



# Quickie News

Stuff That Just Can't Wait Until Next Newsletter



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## UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION



**Dog Park**  
*Temporary Closure*



**We Need & Appreciate Your Cooperation**

*A long awaited project arrives . . .*

**St Louis City Parks Department** will fund and install an upgrade to our front entrance. We are very excited about this improvement; the finished project will enhance our entrance as well as make it safer and easier for SWCDP members to come & go, especially during inclement weather.

The final details are currently underway, the funds have been released, and while we do not have a day-to-day schedule – ground breaking will begin any day now. Please move in/out of dog park quickly, don't let your dog run off-leash, and be vigilant as work crews, trucks and equipment will be quite active. Safety First.

Until the project is completed – you should call the SWCDP Hotline to find out if the dog park is open or closed on a day to day basis. The current plan is to close entire dog park for one 24 hour period & close Alternate Dog Park one additional 24 hour period, not necessarily consecutively.

**Project:** A sidewalk along the curb line, a primary concrete path from side walk to front gate area; a secondary (*longer*) concrete path from around light post area, both leading to the front gate area; a concrete pad at the gate, a patio in the Alternate. The secondary path & inside patio will meet the ADA guidelines; there will be two handicapped parking slots in the light post area.

*Always Call . . .*

### SWCDP Hotline

During construction or repair periods – or inclement weather and its aftermath – you should always call the SWCDP Hotline – to see if the dog park is open, or to get the very latest update on the situation on the grounds. A volunteer will keep the Hotline as current as possible, always realizing that during construction periods or unpredictable weather, that things can change quickly. The Hotline will be, however, your most reliable and current source for playground updates.



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## **Summer Newsletter – It's Coming!**



Another newsletter more like a magazine is still in writing and layout stage – we have lots of stories and photos – including a quite large feature called “Celebration of SWCDP Membership”. Since early June we have been collecting photos and comments so that the members could meet doggies, new and not-so-new, through the newsletter. As usual, we have lots of puppy faces, and dogs of all ages making new friends and having new experiences. Fun for everyone. At this point, hoping to publish the newsletter within the next couple weeks or so.

## **Food Truck Friday**

**August 8  
4:00 – 8:00 pm**

## **Tower Grove Park Event**

20+ food trucks, a really good variety of tasty foods and drinks (wine/beer), most items range \$5-10. Free music, free admission, you may bring coolers, chairs, blankets. Several SWCDP members are talking about meeting up there for a relaxing evening. If your doggie is well behaved on a leash – please join us. Some of us have gone to every event this year – and it is a most enjoyable time. If possible, come early, it gets quite crowded, and when trucks run out of food – that's it. Shorter lines early, after 6 or 6:30, lines can get long for some of the more popular trucks.

## **SWCDP User Guide**

## **And Rules**

### **Imagine our park with no rules or management**

Please review the SWCDP User Guide which was supplied when you joined the dog park. The rules are included in the guide – and you also were given the rules with your application. We have your signature on the application and waiver – and terms of your membership include your agreement to follow the rules.

### **MOST OF YOU DO FOLLOW SWCDP RULES**

And we thank you for doing so. We have a handful of folks who believe the rules do not apply to them – that they are the exception. We ask that the members help monitor the playground – and together, help us keep the rules in tact.

Especially – pick up the poop – keep all gates closed – and follow the water, hose, and pool rules. Most of this is common sense stuff.