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CITY RENAMES DOG PARK FOR LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AND CBGS BOARD MEMBER PEGGY HOWELL



It's official! The City Commission unanimously approved "Resolution 2019-101 - A Resolution Renaming the Tower Park Dog Park Miss Peggy's Bark Park" at their November 11th meeting!

Background

Peggy Howell, who served on the Citizens for Brentwood Green Space (CBGS) board for many years, died Nov. 13, 2018 after a 2-year battle with ALS. Our board spent many months looking for an

appropriate way to honor Peggy and finally learned of an opportunity to rename a local dog park to "Miss Peggy's Bark Park"! Anyone that knew Peggy knew of her love of dogs and her beloved pet "Truman". Truman was the star of our "Where's Truman" campaign a few years ago featuring Brentwood's many parks.

The Opportunity

"The City's dog park is located in the southwest corner of Tower Park near I-65 and consists of two separate areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. The dog park is currently named Barkwood and there is an existing sponsorship agreement with Mars Petcare Company that expires in February of 2020. Recently, the Citizens for Brentwood Green Space (CBGS) made a contribution to the City that included approximately \$66,000 of funds from a bequest from the estate of Peggy Howell to CBGS. Peggy was a well-known community volunteer who was also well known for her love of dogs. As part of its inclusion of the funds from the Howell bequest in the recent donation, CBGS requested that the City permanently rename the dog park Miss Peggy's Bark Park in Peggy's honor. While the Mars Petcare sponsorship is not directly tied to the name of the dog park, the staff recommends that the proposed renaming become effective after the existing sponsorship agreement expires in February of 2020. The Park Board considered the renaming request at its November 4, 2019 meeting and unanimously voted in support of the new name."

We will be working with the city on signage and the transition after February 2020!

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BRENTWOOD GREEN SPACE CAPS 2019 FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WITH \$80,000 DONATION TO THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD



On Monday, October 28, CBGS presented the City of Brentwood with a check for \$80,000. The donation, which was made to the City Commissioners during their meeting at City Hall, was the result of several fundraising efforts by the group in 2019. With this payment, CBGS has exceeded the original commitment to raise \$300,000 towards the purchase of land and ongoing upkeep of Marcella Vivrette Smith Park.

“The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space have shown dedication and perseverance in achieving the goal of raising \$300,000 dollars towards Smith Park,” said Rhea Little III, long-time City Commissioner and current Mayor of Brentwood. “It will continue to be a blessing to the Brentwood community as they continue their work to improve the quality of life for us all!”

“We greatly appreciated the strong support we received again this year from the local business community for our annual Walk in the Park event in September,” said Gil Hutchinson, President of Brentwood Green Space. “Back in 2011 we announced we would help the city raise \$300,000 towards funding the purchase of land for Smith Park and we are elated we reached, and even exceeded, that goal this year.”

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About Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc.

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc. (CBGS) is a volunteer citizens group organized as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Our mission is to preserve open space in the form of parks, trails, historic sites, and flood plains while being sensitive to the rights of landowners and developers. CBGS desires to assure that ongoing development of land resources is accomplished in a way that is beneficial to landowners, to existing citizens of the city, and to future generations of Brentwood residents. For more information please visit www.brentwoodgreenspace.org, our Facebook page “Brentwood Green Space” or follow us on Twitter “@BrentwoodGreenS” and Instagram “brentwoodgreenspace”.

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