

August 2019

Here we are, the end of summer looming and the turf is green and the dogs are happy, if not hot. As chair, I would like to give you a heads-up on what is going on behind the scenes. We have officially signed our memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Park Authority, which allows us to move forward on our projects, starting with some seating around the trees in the park. While this is nice for us, it will help to protect the trees from dog urine which can damage them. We will also be replacing the Founders' tree which didn't make it through this summer. We are happy to report that the county is taking measures to deal with the mud issue in the north end of the park, and while that means the north end will be closed while the work is being done this fall, the south end will remain open during that time. If there is a project (<http://www.westgrovepack.org/strategic-planning.html#/>) that you think would help to make our park a better experience for both dogs and humans, please let us know.

The next big event for the PACK is our general meeting on October 16 at 7pm at the Martha Washington Library. This meeting is being held, mainly, to elect new board members. We several open seats: Vice-chair, Director of Membership and Fundraising and three at-large seats. To find out who is currently serving and what the positions entail, please go to our website and follow the link to voting. (<http://www.westgrovepack.org/elections-2019.html>) If you would like to present yourself for one of the positions, please contact us immediately so that we may post that information. Remember you must be a member of the PACK to serve on the board and vote. If you are unsure of your status, please email us at Westgrovepack@gmail.com

On a personal note, that while Porthos and I came to be your chair under a stressful time for the Westgrove PACK board, I am happy to serve. I'd like to thank the prior chairs, Barry Spangler and Mark Thomsen for all their efforts in getting the MOU signed. It would not have happened without them. If you have any concerns or questions, it is my hope that you will feel comfortable emailing me directly at melissapandin@gmail.com or through our PACK email westgrovepack@gmail.com.

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Chair