**Dear friends of Westgrove Park --  
  
I hope you and your dogs are staying cool during this heat wave! It's been so hot at the park that even the dogs are running for shade!  I have a few updates to share:  
1). Quarterly general meeting next week. We will meet in the large conference room at Sherwood Hall Regional Library next Wednesday, August 24, from 6:00 pm to 7:30.  Please plan to attend so your voice is heard. One item to be discussed is how best to spend a sizable chunk of funding available in  the PACK budget. We need to hear from you so our plans reflect the collective priorities of park users.   
2). Park improvements on the way:  we have purchased an industrial grade 12' x 20' sunshade from Maryland Materials. Installation will take place in October. We have also purchased an 8' x10' wooden shed that will be installed in the next few weeks.   
3). There will be a press release next week announcing a significant corporate donation to Westgrove Park. Stay tuned for details.   
4). Swimming pools. Some of the dogs have enjoyed swimming in the pools located at the north end of the park. We are pleased that access to water has made this hot summer more bearable. However, we are less than pleased with the standing water that has accumulated around the pools. Consequently, we have decided to remove the pools this coming Sunday. If you donated one of the pools and would like to take your pool back before Sunday, please feel free to do so. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.   
5). Elections for several PACK Board vacancies will be held in October. At this point, we have one candidate for all five open positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and an at-large member). We welcome additional candidates.  If interested, please send an email to westgrovepack@**[gmail.com](http://westgrovepack.us9.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=42fc9da5d75c565382470a619&id=2a9692b5cf&e=79ecba50f8)**with information about you that can be posted on our website.  
6). New signage. Please note the new signs that have been placed at each of the three park entrances. These signs speak to the prohibition on children under 9 years of age being in the fenced-in area of park. The signs were developed by FCPA at the request of the PACK to highlight this rule -- one that is, unfortunately, violated occasionally and may place children at risk.   
  
That's all for now. Hope to see you at next week's meeting!  
  
Kathy Seikel   
Chair, Westgrove PACK**