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Opening New Dog Park

December 5, 2012 – Beloit, WI: On Friday, December 7, 2012, the City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division will officially open their new Dog Park.

This new facility is located at the northwest intersection of Springbrook Court and Willowbrook Road in Beloit, in the detention basin area of Springbrook Creek. Access to the Dog Park is available through Leeson Park located at Milwaukee Road and Leeson Drive. A walking trail along Springbrook Creek at the east end of Leeson Park leads to the Dog Park entrance. Users of the Dog Park should park in the designated area in Leeson Park and walk their dog(s) on-leash to the Dog Park, and only release their dog off-leash once they have entered the fenced in area.

The Dog Park is approximately 2.5 acres in size and is enclosed by 1700 linear feet of fencing. The enclosed off-leash area is divided into two separate areas; one area specified for small breed dogs (approximately .5 acre in size), and another larger area (approximately 2.0 acres in size) designed for large breed dogs. Dog owners will be required to either pay the daily fee that will be placed in a drop-box at the entrance gate, or they can purchase an Annual Dog Tag that can be worn by their dog.

DOG PARK USERS FEES AND/OR DOG ID PASS (Effective: January 1, 2013)

1. The Daily Dog Park User Fee must be placed in the Drop Box unless your dog bears the appropriate City of Beloit Dog Park ID.

| 2. | User Fees: | <u>Resident Fee</u> | <u>Non-Resident Fee</u> |
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| | Annual User ID Pass | \$20.00/Year | \$30.00/Year |
| | Each Additional Dog | \$10.00/Year | \$10.00/Year |
| | Daily Fee | \$5.00/Visit | \$5.00/Visit |
| | • Dog Park ID & Dog License Combo (*) | \$25.00/Year | |
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- (*) Dog Park ID & Dog License Combo must be purchased at the same time and are only available at the Beloit City Hall.
- 3. Dog Park User Fees may be purchased at any of the following locations:
 - a.) City Hall Clerk's Office, 100 State Street
 - b.) DPW Operations/Parks Building, 2351 Springbrook Court
 - c.) Leisure Services Office, 1003 Pleasant Street

All dog owners are responsible for the actions of their dog(s) and need to have control of their dog(s) at all times when using this special facility. Rules and user information is posted at the entrance area, and each dog owner should read and familiarize themselves with the appropriate usage requirements before entering.

DESIGNATED RULES:

- 1. Open daily from sunrise to sunset.
- 2. The Daily Dog Park User Fee must be placed in the Drop Box unless your dog bears the appropriate City of Beloit Dog Park ID.
- 3. Dogs are permitted off-leash within the enclosed fenced area only!
- 4. Owners are responsible for their dog(s) at all times!
- 5. Each Dog Park user is allowed a maximum of three (3) dogs per adult inside the dog park.
- 6. Dogs should not be left unattended.
- 7. Aggressive and/or threatening dogs must immediately be removed from the park.
- 8. The Dog Park is strictly for dogs only! No other pets allowed!
- 9. All owners are required to pick-up after their dog. Waste bags and receptacles are available, please use them and dispose of waste properly!
- 10. Dogs are prohibited in the park if they are under the age of four (4) months, or if they are a female dog "in-heat".
- 11. Dog treats are allowed only for dog training purposes.
- 12. Smoking is prohibited inside the enclosed fenced area!
- 13. Commercial use of the Dog Park is prohibited, without City authorization.

The City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division strives to provide a fun, safe, and attractive environment for all its residents and visitors to our park sites. By using this special park, users agree and assume all responsibility and liability of risk by unleashing their dog(s) in this facility. This Dog Park is an unsupervised facility, therefore users are required to abide by all rules and proper etiquette at all times while on the premises and maintains proper supervision of your dog(s). The continual use of this park depends on users behaving responsibly and obeying all the rules as designated below. The main priority at all times is the proper control and supervision of one's dog(s).

For additional information, please contact the City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division at 608/364-2929.