

# A Howlin' G<sup>o</sup>o<sup>d</sup> Time

## OFF-LEASH NEWS



Spring arrives in River Park



APRIL 2019

### River Park Clean-up Saturday, April 13 9:30am to 11:30am

Enjoy a walk with your dog while you pitch in to help. More details on this page.



### Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs Friday, April 19 Registration 9am Hunt 10am

A fun seasonal event that benefits a great cause. Find more info on this page.

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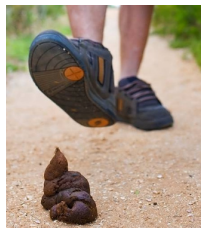
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## Give River Park a Paw Up



Snow has disappeared and signs of spring are showing up in River Park.

Show the park some love and attention so that it's off to a good start before the busiest

usage begins. Unfortunately there's a LOT of left over dog poop for various reasons. While we're at it, let's also pick up any garbage and cigarette butts.

Join us to make it right. Here are the details:

- Who: You and your dog  
What: River Park clean up  
Where: River Park  
When: Saturday, April 13 | 9:30am to 11:30am (come for part or all of the time)  
Why: To benefit everyone and every dog  
Note:
  - Bring gloves/bags or a pail/shovel
  - Wear suitable clothing and footwear  
Check-in: Sign-up at the Friends of River Park table and be assigned an area (results sent to the City of Calgary)

Please spread the word. Hope to see you there!



## 2019 Park Clean-up Schedule

If you and your dog love River Park please consider helping us maintain our off-leash privileges through organized group clean-up efforts. For those who like to plan in advance, here are all of the planned clean-up dates for River Park (weather permitting). Reminders will be posted in our newsletter and on social media. Hope you'll join us!

Saturday, April 13  
Saturday, June 22 (with The City of Calgary)  
Saturday, August 24 (with The City of Calgary)  
Saturday, Oct 19  
Sunday, Nov 2

## Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

Register your dog for a National Service Dogs (NSD) fun event. All money raised support NSD's award-winning Certified Service Dog programs.

Good Friday, April 19  
Calaway Park (245033 Range Rd 33)  
Registration 9am; Egg Hunt 10am

Dogs can search for thousands of plastic eggs filled with treats and a sticker that represents a chance to win one of hundreds of great prizes.



Participants receive two egg cartons, which means your dog can collect up to 24 eggs, each with a chance to win. [Get more info.](#)



## Emergency Services

[Calgary Humane Society](#) (CHS) has a Petsafe Keeping Program (PSK) that offers safety planning, support and short-term housing to people and pets who are victims of family violence or abuse. To qualify, individuals must be referred by or verified by a social worker, police officer or case worker from a recognized emergency family shelter. Admittance to the program is only considered after all criteria have been met, and is granted at the discretion of the CHS.

[Learn more](#) about this extremely valuable community resource program.

## Seasonal Reminder

Nice weather typically means we and our dogs become more active. Some of our dogs are really eager to start chasing the ball and going for longer walks or runs with their people. Since the dogs still have their winter coats, it's easy for them to feel the heat more than we do. And if you have a dog that's been less active during winter, they may need a bit of an adjustment period as weather changes.

For now, you may want to consider carrying some water for you and your furry friend until the water fountain becomes available. Good news, it shouldn't be too much longer. Water service usually returns around the May long weekend.



## Low Income Dog People

Individuals or families with pets who have low incomes or have been affected by the economic downturn, may be concerned they'll soon have to give up their furry family members. If you or someone you know is in this situation, help is available. Here are some options:

1. The Calgary Humane Society has a one-time emergency food bank program.
2. The Calgary Food Bank provides pet food.
3. The City of Calgary has low-cost spay/neuter services.

If you know of other helpful resources, please let us know and we'll share the info in the newsletter and through social media.

## Non-Emergency Incidents

Occasionally unfortunate incidents such as break-ins, vandalism or dog bites happen at River Park. If you ever have to report a non-emergency incident, this is done through 3-1-1.

Early during reporting, one of the details the operator requests is the park's address, something few park users know. It's 4500 14A St SW (park stretches from 38 Ave to 50 Ave). To describe a location within the park, it may be helpful to know feeder roads include 14 Street, 38 Avenue, 42 Avenue, 46 Avenue and 50 Avenue. Landmarks include the parking lot and Eric Harvie monument (rock) at the south end, the fountain and bulletin board across from 46 Avenue and the bisecting fence at the north end just after 42 Avenue.

## Some Sure Signs of Spring in River Park

Dianne H was recently enjoying mild weather during a long walk with her dog Gibbs in River Park. She sent some photos showing the first signs of spring.



## Paws for Thought

Some interesting finds to share with everyone this month.



[5 signs](#) your dog has ticks from [PetMD](#)



[A video](#) by the [Ontario SPCA](#) showing how to remove a tick from your dog



Thanks to Lana D for sharing a [heartwarming story](#) from [the Dodo](#) about young boy saving hundreds of shelter dogs

