# A high paw to...

PURINA® for the $5,000 donation!

BARCOM SECURITY for the Access Control system!

barkpark By ultrasite for $5,000 worth of agility equipment!

Bed and Biscuit Kountry Kennel for a donation supporting the entry kiosk!

**Dog Park Committee** for organizing Movie Nights, Yappy Hour and fundraising events!

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**To the countless members of our community who have given time, financial support and goods to supply our dog park members with a bark-tastic time!**

## WHAT OUR DOG PARK HAS TO OFFER

**Two-Gate Entrance and Exit System** - This avoids the possibility of dogs escaping from the park, increasing the safety of all the dogs.

**Drinking water and shade** - Dogs can't cool themselves as efficiently as humans and therefore must have access to drinking water and shade. Dogs play very strenuously in dog parks and water is an absolute necessity. Additionally, there are shady areas where dogs can lay down, cool themselves, and rest before continuing their play.

**Waste Bags** - Cleaning up after our dogs is essential for basic good health for both dogs and humans. Many canine diseases are spread through feces, and feces attract insects which can spread disease to humans.

**Natural Visual Barriers** - Not only do natural visual barriers create a more enjoyable environment for both dogs and humans, but they also offer dogs a way to avoid problems. If a dog feels he is being targeted by a bully or pack, he can remove himself to a location where the bullying dog(s) cannot see him and they will quickly forget about him and move on to other activities.

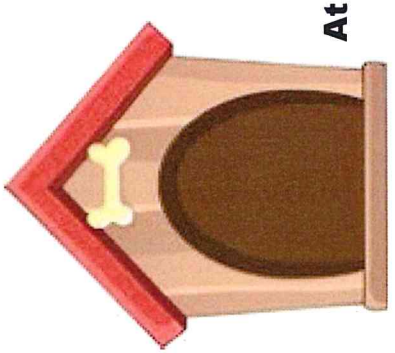
## BENEFITS OF YOUR LOCAL DOG PARK

More than just "room to roam", dog parks provide many benefits to a community. Belleville is currently engaged in developing its downtown into a vibrant place to live, work, shop, eat, and play. A dog park is an essential component to the development of urban living. Residents living about downtown commercial spaces need a place to exercise their dogs. Dog parks allow dogs to exercise and socialize safely. Puppies and adult dogs need room to run, and enclosed play areas permit them to do so while preventing them from endangering themselves and others. In addition, dogs who are accustomed to playing with animals and people other than their owners are more likely to be well-socialized and react well toward strangers.

**Belleville Parks & Recreation Department**

# Belleville Dog Park

**At Rotary Park * 110 North 6th St. * Belleville, IL**



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## Mission Statement

To provide a space where dogs and humans can interact with each other with respect, create lasting relationships, and support each other in leading active and healthy lives.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT
**OFFICE PHONE: 233-1416**

## *Make a donation!*

### Why donate?

It will help improve our park with better amenities and enhancements. We need to continue to raise money for everything you have asked for such as lights, turf grass improvements, permanent shade structures and more. Every contribution counts!

Building and maintaining our dog park is costly, and we welcome and appreciate your financial support.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

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| Emergencies | 911 |
| Belleville Parks & Rec | 618-233-1416 |
| Animal Control | 618-235-0585 |
| Belleville Police Dept. | 618-234-1212 |
| Belleville Fire Dept. | 618-234-2770 |

## Annual Membership Rates

| | RESIDENT | NON-RESIDENT |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Dog: | $24 | $48 |
| 2 Dogs: | $36 | $60 |
| 3 Dogs: | $48 | $72 |

**TO REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Please contact the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department to obtain a Dog Park Membership Application, or visit our website at:

**www.bellevilleparksandrec.com**

* * * *OFFICE ADDRESS* * * *
510 West Main Street
Belleville, IL 62220

Phone: 618-233-1416
Email: parksnrec@belleville.net

## 2013 EVENTS

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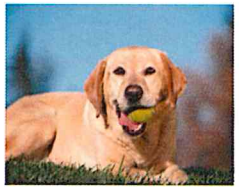
| **Aug 3** | **Grand Opening!** |
| **Sept 15** | **Pedal for the Pooches @ Seven Restaurant & Lounge** |
| **Oct** | **Costume Contest @ Seven Restaurant & Lounge** |



### Preparing for your trip to the Belleville Dog Park...

- **Visit the park without your dog. Familiarize yourself with the area, how the dogs at the park interact, and the posted rules.**
- **Test your dog's socialization skills off leash. Try meeting with a friend or family members dog before taking him or her to the park.**
- **Choose a non-busy time the first few visits. (weekday evenings, weekends and holidays are the busiest times)**
- **The first visit to the park can be stressful for both you and your dog, so keep the visit short and happy. Gradually work towards longer visits.**
- **Don't expect too much from your dog. Remember to go at his or her pace. Slow down if you need to, this visit should be fun for the both of you!**

**Please remember to keep your leash with you at all times!**