



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Parks and Recreation



DOG PARK ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATION FORM

Upon completion, please mail to:  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Office of the Director  
ATTN: Dog Park Application  
3149 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010

LOCATION

Location Description: LANSBURGH PARK

Location Address: DELAWARE AVE., SW + IST. Ward: 6

SPONSOR GROUP/APPLICANT

Sponsor Group Name: PAWS OF SOUTHWEST C/O SWNA

Address: P.O. BOX 70131

City: WASHINGTON State: DC Zip: 20024

Website: http://groups.google.com/groups/sw-dog-park

How long has this group been in existence? 1 YEAR

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Representative's Name: BRIDGET GONZALES YOUNG

Representative's Address: [REDACTED] Ward: [REDACTED]

City: WASHINGTON State: DC Zip: [REDACTED]

Representative's Affiliation with Sponsor Group: [REDACTED]

Are you a bona fide resident of DC?  Yes  No

Will you serve as primary point of contact?  Yes  No

If no, then name of primary point of contact \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please see 732.1 of the enclosed Dog Park Regulations)

Home Number: 202/400-3103 Mobile: 202/100-3113

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: budget.gonzales@dc.gov

Which is the preferred mode of contact? email / cell

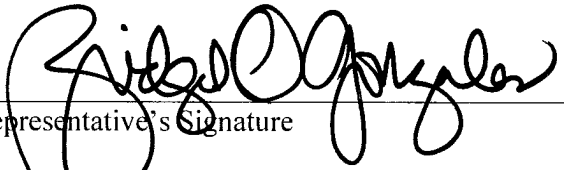
**CONFIRMATION AND SIGNATURE**

I have read the rules and regulations set forth by the Government of the District of Columbia for the establishment of dog parks. As representative of the above mentioned sponsor group, I agree to adhere to the rules and regulations published in 19 DCMR Chapter 7.

Furthermore, I certify that the statements made in this application to the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation, including the supplements and attachments, are accurate and complete to the best of my understanding. I understand that any false, misleading, and/or inaccurate information may serve as the basis for the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation to reject this application.

BUDGET GONZALES YOUNG  
Representative's Name

3/30/2012  
Date

  
Representative's Signature

3/30/2012  
Date

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

The following supplemental information has been included and should be used in evaluating the application.

Formal Proposal

Letters of Support

Petition



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Date Received: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
_____ DPARC Representative	

# **Application for an Off-Leash Dog Park at Lansburgh Park**

## **Introduction**

The Paws of Southwest, a group of dog owners and residents in the ANC-6D neighborhood, along with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a civic organization, submit this formal application for an off-leash dog park in Lansburgh Park located on Delaware Avenue, SW, according to the rules set forth in Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

When it unanimously passed the law allowing for the establishment of dog parks, the Council of the District of Council recognized that "a significant and growing portion of residents needed safe places to recreate and exercise together with their dogs." The southwest quadrant of the District of Columbia remains the sole quadrant without the benefit of an off-leash dog park for its residents and their dogs which have grown significantly in number over the past decade.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, in its rules implementing the law, further noted that:

*732.8 If an application is accepted, the Department and the dog park group shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding financing, roles and responsibilities with respect to the dog park. The Department shall have the primary financial responsibility for constructing and maintaining the park, and the dog park group shall have primary responsibility for daily management of the park.*

The Paws of Southwest is prepared to become formal partners with the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation. We hold monthly meetings at the DC Public Library in Southwest and have a solid core group of volunteer residents who have a stake in the success of the dog park.

Paws of Southwest respectfully requests approval of our application and a commitment from the District of Columbia Parks and Recreation to make the establishment of an off-leash dog park in/near Lansburgh Park a priority project.

## **The Proposed Site: Lansburgh Park**

Lansburgh Park is an "L" shaped park bounded by Delaware Avenue, SW to the west; I Street, SW to the north; the 1<sup>st</sup> District Police Station to the south and the Department of Motor Vehicles Inspection Station to the east. The property also butts up against the Capitol Park Police garage to the east, the Department of Motor Vehicles Service Center to the south and Friendship Baptist Church to the west.

The park was established during the Urban Renewal era of the 1950's and 60's and named after Mark Lansburgh, president of the old Lansburgh's Department store. The park was dedicated in 1964 and transferred from the Park Service to city control in 1972. It remains in the District of Columbia's Department of Parks and Recreation inventory to date.

Lansburgh Park features open space, park benches, mature trees, a gazebo, a hill, and tennis courts. No recreational activity—organized or spontaneous, however, occurs at the park or on the tennis courts. The tennis courts are in disrepair. The park is separated from the establishments to its east by an 8 foot brick wall and a 5 foot brick wall to its south. One may enter the park from I Street, M Street or from Delaware Avenue, SW.

In recent decades, the park was abandoned and became a haven for drug dealing and neglect. However within the past 4 years, neighbors, along with Councilman Tommy Wells and the DPR, have begun to reclaim this park for its original use. New benches were installed, dog owners have organized group walks to the park, and a "Friends of Lansburgh Park" has been formed. Paws of Southwest proposes that the off-leash dog park be established at Lansburgh Park and that the space accommodate large dogs that need

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space to run and chase each other as well offer a separate section that is appropriate for small dogs and puppies learning to socialize.

Paws of Southwest proposes an off-leash dog park along the area west of the brick wall that runs from I Street, SW to the north; to the backside of the Department of Motor Vehicles Service Center to the south; and approximately 60 feet wide. This rectangle area would be the equivalent of the vertical line in the "L" shape. Alternatively, a rectangle area could be created with the boundaries of the 5 foot brick wall that separates the park from the DMV and the 1<sup>st</sup> District Police station to the south, Delaware Avenue to the west, the 8 foot brick wall to the east and approximately 100 feet into the park as the northern boundary. This rectangular area would be the equivalent of the horizontal line in the "L" shape.

By adopting either of these locations for the proposed dog park, the Department of Parks and Recreation can leverage the existence of the brick wall in its design thereby reducing cost and construction needs.

### **Site Eligibility**

The proposed site meets all of the requirements of DPR's rules for the establishment of a dog park.

*733.1 A dog park should be no less than five thousand square feet (5,000 sq. ft.) in area where feasible, unless parkland availability in certain neighborhoods precludes meeting this guideline.*

The proposed sites measure significantly more than 5,000 square feet. Almost 25,000 square feet or more would potentially be available for a dog park and for buffer areas surrounding the dog park. Dog-owners and maintenance personnel could enter directly from Delaware Avenue and I Street, SW.

*733.2 A dog park shall be established according to the following environmental guidelines, and best management practices must be implemented wherever feasible to preserve the surrounding environment:*

- (a) A dog park should be located on well-drained land to prevent soil erosion with a maximum slope of 20%;*
- (b) A dog park should sit at least 50 feet from surface waters that drain into the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers and Rock Creek;*
- (c) A dog park should be located near a water supply line for drinking-fountain and maintenance purposes; and*
- (d) A dog park should have a surface type that allows for positive drainage away from the site and that helps mitigate waste management issues.*

*733.3 A dog park shall comply with all codes and regulations as they apply to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972), DC Water Pollution Control Act of 1984, and DPR Standards.*

The proposed locations in Lansburgh Park are flat and should pose no problems with slope-related erosion or compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In fact, two sidewalks entering the park from M Street and I Street, SW already exist thereby minimizing associated costs with bringing the field into compliance with ADA regulations. There are no nearby streams or water tables to interfere with water pollution laws. It is unknown whether a working water supply line exists nearby, but there is a non-functioning drinking water fountain near the tennis courts.

*733.4 A dog park shall be established on under-utilized land where possible. If such land is not available in a neighborhood where there is a demonstrated need for a dog park, the Director may consider other options about park space, including but not limited to time-sharing arrangements with other park users.*

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This proposal exemplifies full and creative utilization of under-used land.

*733.5 The Director shall not approve sites deemed unsuitable for dog parks, which shall be determined on a case-by case basis and may include:*

- (a) Areas designated specifically as playgrounds or children's play areas;*
- (b) Athletic fields and courts;*
- (c) Sensitive habitat areas or wildlife areas determined by the District Department of the Environment (DDOE); and*
- (d) Areas directly upslope from a community garden.*

The proposed site will not interfere with or replace any children's play area, athletic field or court, sensitive habitat area, or community garden. In addition, the proposed site is more than 500 feet away from the nearest residences.

Alternatively, should the Department reject this proposed site, we respectfully request that other District-owned sites be considered, including, in no particular order: (1) the western section of Amidon Field with the gymnasium to the east, the fence separating the field from The Commons' parking lot to the west, and G Street, SW to the north and the fence that separates the field from the playground and basketball courts to the south; or (2) a rectangular section at the southwestern corner of Randall Recreation Center Field.

### **The Surrounding Neighborhood**

The proposed site is geographically located in Ward 6 and would serve the entire ANC 6D.

The immediate area of Lansburgh Park is surrounded by city agencies, Skyline Hotel, Randall Recreation Center, Friendship Baptist Church, Greenleaf Garden Extension, 1<sup>st</sup> District Police Station, Department of Motor Vehicles inspection station and service station as well as apartment and townhouse complexes. Also nearby are commercial establishments, a library, Waterside Metro and real estate development projects at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, South Capitol and Half Street, SW. Southwest is a blossoming neighborhood becoming more active and vibrant for families and visitors. Hundreds of pet-friendly condominiums have been built or renovated in the last few years, drawing in even more residents and businesses.

An added feature of citing the dog park at Lansburgh Park is that it would build a bridge between residents of Southwest on the west of South Capitol and the new community of condominium residents living at Velocity, Capitol Hill Tower, Capital Yards and Capitol Riverfront just east of South Capitol and north of M Street, SE.

### **The Need for a Dog Park**

The exact number of dog owners in Southwest is unknown but there are several indicators that the neighborhood is mindful of dog-owners. The petition to this application contains over 200 signatures of owners and supporters. Dog-friendly "happy hours" and social networking events are held at Cantina Marina on the waterfront. St. Augustine conducts an annual "Blessing of the Animals" event and 7<sup>th</sup> Street Landing brings in Santa for pet photos during the Christmas holiday season.

Because of the geographically small size of Southwest and its density of federal and municipal buildings, very little undesignated green space exists for dog owners to play with their unleashed pets. School playgrounds, athletic fields and federal parkland remain off-limits. Dog owners, particularly those with energetic, social and/or large dogs, have no legal option for exercising their pets. Consequently, we are relegated to exercising our pets in school yards or other open space in the shadows of the law. Fortunately to date, there have not been any serious consequences or major complaints; however, it is our collective sense of civic pride that we seek to have an official off-leash dog park that welcomes us and our pets with no shame or legal citations.

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Absent an official dog park in Southwest to socialize at, we also must drive to other neighborhoods in the District or cross the river into Shirlington, Virginia. With that action, goes financial support for local businesses (coffee, refreshments, food, cocktails, etc.). Our petition for an off-leash dog park has economic benefits to a neighborhood that is in the midst of growth and expansion. An off-leash dog park will result in Southwest residents spending more money with current and future commercial establishments.

Additional benefits of establishing an off-leash dog park are safety and security. Dogs that are well exercised off-leash and socialized regularly are better behaved on-leash and in public. Children and adults hesitant about dogs will experience dogs that are less eager to meet them on walks when they are tired out from exercising and socializing. A community with responsible dog owners also offers enhanced security in the dog owners' homes and acts as a deterrent to petty crimes in-house and on the street.

### **Support for Proposed Dog Park**

In addition to over 200 signatures on the attached petition, this proposal has support letters from:

- ANC 6D
- Carrollsburg, A Condominium
- Town Square Towers Condominium
- Potomac Place Tower Concominium
- Townhouse Management II Homeowners Association
- Townhouse Management III Homeowners Association
- Townhouse Management IV Homeowners Association
- Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond

We expect more organizations and individuals to file supporting comments when the application is noted in the D.C. Register.

### **About Paws of Southwest**

In the spring of 2011, a small group of dog owners decided to coordinate their efforts to establish a neighborhood dog park. Over the course of the first year, meetings and conversations were held with local civic organizations such as the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, the Southwest Community Benefits Coordinating Council; the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation, the Office of Councilman Tommy Wells and with ANC-6 Commissioners. Group dog walks were organized and we created a virtual community through a Google Group at <http://groups.google.com/group/sw-dog-park>.

Today, our membership numbers 100 and interest steadily grows by the week – mostly in response to the potential for an off-leash dog park in Southwest; and now, fund raising efforts and community events. Since the fall of last year, we have been meeting once a month at the Southwest Library and have agreed to organize as the Paws of Southwest. As a civic entity we are aligning ourselves with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and the Friends of Lansburgh Park for financial and legal services.

Establishing an off-leash dog park in our neighborhood will consolidate our membership around the purpose of safeguarding and maintaining our dog park. It will also foster community events and programming for Lansburgh Park. The Paws of Southwest is willing to enforce the rules and ensure ongoing maintenance of the park. We are willing to organize and conduct educational and fun programming around dogs and dog ownership. We look forward to working with DPR to create an off-leash dog part that will work for everyone.

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## **About the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly**

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (Assembly), [www.swna.org](http://www.swna.org), is a private, non-profit citizens' organization formed in the 1960s. Its Officers and Directors are chosen in privately sponsored elections each March. Mr. Kael Anderson ([andkael@hotmail.com](mailto:andkael@hotmail.com)) is the Assembly President for the 2011-2013 term. The Assembly organizes monthly community meetings to discuss issues of concern and present programs. In addition, it leads a number of task forces to further its mission, which is as follows:

*"To improve the quality of life for all residents; to open to every resident the wide cultural horizon of urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational, and economic opportunities for residents of Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for all; and to promote development of the economic and aesthetic potential of Southwest. This mission shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic, and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past. "*

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Support letters from:

- ANC 6D
- Carrollsburg, A Condominium
- Town Square Towers Condominium
- Potomac Place Tower Concominium
- Townhouse Management II Homeowners Association
- Townhouse Management III Homeowners Association
- Townhouse Management IV Homeowners Association
- Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond

SW Dog Park Online Petition (14 pages)

Article about Paws of Southwest, Southwester Newspaper, March 2012 edition



***Near Southeast/Southwest***  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D

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SMD 5 *Roger Moffatt*  
SMD 6 *Rhonda Hamilton*  
SMD 7 *David Garber*

March 16, 2012

Mr. Jesus Aquirre, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
1250 U Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

RE: Support for PAWS of Southwest Representation for Proposed SW Dog Park

Dear Mr. Aquirre:

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012, at which a quorum (4 being a quorum) of ANC Commissioners attended, ANC 6D voted 6-0-1 to designate the PAWS of Southwest as the official community representatives of the proposed dog park to be located in our Southwest community. This endorsement gives PAWS of Southwest ANC 6D's approval for their application to be the sole community organization supporting the park as part of DPR's Park Partners Program.

Please feel free to contact me or Bert Randolph, Administrative Assistant, for ANC6D

Sincerely,

Andy Litsky  
Chairman, ANC 6D



# Carrollsburg, A Condominium

1250 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024  
(202) 554-5780 <> [www.carrollsburgcondo.com](http://www.carrollsburgcondo.com)

March 7, 2012

To: Paws of Southwest  
Re: Support of the dog park at Lansburgh Park

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Carrollsburg, A Condominium, we would like extend our support to the Paws of Southwest for the development of a dog park in Southwest, DC.

Carrollsburg, A Condominium is one of the many pet-friendly residential communities located in Southwest and we applaud the Paws of Southwest for spearheading this very worth-while project. We know that our Daisy, Mr. Gillespie, Justice, Francis, Jenny, Katie, Raven, and others, will be so excited to have a place where they can socialize with other dogs in the neighborhood.

We hope this letter helps to move this project along and we will continue to provide any additional support we can.

Sincerely,



Gail Fast  
President, Carrollsburg, A Condominium



**Town Square Towers Condominium**

700 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024

Phone:202-554-1400  
Fax: 202-488-9223  
tstcondomgt@verizon.net

March 8, 2012

DC Parks and Recreation

Washington, DC

To Whom It May Concern:

Town Square Towers is a pet-friendly condominium in Southwest, and we have many dog owners among our residents. On behalf of our Association, I write in support of efforts to create a dog park in the Southwest.

We recognize that dogs, like people, need the opportunity both to run free and to socialize with others. Currently, there is no place in our neighborhood that is designed for this purpose. As plans are developed to improve parks and recreational facilities in the Southwest, we hope the Department will include our area's dogs in its deliberations.

Best Regards,



Steve Clark

President

# Potomac Place Tower

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TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE CITY

March 27, 2012

**Re: Support of a New Dog Park in Southwest DC**

Dear Paws of Southwest:

The Board of Directors at Potomac Place Tower Condominium writes in support of the Paws of Southwest to create a new dog park in Southwest DC. We want to preserve our community's lawn as well as give the local residents' dogs more open, safe grass to run around.

We thank the Paws of Southwest for this effort, and we look forward to helping build a dog park in Southwest very soon.

Sincerely,

*Board of Directors*

**Potomac Place Tower Condominium**

Government of the District of Columbia  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Office of the Director  
3149 Sixteenth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010

Attention: Dog Park Application for LansburghPark

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Townhouse Management II Association Board, a community of homeowners on Sixth and G Street, S.W., we offer our support for the proposed off-leash dog exercise park to be established at Lansburgh Park, located at I Street and Delaware Avenue, S.W, Washington, DC.

An enclosed, off-leash dog park would benefit the community in multiple ways. First and foremost, it offers dog-owners a designated area to gather to allow their dogs to exercise and socialize with other dogs thereby minimizing the use of playgrounds for the same purpose. Second, an off-leash and fenced-in dog park facilitates community bonds among neighbors encouraging stability and other intrinsic benefits. Another benefit of having a designated dog park is that it encourages dog-owners to better manage dog waste, localizing it in one area rather than throughout neighborhood tree boxes and sidewalks. Finally, the presence of dog owners at Lansburgh Park will in itself breathe new life into an area that has gone unutilized and abandoned for community benefit for decades.

We add our voices to the overwhelming neighborhood consensus for this dog park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Hargis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ron Hargis  
THMII President  
616 G St SW  
Washington, DC 20024-2440

Richard A. Felsenthal  
718 6th St. SW  
Washington, DC 20024  
202-489-7606

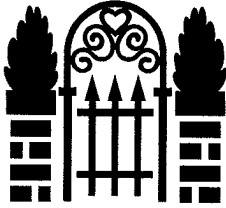
March 19, 2012

To: D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation

From: Richard A. Felsenthal, President  
Townhouse Management III, Inc.

Re: Support of Lansburgh Park dog park

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Townhouse Management III homes, bounded by Sixth, G and H Streets, I write this letter of support for application by Paws of Southwest to establish a neighborhood dog park at Lansburgh Park. We believe such a park will promote responsible dog ownership which will contribute substantially to the character and social life of our Southwest neighborhood. We therefore fully endorse the application for the Lansburgh dog park.



415 G Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

March 22, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Board of Directors of Townhouse Management Four, an association of 94 townhouses located in the area bounded by the north side of G Street, S.W., and 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets, S.W. between G St. and the Freeway.

The THM4 Board supports the creation of a dog park within the City's Lansburgh Park property. Many THM4 residents have dogs, and would very much enjoy having a nearby off-leash park area where they could exercise their pets. The THM4 Board is very appreciative of the Paws of Southwest volunteers who have organized to work actively for a dog park facility; we hope their efforts will prove successful in the very near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Cowgill". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carol A. Cowgill, President, THM4



# Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond

Sixth and I Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C.

March 19, 2012

To whom it may concern:

This letter shall serve to confirm the support of the Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond to PAWS of Southwest as the official community organization representing our neighborhood for the development of a dog park serving the Southwest and Near Southeast communities.

We also welcome a future dog park as a sister park in the community, and look forward to working cooperatively for the betterment of all.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Craycraft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "C".

Bob Craycraft  
Secretary

**Name:** Jessica Seepersad on Sep 4, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:**

**Name:** Darren Seepersad on Sep 4, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Sabrina McNeal on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Lindsay Lam on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Richard Felsenthal on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:** I strongly support a dog park which is sorely needed and long overdue in Southwest DC.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Ryan Lam on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Carolyn Crouch on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Steve Shira on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Joel Roos on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Paul And Diane Smart on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:** Support wholeheartedly

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**Name:** Paul And Diane Smart on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:** Support wholeheartedly

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Sam Fincher on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Steven E. Orr on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:** Our dog Bailey would love a place to play!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Catherine Orr on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Lindsey Schloss on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kevin Recio on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes



**Name:** Jennifer Ibrahim on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Casey Swindler on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jessica Lohmann on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jaime Duque on Sep 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Martha Clark on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:** I have two dogs that would love a safe place to run around in the city and play with other dog friends. A dog park is a must for this growing community of ours!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Olivia Paek on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:** You have my support!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Naomi N. Shelton on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kimberly Enger on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:** Southwest really needs a dog park!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Nicole Tosh on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:** Lived in SW from 2009-2011. A dog park would be a great community addition to this up-and-coming neighborhood!

**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** Gail Fast on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:** We need a dog park in Southwest. On any given Saturday you can see so many people out walking their dogs. The community need one.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Hannelore Meyer on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

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**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Lydia Jean Herz on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:** I think a SW dog park will be of great benefit to the SW community as we revive and grow. In my Harbour Square neighborhood the dog population is fairly high as we seem to be among the few coops that permit owners to have dogs. It would be good to have a place where dogs could go for off-leash exercise.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Stephanie Anderson on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Julie Mills on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Hope Miller on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Daniel Holt on Sep 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Anne Willis on Sep 7, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Katrinka Stringfield on Sep 7, 2011

**Comments:** We need a dog park in D,C,

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Pamela Wilson on Sep 7, 2011

**Comments:** We desperately need a dog park in SW. There are so many dogs here and there is no safe place for them to play.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 7, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Robert S. Smith on Sep 7, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Michael Hindi on Sep 7, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Toni Billingslea on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** Desperately needed.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Bridget Gonzales Young on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** I am a 20+ year resident of Southwest and wholly endorse the establishment of a dog park in our neighborhood. It promotes community fellowship and responsible pet ownership/care.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Margaret McCown on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** As a resident of SW, I strongly support the creation of a dog park in this neighborhood.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Robert (Bob) D. Craycraft on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** As one of the ANC Commissioners for the Southwest Waterfront ANC 6D, I note my support of this project.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Bill And Diane Smart on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** Pets are family. They deserve a recreation spot just like the rest of us!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Angela Kordyak on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Corinne & David Scott on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** where is the proposed location?

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Corinne & David Scott on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Perry Klein on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Meridena Kauffman on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** I support the SW dogpark & will pick up after my dog to keep it clean & safe for the neighborhood.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Carol Perry on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** John Hopkins on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** Thanks

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Cynthia Gurne on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Moving to SW soon

**Name:** Cynthia Gurne on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Moving to SW soon

**Name:** Tonya Shive on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** My dogs and I can't wait!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Nick Matiella on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Andy Peers on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Linda Chandlee on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** Please, please, please.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Linda Chandlee on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** Please, please, please.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Alison Teitelbaum on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** SW DC is in serious need of a dog park. SW is a growing community and a common space such as this will help with continuing to build a sense of community and neighborhood among its residents, as well as help to position it as an attractive and appealing quadrant in which to live, work and play.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Robert Weller on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** I support a dog park in SW DC.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Leslie A. Burke on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** I support this effort.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Rob Teitelbaum on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** Please do this--our dogs need a safe and legal place to get off-leash exercise! They promise their masters will always clean up after them.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Gina Weller on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** We currently do not have a dog but when we did dog parks were a great way for them to play and learn to socialize, plus meet other dog lovers.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Gina Lantz Weller on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** We currently do not have a dog but when we did dog parks were a great way for them to play and learn to socialize, plus meet other dog lovers.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Bruce Buelken on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Samir Cummings on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Paul Bobb on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Carol Hedgpeth on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** I feel it is imperative for our growing SW community to have a dog park. Good for dogs, residents and the community. A "must"!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jane Jorgensen on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kay Hixson on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Sam Baker on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jim Weaver on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Stacy Braverman on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** John Kircher on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Rick Bardach on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Christy Meyer on Sep 8, 2011

**Comments:** I own property in SW and I believe this would increase my property value.

**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** Mary Beth Moore on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:** Please support this dog park.  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** IRENE HANAS SANDERS on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:** I support the establishment of a SW Community Dog Park.  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Lorelei Long on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:** As a dog owner living in a condo for the past three years in Southwest, I must drive to the nearest dog park outside of Southwest, versus being able to walk to one in my quadrant of the city. As the Southwest community of residents grows, so has the dog population. It is important that Southwest meet the needs of its residents who have dogs, by affording us a dog park within walking distance in Southwest.  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Meron Tamerat on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Keir Jorgensen on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:** I strongly support the establishment of a dog park in Southwest  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Keir Jorgensen on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Leslie Roos on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Cecille Chen on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:** SW needs a dog park!  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jodi McCarthy on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Carol Horgan on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:** great idea!  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Tamara Simpson on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:** thank you!  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Duane Iverson on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Casey Hiser on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Richard Hall on Sep 8, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Meg Tulloch on Sep 9, 2011  
**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Margaret Brinckman on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Andy Litsky on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Philip Wong-Cross on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:** Is it known where this non-leash park will be in SW?

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Stephanie Eiche on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:** Would love this and perhaps those dog owners currently using my front yard as a doggie area and not cleaning up after themselves will stop.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Vicki Peckham on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Meghan Johnson on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kelly Nagel on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Lee Olohan on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:** SW needs a dog park!!!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Benjamin Murray on Sep 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 10, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jessica Mark on Sep 10, 2011

**Comments:** An enclosed off-leash dog park would be wonderful for this community where there are so many dog owners. I firmly believe it would be safer and more convenient not just for the dogs and their owners but for SW residents and visitors (waterfront bikers, etc) who may want to avoid dogs.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Bertus Tempelhoff on Sep 10, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Saadia Athias on Sep 11, 2011

**Comments:** The increase of SW dogs in the community needs an area to congregate. Good idea! Saadia Athias SWNA 2nd District Rep

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 12, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Stephanie Villaflor on Sep 12, 2011

**Comments:** I'm available to help, too!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** BRENDA on Sep 12, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Anne Martin on Sep 13, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Andrea Pawley on Sep 13, 2011

**Comments:** A dog park would be a great addition to SW DC.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Carol Perry on Sep 13, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jennifer Wiles on Sep 14, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Lindsay Lewis on Sep 14, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Heather Foley on Sep 21, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Heather Foley on Sep 21, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Anne De Biasi on Sep 21, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** John Coulter & Philip Schmitt on Sep 22, 2011

**Comments:** As owners of Skip (a Westie), we strongly support a Dog Park in Southwest.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kat on Sep 22, 2011

**Comments:** We desperately need a dog park - Woof!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Steve Morris on Sep 23, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Blake Ourso on Sep 23, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Melissa Marshall on Sep 23, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Rebecca Uecker on Sep 26, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Andrea Lipiro on Sep 26, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Hannah Johnson on Sep 26, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Santiago Vallinas on Sep 26, 2011

**Comments:** I would love to have a dog park in SW!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Michael Talavera on Sep 26, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Sep 26, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** Danielle Williams on Sep 27, 2011

**Comments:** I'd love to have an off-leash area where I could let my dog run around! The SW quadrant would benefit from a dog-friendly green space.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Peter Kiss on Sep 27, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Brittney Henderson on Sep 27, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** Salvador Gonzales on Sep 28, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Tim Donovan on Sep 29, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Ryan Lehman on Sep 29, 2011

**Comments:** I absolutely support the creation of such a park. Such parks have a proven record of inspiring a greater sense of community in neighborhoods that create and maintain them.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Sarah Vail on Oct 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kevin Bliss on Oct 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jennifer Castor on Oct 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Oct 6, 2011



**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Ashley M. Meyn on Oct 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Douglas Owens on Oct 6, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Chris on Oct 11, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jeff on Oct 12, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Bobby 6th Street on Oct 12, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Lynn Davis on Oct 14, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** Diane Lucas on Oct 20, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Gwyn Jones on Oct 24, 2011

**Comments:** A dog park that is suitable for large and small dogs alike is very much needed in SW.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Elliott Datlow on Oct 26, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Moving to SW soon

**Name:** Shane Thomas on Oct 27, 2011

**Comments:** I think this is a great idea

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Oct 31, 2011

**Comments:** Yes, create a dog park please!

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Arturo Clark on Oct 31, 2011

**Comments:** My dog Ollie would really appreciate a park where he could play and socialize with other dogs.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Stephanie J. Markgraf on Nov 4, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Margo Eastlund on Nov 4, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kelly Malloy on Nov 7, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Rita Schwarz on Nov 7, 2011

**Comments:** SW needs an off-leash dog park for the growing number of dogs in our community.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Amy Mall on Nov 8, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Moving to SW soon

**Name:** Donna Boyer on Nov 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Kelley O'Connell on Nov 9, 2011

**Comments:** I don't have a dog but I support a dedicated place for dogs to move about without the constraints of a leash.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Mark Thompson on Nov 9, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Annette Fancher-Bishop on Nov 10, 2011

**Comments:** We live in SW and would love to have a dog park for our dog to play in, but it MUST be established in a safe area, or we will not use it.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Matthew Curtin on Nov 10, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Carolyn Hall on Nov 10, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Nov 10, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Joe Spruill on Nov 10, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Andrew McNeill on Nov 14, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** John Bowyer on Nov 14, 2011

**Comments:** We own a condo at Potomac Place - 355 I St, SW, Apt S-313, but we have leased it out. We actually now live in Boston, MA.

**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Nov 14, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Nov 14, 2011

**Comments:** The community needs this and should be on equal footing with the other city quadrants.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Laura Rotondo on Nov 14, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Mike Sodo on Nov 14, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Michelle Barto Davis on Nov 14, 2011

**Comments:** I lived in SW for 6 years with a dog (from 8/2005-9/2011). I currently own a condo in SW, but live out of state.  
**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** Brent Watson on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Cathy D. Milner on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Laura Reyes on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:** Our dog would love a safe, allocated dog park where he could run around and socialize with other dogs!  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Melinda Whitemarsh on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Jessica Petro on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Matt Macy on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:** A dog park would be a great place to safely let my dogs out!  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Andrew Friedman on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Hannah Bierlein on Nov 14, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** *Anonymous* on Nov 15, 2011  
**Comments:** I own a condo in SW DC and love dogs. I think dogs and their owners should have a dog park in the neighborhood.  
**Do you live in SW?:** No

**Name:** Brandon F. on Nov 15, 2011  
**Comments:** Dog parks bring neighbors together  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Sterling Higgins on Nov 15, 2011  
**Comments:** What an amazing idea for SW to have a dog park. I live in a building full of dogs. Every morning the sidewalks are crowded with dog owners walking their pets.  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Sterling Higgins on Nov 15, 2011  
**Comments:** What an amazing idea for SW to have a dog park. I live in a building full of dogs. Every morning the sidewalks are crowded with dog owners walking their pets.  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Brionne Dawson on Nov 15, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** William Evans on Nov 15, 2011  
**Comments:**  
**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** C.F. Mattox on Nov 22, 2011

**Comments:** We need and support the creation of a dog park in SW.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Anne De Biasi on Nov 23, 2011

**Comments:** I don't have a dog but have appreciated and benefitted from our informal dog gathering spots, which have been community hubs in the 10 years I have lived in SW.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Janae Holmes on Dec 5, 2011

**Comments:** SW resident and dog owner.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Parks Bennett on Dec 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Leslie Burke on Dec 5, 2011

**Comments:** I support a dog park in SW.

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Nicole Turo on Dec 5, 2011

**Comments:**

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Katrinka Stringfield on Dec 5, 2011

**Comments:** Unleashed dog park: (1) provide a community setting in which people can gather and socialize (2) provides a place where they can observe the interaction of groups of dogs at play. (3) Dog parks allow owners and their dogs to spend time together while the dog satisfies its cravings for canine play and companionship (4) give dogs a place to exercise safely, thus reducing barking and other problem behaviors

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

**Name:** Dr. Natasha N. Powell on Dec 18, 2011

**Comments:** I recently moved from Friendship Heights after buying a townhouse in Southwest this summer. I was saddened to learn Southwest does not have many of the amenities I came to appreciate in Northwest and hope the dog park becomes a reality. Dr.

Natasha N. Powell

**Do you live in SW?:** Yes

# The Paws of Southwest: Our Two- and Four-foot Residents

By Gwyn Jones

Last spring in these pages, you may have read about the formation of a group of SW dog owners who wanted to create a dog park here in Southwest. For the last

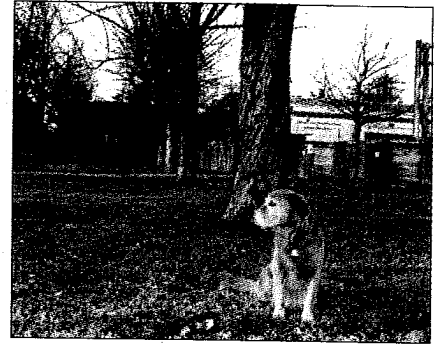
several months the group has been working quietly behind the scenes to grow the group and build support for our 4-footed friends to have a safe place to play off-leash.

Our group now has a name: The Paws of

Southwest, and we hope you'll be seeing and hearing a lot more from us in the coming months. Working closely with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, we hope to be a catalyst for the rejuvenation of Lansburgh Park, at Delaware and I streets, SW.

Although right now Lansburgh has been neglected by DC Parks and Recreation – the lighting hasn't worked in years, for example – we see it for its potential as a gathering place for humans and canines alike. It's a huge space, and we believe part of it could be fenced off for dogs, leaving the rest of it for gatherings and festivals, a community garden, perhaps a playground – and who knows?

Like many Southwesters, we are looking forward to the park planning and visioning



water fountains, etc., that this park needs to be great public space.

In addition to creating a dog park, the Paws of Southwest aims to help build our commu-

nity through responsible dog ownership. We want to be good neighbors and help educate dog owners and non-dog owners alike in the fun and responsibilities of having dogs in the city.

The Paws of Southwest currently meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Southwest Public Library meeting room. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 7. We

also encourage you to join us. You can also find us on our Google Group, [SW Dog Park](#). There you'll be able to keep up with Paws of Southwest activities as well as volunteer opportunities.

(Gwyn Jones is a 19-year resident of Southwest and a volunteer with the Paws of Southwest)

## Religious Calendar

### Galilee A.M.E. Church

Worshipping at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW  
202-258-6812  
Rev. S. Isaiah Harvin  
Sunday: 2 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study  
7:30 p.m.

### Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God

60 I St. SW  
202-251-5137  
Pastor Fitzgerald Carter  
Sunday: 10:45 a.m.; Friday Prayer and Bible Study: 8 p.m.

### Carron Baptist Church

1354 First St., SW  
202-484-3172  
Pastor Lester W. Allen  
Sunday: 11 a.m.  
Tuesday: Noon Day Prayer, 7:30 p.m.  
Bible Study

### Friendship Baptist Church

900 Delaware Ave. SW  
202-488-7417  
Rev. Dr. J. Michael Little, Pastor  
Sunday: 9:30 A.M., Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Service and Bible Study

### Riverside Baptist Church

Seventh St. and Maine Avenue SW  
202-554-4330  
Pastor Michael Bledsoe, Ph.D.  
Sunday: 10 a.m. with Bible Study at 9 a.m.

### St. Matthew's Baptist Church

1105 New Jersey Ave. SE  
202-488-7298  
Rev. Dr. Maxwell M. Washington, Pastor  
Sunday: 8 a.m. Sunday School; 9:05 a.m. Worship Service  
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

### St. Dominic Catholic Parish

603 E St. SW  
202-554-7863  
Fr. George Schommer  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. (Spanish), and 5:15 p.m.

### St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

14 M St. SE  
202-488-1354  
Fr. Richard Gancayco  
Sunday: 8 a.m.  
Mon. and Fri.: 12:10 p.m.

### St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

600 M St. SW  
202-554-3222  
Rev. Martha Clark  
marthacklark@yahoo.com  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Worshipping at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Fourth St. NW at Judiciary Square  
410-375-5053 (cell)  
Pastor Phillip Huber  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.: Bread and Soup, 6:45 p.m.  
Evening Prayer

### Christ United Methodist Church

900 Fourth St. SW  
202-554-9117  
Rev. Adrienne Terry  
Sunday: 10 a.m.  
Thursday: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study

### St. Paul African Union Methodist Protestant Church

401 I St., SE  
202-997-3049  
Rev. Karen Mills



session that SWNA is working to organize so that we can come together and create a place that everyone in our community will enjoy coming to. We hope that we can help SWNA demonstrate to DCPR that there is a strong constituency for Lansburgh Park and advocate not just the dog park, but just as important the capital improvements such as lighting,

also encourage you to join us. You can also find us on our Google Group, [SW Dog Park](#). There you'll be able to keep up with Paws of Southwest activities as well as volunteer opportunities.

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## Take Back Our Park

By Kael Anderson

Lansburgh Park is the largest, most centrally-located recreation/park space for Southwesters. A recent article in the Southwester explored the park's notable history. But notwithstanding an expansive mowed lawn among other amenities, it provides little to no benefit to Southwest—recreational, environmental, or otherwise. Indeed some of our elected representatives in the Wilson Building recently proposed using it for residential development.

It's time to take Lansburgh back.

A group of stakeholders including DC Council reps, DPR staff, ANC commissioners, recreational groups, and neighbors have

been holding exploratory meetings. We have the support of Councilmember Tommy Wells' office and the DC Department of Parks and Recreation to improve the grounds, making them both attractive and functional. A couple of groups have already come forward and developed plans to activate portions of the park and fund related improvements. Basketball courts also have been proposed since those at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School may have a limited future.

But no plans have been set in stone. Indeed we're organizing a community charrette on Lansburgh Park for this spring to crystallize the plan for the Park, including what improvements will occur. Contact us at [LansburghPark@gmail.com](mailto:LansburghPark@gmail.com) if you have an interest in participating.