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## Newsletter – January 2022

As 2022 has begun, we thought it was time for an update about the progress of Carbondale's first public dog park. Its location is adjacent to the Carbondale Park District's Life Community Center at **2500 W. Sunset Dr., Carbondale, IL 62901.**

Thanks to Mark Wece and the Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) at John A. Logan college, the pavilion and concrete walkway are complete. Videos and photos of the construction in progress are available on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



We were awarded a \$25,000 grant from PetSafe in September! We are truly grateful and overwhelmed by the **amazing support** from the Carbondale community during the month of August! Your voting helped us win this grant. It enabled us to move forward with the installation of fencing and gates already purchased with donations from the community.



In recent weeks, the rules and entry signs have been mounted by Liberty Signs. The dog waste stations, trash barrels, and benches have been installed by volunteers and Carbondale Park District maintenance.



***With the basic amenities in place, the park is now open!  
We invite you and your canine friend(s) to check it out!***



While the front gate is open for now, we have several outstanding items in our construction of a safe and welcoming space. Therefore, we ask for your patience during this “**soft opening**,” as we expect to close periodically for improvements. The following items are still under construction and will be installed or addressed as weather and schedule permit:

- self-closing gate hardware
- sod, grass seed, and trees
- water drainage improvements
- drinking fountains (bring your own water)
- dog play features
- donor recognition plaques

***All visitors should review and adhere to the Park Rules posted by the entry.***

Our design committee conducted a lot of research to form these rules, many of which are common to other public dog parks. [The Park Rules Sign](#) and a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page are both available on our website.

If you visit the park, please consider offering us feedback at [contact@cdaledogparks.org](mailto:contact@cdaledogparks.org). Any park users who encounter a problem with either an owner or a dog that cannot be resolved should contact Carbondale Animal Control at 618-457-3200, ext. 4242. In case of emergency, call 911.

We are working closely with the Park District to set a date for a **Grand Opening** that may occur around April. We will be keeping our Facebook page and website updated with the latest plans.

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