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Membership Questions

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The Good SWCDP 2014-2015 Season Opening

SUNDAY, June 1

The new season will open on schedule. Regular dog park hours – 6:00am to 10:00pm – begins on Sunday, June 1. Until that time, the lock and chain will remain on the front gate. You should have received the new gate code with your season dog tag. Hope to see you on Sunday or soon afterwards. Let's enjoy our beautiful park, our 2 and 4 Legged friends, and a great summer. With so many new members – there is also the opportunity to make a few new friends, too.

The Gooder *(OK, we know it is not a word – but play along, please)*

PROJECT ONE: Our dog park will get a paved walkway as part of the St Louis City Parks sidewalk improvement project. We expect the work to be completed this summer. It will be ADA compliant, will include a concrete sidewalk running most of the width of our dog park, and, a concrete path leading up to the front gate. The path will have at least one landing and hand rails, and then, a concrete landing at the gate as well. *Funded by St Louis City Parks Department.*

PROJECT TWO: Our dog wash will get the final component promised last year – a level pathway from the dog wash gate to the dog wash table. The surrounding area will remain gravel for drainage purposes. The concrete paving will only go to the front of the first table – the back side (higher level table) will remain gravel. *Funded by SWCDP Dog Wash Special Funds.*

PROJECT THREE: Our Alternate Dog Park will compliment the ADA regulations used in the front paths, and will be wheelchair compliant – to include a concrete patio, just inside the Alternate gate. All members will benefit from the new patio. It will be useful when we have events and provide a dry, clean spot to sit during those wet or snowy times. *Funded by remaining SWCDP Dog Wash Special Funds and balance by SWCDP general operating funds.*

The Not So Good *(Well, there are always trade-offs)*

OPENING ON TIME: Some areas are not yet ready for prime-time play, so we will install temp fencing around the most vulnerable area – which is the center of Main – where most of the 2 and 4 Leggeds tend to hang out. To protect the overall success of new turf growth – we feel this area needs a little more time to become sturdy enough to handle the traffic. We have factored in weather predictions of rain or thunderstorms daily for the next week or so – and how wet or damp dirt and fragile grass will fair with feet and paws pounding the area.

CONCRETE AMENITIES: The dog park will close during the construction phase of front paths; and Alternate will remain closed, as needed, until the patio is completed. Members will receive an email with the construction dates as the ground breaking date has yet to be set.

Volunteers Needed!

Saturday

8:00am – 2:00pm

(If weather permits)

Jobs To Be Done

- Wash benches & tables & trash cans & pools
- Rake any remaining straw, leaves, & cut grass *(not much)*
- Fill all bag holders
- Thin out day lilies in Alternate & transplant a few to small garden near Water Sta 1 & 2

Jobs To Be Done

- Weed as needed, especially dog wash & garden areas, and gang way, including digging out grass growing in fence line & pulling stray grass coming thru gravel
- Put up temporary fencing
- *Whatever else pops up*

Volunteer Workers May Bring Their 4-Leggeds

Only members who are prepared to work will be allowed
in the dog park on Saturday.

As a thank you, volunteers may bring their canine (s)
for a little “pre-season” fun. They play, we work.

If You Can Help

Please bring any tools useful in the above tasks – and be sure you collect & take home with you when you leave.

Judi N (Willow) – SWCDP President — Contact via email: willow.nic@yahoo.com

What is the most important SWCDP operational issue?

If you said turf management or grass growing – you would be wrong!

It is keeping the dog park clean and safe...and the most important aspect is picking up the dog poop – immediately – and emptying the trash cans, as needed, at the half-way mark. Everything else comes afterwards.

**It's All About
the POOP!**

Pick It Up



Bags

YOU are responsible

For picking up after your 4-legged (s). We ask all members to consider the “pick one up – and then one more”. Even the most alert human may occasionally not see their dog poop or miss finding it – so in our efforts to keep our park clean – and germ free - we ask that all pitch in. If you see a dog pooping and the human is not aware – simply and in a nice way, let the human know that their dog needs help.

Recycle Cans

Please don't put poop in the blue trash cans – those are for recycle items: paper, glass, metal, & plastic (*but not plastic bags*)

Donating Bags

Please check bin in entry way. When you see it half full – it is time to replenish. Please don't overfill the bin – it makes it difficult to find and retrieve supplies. Get in habit of bringing bags on regular but as needed basis. We ask that you only bring bags ranging in size from the traditional grocery bag to a bread bag; those large shopping bags take up too much storage space.

Filling Bag Holders

NEW HOLDERS, MORE HOLDERS

If you are using the bags – you need to help keep the holders filled. It's easy to pop a few bags into empty holders while you are walking with your dog or watching him at play. Holders must stay filled to ensure readily available supplies to keep our park clean – please help.

Thank You



Bill & Cowboy

Bill and Cowboy will again this year be in charge of taking out the trash. Last season, Bill began covering for Ron D (Elvis, Boris) who had taken care of our trash needs since the beginning of the dog park. Please thank Bill (and Ron) when you see them on the playground. Bill will also oversee the bag holders, but we do expect all of our members to pitch in and take care of keeping the holders filled. We also need a couple people in the wings – to cover for Bill when he is not available. Our cans cannot wait – they must be emptied on a regular basis.

Will you help Bill?