

From: Natalie Richardson <richardson.natalie8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 9:20 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Hawthorne Park - Dog Status

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Park Commissioners ~

Hello, I'm writing in regards to the recent posting of Hawthorne Park being changed to a "dog free" park.

My husband & I have lived in the immediate area on Dunning Street for 17 years and thoroughly have enjoyed this park. Our 1st dog who lived to 14 years loved to walk through the park daily on leash with us and explore. We now have a new puppy that is following in those same footsteps, always leashed. We respect non-dog park goers all the time, but over 1/2 the time they *want* to pet/play with our dog. This park is a place in the neighborhood that provides community for neighbors, with or without dogs and we would hate to see this disappear.

In addition, we always pick up our dog's waste to respect the non-dog park goers.

There is no reason why these 2 groups of neighbors can not co-exist within the park/neighborhood together.

Please keep this park as a place where licensed/leashed dogs can go with their families.

Thanks for your consideration, appreciate it!

Natalie and Mark Richardson
158 Dunning Street

From: Jane Schroeder <jane.a.schroeder@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 7:57 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Hawthorne Park

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Greetings, all~

I live at 217 Division St, directly across from Hawthorne Park. I have lived here for 31 years, have watched my own kids and dozens of others grow up in the park. As a neighborhood, we have created many, many events and gatherings in Hawthorne Park. I am not a dog owner but I am passionate about maintaining opportunities for people to gather.

For years, I have watched dog owners and their pets gather early in the morning from about 7am-9am. The dogs play and owners visit. The dog owners in this neighborhood are respectful and pick up after their dogs. The owners I know wouldn't hesitate to pick up after someone else's dog if poop is missed.

In these early morning times, families are not present with young kids and few adult walkers are in the area.

I would propose that Hawthorne Park remain a on-leash, dog-friendly park with off-leash privileges from 7-9am daily. And I would personally encourage dog owners to leash their dogs if, in the rare event, a family or individual arrives or passes through. We have always been a neighborhood of great relationships and fair problem solving.

If Covid taught us anything, it's to not take for granted the importance of gathering together.

I know we can come up with a good solution for all. We always have.

Thanks~

Jane Schroeder

From: Carol Weidel <c.weidel@willystreet.coop>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: dogs in Hawthorne Pk

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Hello Commissioners,

I enjoy visiting Hawthorne Park with Sadie the dog. Some day it's nice to just sit in the shade of a tree on the hill and watch the kids on the playground. When we are walking, she loves all the smells, and an occasional neighborhood dog. There are lots of sticks to pick up and carry. It's dog heaven.

Please continue to allow dogs in parks.

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From: Madison Parks <parks@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 11:41 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FW: General Park Inquiry

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Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 5:11 PM

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Subject: General Park Inquiry

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Hello,

Please please please keep Hawthorne Park dog friendly!!! It is the only park in this neighborhood and many of us do not have back yards. Where are those of us with both children and dogs supposed to go??

This park is a vital spot for the community to gather; I have met so many wonderful friends and neighbors here because of our dogs. Some have even gone on to become clients of mine and helped my small business to grow!

We have lived on Division St for over seven years and not ONCE have I heard of a complaint or incident because of dogs. There is never any dog poop left out. All the children I've seen at the park have been excited to meet my dog.

Please don't let one grumpy neighbor who is "nervous" around dogs ruin a wonderful spot for our community. It would be just as silly to ban kids because they are loud.

Thank you!
