina One has partnered with Humane Society of Missouri, and will head up the primary elements of the event. Other corporate sponsors may also participate.

### WHAT IS THIS EVENT ALL ABOUT?

The largest dog festival and fund raiser in the Midwest, this is the 21<sup>st</sup> year. A fund raising goal of \$200,000 is set; all funds will support the activities and services of HSMO, a non-profit organization. HSMO does not receive any local, state, federal, or United Way funding. **Bark in the Park** is a critical source of income for HSMO.

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES?

Net proceeds go to the Human Society of Missouri, for all operating expenses and heavy focus on the HSMO Animal Abuse Task Force.

### WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

Our doggies are safe, healthy, happy and loved. If you are in a position to donate even \$5.00 – you can help make a difference. To participate in the walk, there is a \$35 entry fee. Wouldn't you feel good about using a few bucks of your discretionary dollars to help save a life – and increase a 4-Leggeds chance for a happy life – a second chance?

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED? Click this link . . .

[http://member.hsmo.org/site/TR/Events/BarkinthePark?px=1948157&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1100](http://member.hsmo.org/site/TR/Events/BarkinthePark?px=1948157&pg=personal&fr_id=1100)

You and your 4-Legged can join the 1 Mile Fun Walk (\$35), you can donate money without walking (any amount), you can generate additional funds by asking people you know to either sponsor your walk, or ask them to also sign up to walk on the Southwest City Dog Park Team. You do not need to be a SWCDP member to be on the SWCDP Bark in the Park team.

*Check it out.*



**Cricket Field  
Forest Park  
Saturday, May 17  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**SWCDP  
Team Goal  
\$500**

**Can we meet it  
Can we beat it**

# What to do on Spring Break



## MAY ACTIVITIES

SWCDP will be closed for annual renovation from April 1 to early June.  
Opening Day to be announced, pending Mother Nature's wishes.

**Check out the upcoming SWCDP organized events**  
**Stop by the Food Truck Friday – it is a blast**  
**Please participate in our community event – Bark in the Park**

M-F 11:00am-7:00pm Sa 9:00am-5:00pm Su 11:00am-4:00pm	Pawsitively Fintastic 5600 Eichelberger at January <a href="http://www.pawsitivelyfintastic.com">www.pawsitivelyfintastic.com</a>	<b>Free Play Area – Open Daily</b> Use PF's small fenced playground for a solo play or arrange play dates with friends.
Friday 4:00pm – 8:00pm <b>May 9</b>	Food Truck Friday Tower Grove Park <a href="http://www.saucemagazine.com/foodtruckfriday.php">www.saucemagazine.com/foodtruckfriday.php</a>	<b>SWCDP EVENT</b> <i>Meet your SWCDP friends; settle in with your pooch for a nice experience. 20+ food truck gathering, music. Bring chairs-blankets; dogs on leash. Arrive early, easier parking.</i>
Saturday, 9:00am-1:00pm <b>May 17</b>	Bark in the Park Cricket Field, Forest Park <a href="http://member.hsmo.org/site/TR/Events/BarkinthePark?px=1948157&amp;pg=personal&amp;fr id=1100">http://member.hsmo.org/site/TR/Events/BarkinthePark?px=1948157&amp;pg=personal&amp;fr id=1100</a>	<b>SWCDP EVENT</b> A SWCDP community project – we have a team for 1-Mile Fun Walk, register for walk or general donations. Or, just hang out and enjoy the day for free.
Friday 8:30am – 10:30am <b>May 16</b>	Yappy Nite Walk at Queeny Park 1721 South Mason Road <a href="https://reserve.stlouisco.com/RecDynamicsWeb/Activities/Search.aspx">https://reserve.stlouisco.com/RecDynamicsWeb/Activities/Search.aspx</a>	St Louis County sponsored, Ranger led night walk – 4 mile stroll around park. Advanced registration required. \$5.00
Saturday <b>May 17</b>	Meet Canine Celebrities AKC Museum of the Dog, Queeny Park <a href="http://www.threedogstl.com/company-pawticulars/events/">http://www.threedogstl.com/company-pawticulars/events/</a>	Sponsored by Three Dog Bakery, free admission and dog treats. Say hello to Jose & Romeo, who starred in Legally Blonde
Friday, <b>May 23</b> Saturday, <b>May 24</b> Sunday, <b>May 25</b>	Memorial Day Bark Missouri Earthdogs <a href="http://www.moearthdogs.org/fundays.htm">http://www.moearthdogs.org/fundays.htm</a>	A weekend of activities Check website for times/ details
Saturday 8:30-10:30am <b>May 24</b>	Broemmelsiek Dog Park Off Schwede Rd, Wentzville <a href="http://parks.sccmo.org/parks/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=4&amp;Itemid=17">http://parks.sccmo.org/parks/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=4&amp;Itemid=17</a>	<b>SWCDP EVENT</b> Meet dog park friends-free dog park, pond with diving dock, 2.5 acres fenced. On site restroom and pavilion. Excellent venue, lots of room for lots of play.
Friday <b>June 13</b>	Food Truck Friday Tower Grove Park <i>See above (May 9) for details</i>	<b>SWCDP EVENT</b> <i>Meet your SWCDP friends - a nice experience.</i>

**Set up play dates with your dog park friends**

**Backyard Meet-Ups and Shared Walks**

**EXPLORE SAINT LOUIS – Check out parks, trails, and area events**