



Quickie News

Stuff That Just Can't Wait Until Next Newsletter



March 27, 2014

Last Day of 2013-2014 Season is March 31



Dog Park will close at 10:00pm, Monday, March 31. The dog park will be closed from April 1 to early June – and this time period is considered our Spring Break. The opening of the 2014-2015 Season will be announced at the end of May – with a tentative target date of June 1. During this period, annual turf re-seeding and renovation, along with any repairs or upgrades will occur.

The City Parks Department is currently working on the design for our new front entrance. The project is tentatively targeted during our Spring Break, with completion near early June or shortly after we re-open.

Bordetella Vaccine Required



for 2014-2015 Membership

Be aware that all applications must include proof of current Bordetella vaccination. An annual Bordetella vaccination is a new membership requirement as voted by members at the 2013 General Membership Meeting – and is in addition to regular shots. Only apps with appropriate paperwork will be processed without delay. **Any application received without proof of all required vaccines will be held until such record is provided.** Please follow through with this so you get your tag and your 4-Legged (s) can enjoy the dog park just as soon as it re-opens.



Membership Applications Available Mid-April

All members who have provided an email address will receive via email attachment and those with no computer access will receive a hard copy via US Postal, both in Mid-April. New applications will be available on our website and in box at dog park entrance around the same time.

New

PO Box 191152
St Louis, MO 63119

New Post Office Number

Effective immediately – we have a new Post Office Box – please discard any old forms or applications; use newly provided documents.

GMM



Mark your calendars now

General Membership Meeting May 14

You may bring your completed membership paperwork to the GMM and pick up your season tags – our preferred process because it saves the dog park volunteer time as well as mailing expenses. If you cannot attend GMM, mail to PO Box listed on app. We have an Animal Behavioral Specialist as our speaker this year – details forthcoming.

Tasks

Rake straw-leaves, move tables, benches, garden clean up, take down shelter, general pick up

Will you help us keep the dog park in good shape?



Volunteer Call List Forming Now

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www.pawsitivelyfintastic.com



Volunteers Needed April 1 and April 2

We are officially closed – these are organized work sessions; Only members prepared to work will be allowed in dog park; you may bring your dog for these work sessions.

Tuesday, 4/1

PM SESSION: **1:00-5:00**

Wednesday, 4/2 AM SESSION: **9:00-11:00** PM SESSION: **4:00-6:00**

Spring Break Volunteers Needed

We are still working on the agenda – Need help in April and May

Send Judi an email indicating tasks in which you can help us.

willow.nic07@yahoo.com

Heavy Projects:

Fence & agility equipment repair, possible light digging or moving pavers for pool pads and dog wash improvements & ADA compliant patio in Alternate (*prep work only, outside contractor to pour*). Outside contractor lined up for tilling, aerating, seeding and weekly mowing/trimming; we need a volunteer team for ongoing turf management & sprucing up in prep for opening and throughout the season, as needed.

Light Projects:

Raking leaves-straw, pruning, trimming, gardening, watering, scrubbing benches, tables, trash cans, taking out trash, general clean up or repair, etc.

Spring Break Things To Do

Watch for more ideas in April Newsletter

For starters: SWCDP members are welcomed to use the small, fenced in playground at Pawsitively Fintastic (FREE!). Arrange a meet up with your dog park pals, and stop by for a short visit. And you can always stop in the store for a quick doggie treat, like a duck foot or a cookie.

SWCDP Newsletter – On the way!

We are still working on newsletter – and as usual – good nuggets of info keep coming our way, and we want to share with you. Soooo....

Be watching for the final season newsletter coming your way Mid-April.

SWCDP Merchandise

Want to have gear in time for Dog Park opening?

We have awesome dog park gear – great fabrics, colors, styles. For your convenience, we have included order form in Quickie News.

PO BOX 191152, St Louis, MO 63119

Between April 1-18: Send order form & check to PO Box; Your order will be ready for **pick up** at the General Membership Meeting on May 14. Or we will hold it for you and you can pick up at the Dog Park when we re-open around June 1.

Between April 19-30: Send order form & check to PO Box; Your order will be ready for **pick up** at the Dog Park during our formal Season Kick-Off event, tentative date June 14.



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 21st 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

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**