



## Woofs and Wags from NOLA City Bark 🐾

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### **Bark Bits** **April 6, 2011**

**STREET CLOSURES & CITY PARK EVENTS**  
**PATIENCE IS REQUESTED**

Please note that the dog park is open during these events but the park may be only accessible by foot until the event is over.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9:** Tour De Lis, a 5K walk/run and/or 3 mile bike ride, will begin at 8am behind Tad Gormley Stadium on Roosevelt Mall in City Park. Streets around the dog park will be closed to vehicular traffic until about **9:30am**. Please check the event website for exact closures. If you would like to participate in or learn more about this event, which raises money for New Orleans area cancer survivors, go to [www.tourdelis.com](http://www.tourdelis.com)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16:** Fat Boy 5K will start at 8AM on Roosevelt Mall and will run down Marconi and turn onto Zachary Taylor. You should be able to access the dog park via Diagonal Drive from Harrison Ave

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17:** part of the Iron Man will run through City Park. It is our understanding that Zachary Taylor Drive will be available for access to the dog park. Please visit [www.ironmanneworleans.com](http://www.ironmanneworleans.com) for route times, etc. .

**AUTOMOBILE BURGULARIES:** Most of you are aware of the recent rash of car break-ins that have occurred at the dog park. We are working with City Park Administration, City Park Police, and the NOPD to help end this problem. City Park is currently installing surveillance cameras outside the dog park. Additionally, NOPD will have mounted police patrol the park area twice weekly. Please, continue to be aware of activity, and keep all valuables or anything that could look to be of value to a criminal in your trunk; and if you see anything suspicious or unusual, call NOPD at 911 and then City Park Police at 421-9307.



photo by Malay Ghosehajra

**PREDATOR / PREY:** Many small dog owners feel comfortable allowing their small dogs into the large dog park. However, most people are not aware of the predator/prey event that can develop. Larger dogs can perceive a small dog to be of another species; a group of usually non-aggressive large dogs might become a "pack" in the large dog park and chase or "hunt" a little dog. If you are the owner of a small dog, particularly a small, active dog weighing less than 15 pounds, please limit your visits in the large dog area to times when the large dog area is relatively empty. If your small dog is in the large dog area, be aware of his location at all times. If you

*\*Please be aware that we are giving the best information that we can concerning street closures that affect access to the dog park. Always check event websites, when available, to become informed about activities and municipal street closures.*

**ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS:** To see your pooch pictures from the anniversary celebration, go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/malayghosehajra>. The photos are organized by the dog's name. Malay Ghosehajra, our volunteer photographer, said they should be ready for viewing this weekend.



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**COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT:**



**A Constant Reminder!**

Please pick up after your pooch - do a good deed and pay it forward with an extra pick-up!



notice that larger dogs are chasing him, even if it seems to be in play, please remove your small dog to the small dog area for his own safety. Small dogs weighing less than 10 pounds are probably happier and safer in the small dog area

**JUST SAY, "NO!"** Most of us feel uncomfortable saying "no" to what seems to be an innocent request. However, all permit holders have been given many opportunities to renew their swipe cards. You have been responsible and paid the \$35 annual fee to renew your card.

Fees go toward park maintenance, repairs and upkeep. The recent resodding of the hill, for example, cost almost \$3000. Fresh sand for the "pit" must be added several times a year at a cost of approximately \$600 per load. Poop bags, grounds maintenance, cleaning of the park, electricity, water, salary of 1 staff employee, etc. are all costs that must be paid for by the annual fee

Maintenance cost should be shared by all who utilize the park and the annual fee is considered a bargain by most permit holders. **DO NOT ADMIT ENTRANCE TO PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE CARDS OR WHO SHOW A CARD AND CLAIM THAT IT IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY!**



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**PERMIT PURCHASE & RENEWALS:** Visit [www.nolacitybark.org](http://www.nolacitybark.org) for permitrenewal information.

Permits may be purchased at the City Park Administration building from 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Renewals may simply be mailed in to City Park/Dog Park, #1 Palm Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124.

Forms are available in the container by the kiosk at the dog park entry pavilion or may be downloaded from our website

**VISITORS:** We are entering the "festival season" in New

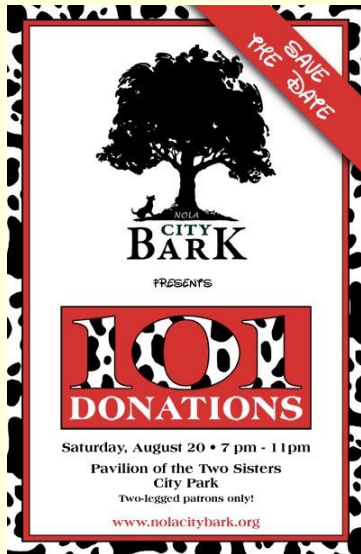
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**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**  
NOLACity Bark will host its second "101 Donations" fundraiser at the Pavillion of the Two Sisters in City Park. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 to be used for the installation of lights and irrigation.

Our adorable Dalmatian wooden cut-out dogs will once again be for sale and hung on the fence to show your support for the dog park.

Mark your calendar for an evening of food, drink, music and a fantastic auction.

If you would like to help with a committee-auction, food, decorating, etc, contact us at [info@nolacitybark.org](mailto:info@nolacitybark.org).



Orleans, and many of you will be hosting out of town guests with pets. Temporary 2 week permits or 3 day permits are available for out-of-towners for \$15 and \$10, respectively. Buyers must fill out the same form as annual permit holders and follow the same rules. Temporary permits must be purchased by credit card and picked up at and returned to the front desk in the administration building between 8am and 5pm, Monday - Friday. Call the dog park office at 504 493-9377 for details

**NEW SOIL AND TURF FOR HILL:** Please try to keep your dogs out of the fenced area while the grass takes root.

LOOK FOR INFORMATION COMING SOON ABOUT HOW YOU CAN NAME YOUR VERY OWN DALMATIAN AND HELP LIGHT UP THE PARK!

\*Post it in Bark Bits: If you are involved with a dog related non-profit fundraiser or event, we would like to hear from you so we can post it in Bark Bits. Please send us all pertinent information about the event at least 4 weeks prior to the event so we can include it in Bark Bits. Also, if you have a funny or positive anecdote related to NOLA City Bark, we would like to hear about it. To be considered for posting in Bark Bits, all information should be sent to [barkbits@gmail.com](mailto:barkbits@gmail.com) instead of our "info@" address. You must include your full name, email address, and daytime telephone number so we can confirm the information you have sent. (Questions, concerns, rule violations, etc., should still be sent to the "info@" address that is posted on our website.)



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