

THE GHENT DOG PARK ASSOCIATION

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Dear Friend and Neighbor,

The Stockley Gardens Dog Park Phase 1 development project – the fence - is almost a reality.

The commitment and hard work of a core group of grassroots volunteers and the generosity of our supporters have to date raised \$25,000 in pledges and donations. Our goal – to raise \$34,000 by June of 2009 so that we can work quickly with the City of Norfolk to build the beautiful fence around the park by next summer to make it safe.

Five years ago, the Stockley Gardens Dog Park, located on the 1 ¼ acre 1300 block of Stockley Gardens between Maury and Baldwin Avenues, was officially designated an off leash park by the City of Norfolk. A dedicated group of volunteers immediately began plans for its development and have worked closely with the city, the neighborhood league and Ghent businesses. We have over 100 dog park members and many generous donors.

There are over 900 dog parks around the country. Our Stockley Gardens Dog Park is unique because it is located in an urban, historic area with a dense population, auto and pedestrian traffic and a great many families with dogs. The park is being developed for the enjoyment of dog owners and their canine companions and for everyone in Ghent who enjoys a beautiful, safe park space.

The Ghent Dog Park Association is committed to the Stockley Gardens Dog Park long term. The building of the powder coated aluminum fence with stately brick columns is only Phase 1. After the fence is built, the Association will continue its efforts to beautifully landscape and furnish the park with amenities. Water fountains, new waste disposal receptacles, sand areas, and attractive lighting will be added as funds are raised. The City of Norfolk will regularly maintain the grounds.

The support of our Ghent neighbors has made our efforts successful. Please give your support. Attached is donation/membership form. You may donate or pledge. Naming opportunities are still available. Please fill out the form and return it to the GDPA at the address listed at the bottom of the form. Your gift is tax deductible.

We're almost there. We need you now more than ever to make our beautiful dog park a reality. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Anna Goldenberg
Chairman, Ghent Dog Park Association

PS You can find out more about our dog park events, review development plans and may make your donation or membership payment on line at ghentdogpark.com. Thank you!