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NEWSLETTER - June 17, 2020

Our first newsletter! And more to come to keep you updated on the status and progress of Carbondale's first public dog park. You are receiving this because you have given us your name and email. Perhaps you made a donation or signed up on our volunteer sheet.

In this time of novel coronavirus, we haven't been able to move forward with construction. But we want you to know that when the emergency rules are lifted (or relaxed), we will begin on some of the preliminary construction projects! Carbondale is poised to have its very first public dog park. It's 2 ½ acres at Parrish Park, just north east of the Life Center and on the north side of Sunset Drive.

This March after spring break, the John A. Logan construction program was set to begin building a shelter and pouring concrete for the walkways, entrance pad, and shelter base. But, 'twas not to be. JAL, and just about everything else, shut down. If they get the green light, construction might begin later this summer. Otherwise, it will be fall.

We are very close to having enough money through individual donations and grants to buy the fencing and one water fountain. The Laborer's Apprentice Program and Union have pledged to install the fencing. The City of Carbondale will lay the water lines for the water fountains and a future spray hydrant.

Only COVID-19 and a few generous donations stand between the people of Carbondale and a working dog park!

We need your help to complete the project.

We need to complete the funding for fencing, buy a water fountain, plant trees, install benches, get dog recreational equipment, and build welcome and rules signs.

You can see our refurbished fundraising thermometer at Turley Park, installed by Park District grounds crew.

Once the dog park is open, it's on to Phase 2! A walking path on the outside perimeter of the dog park, an event and viewing area outside the east gate, and beautiful landscaping to screen the dogs from children playing at Parrish School and from the adjoining adult soccer fields.

With the collaboration of the Park District and City of Carbondale, we plan to make the dog park a site everyone in the Carbondale community can enjoy.

DONATE! Get together with your friends, family, or club and collect the money for a water fountain or section of fence, or make an individual donation of any size. Go to: <https://cdaledogparks.org/donate>.

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