



Dog Park to Break Ground!!!

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 a.m. Friends of Carbondale Dog Parks will break ground at Parrish Park for Carbondale's first public dog park.

All of our friends are invited to attend – albeit from your cars. We will observe the Tier 3 10-person limit on gatherings for this milestone event. We expect to livestream the event on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/cdaledogparks>

On Dec. 1, E. T. Simonds begins building the underlayment for the walkway and shelter. They will dig out the soil and spread gravel on which John A. Logan Construction Program students will lay concrete and build the shelter.

The JAL Construction Program was poised to begin the project last March, after spring break. But unfortunately COVID-19 intervened. Course instructor Mark Weiss was hopeful that they could start in the summer, but that was not to be. Now it's too cold for the fall class to pour concrete. So, if COVID-19 doesn't throw another monkey wrench into the gears, they will begin construction next March, 2021.

Meanwhile, site prep will be done and the City will have laid the water lines (weather, COVID-19, and schedule permitting). Water fountains for the small and large dog fields are on order, generously paid for by a grant from the Egyptian Board of REALTORS® with installation donated by the Plumbers Union 160 Training Facility. The Laborers' Apprentice Program and the Union will install the fence next spring. Benches donated by Pure Pet and Indian Creek Kennels will also be installed in the spring.

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!!

KEEP FRIENDS OF CARBONDALE DOG PARKS ON YOUR GIVING LIST

Give a Gift – Get a Gift

On our website, you will find that FCDP is offering a "Give a Gift, Get a Gift" program, in which you may select from a variety of thank-you gifts in exchange for your donation. Currently we are offering T-Shirts, bandanas, and snuffle mats. Santa's workshop is making more gifts for our supporters, so please visit frequently! Items may be picked up locally by arrangement, or shipped for a flat fee of \$7.00. <https://cdaledogparks.org/give-a-gift/>



Dog Park Wish List

Do you have dog-loving people on your gift list who have everything? You can gift them a section of fence for \$250, a gate for \$55, and much more. See our “Wish List” <https://cdaledogparks.org/wishlist-for-the-first-park/>. Donors will receive an individualized card saying what was purchased – or we can send it directly to the recipient. Or, get your office, reading group, or circle of friends together to buy big ticket items. All individuals and groups will be recognized on our donor display.

The Alternative Gift Fair Goes Digital A Virtual Event – December 2020

This year, AGF will soon be releasing a Giving Guide that will enable you to select gifts virtually. FCDP will be there – missing the pleasure of mingling with our neighbors, but glad to be able to showcase our program and see all the other many organizations that make Carbondale so unique.

The Neighborhood Co-op Grocery Wooden Nickels Program

Through December, you can support Friends of Carbondale Dog Parks by dropping change in the Co-op Wooden Nickels box as you exit the Neighborhood Co-op. The Co-op will match up to \$250 of donations received, so please dig deep each time you visit! <https://www.neighborhood.coop/community>

Kroger Community Rewards Program

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

If you use a Kroger card, you can donate to Friends of Carbondale Dog Parks every time you shop and at no added cost to you! Look for Friends of Carbondale Dog Parks and link your card to it. FCDP will make a small portion of your purchases when you use your card. If you don't have a digital account, you can sign up at the Kroger service desk.

Directions to set up participation in Kroger Community Rewards to assist Friends of Carbondale Dog Parks.

1. Create a digital account.

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

2. Link your Card to an organization.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

1. Sign in to your digital account.
2. Search for your organization.
3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.

(Friends of Carbondale Dog Parks or SF423 is the NPO number.)

4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click “Save”.

**Businesses and institutions supporting the construction of Carbondale's First Dog Park
Thank you!**



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