

TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE PARK NEWS BOARD



We are so thankful for the support we received last year during our Annual Appeal and from the 2015 Doggie

Bowl and from the Falmouth Road Race!. That money helped us maintain the park but also to do a number of capital improvements.

First, we were able to install our first light - and a solar one at that! This light will allow park visitors the opportunity to come to the park when it begins to get dark in the mid-afternoon! We hope to add a second light if we get enough donations this year from the Appeal. Thank you Solar One and Chris McGhee for making it affordable.



Second, we were able to complete the interior circle of sidewalk, add a new potential bench area, bump out the bench area near the parking lot, and expand the sand play area in the All Dog play area. A big thanks to Bill Witter for all the concrete work he did, only charging us for materials and donating the labor!

We also had a volunteer offer to stain the shed. Eagle Fence replaced broken straps on all the gates, and replaced sections of the fencing destroyed by unsupervised dogs.

And thanks to The Town of Falmouth, we had wood chips spread all around the property to increase parking options and to curtail weed growth.

Looking ahead, we are dedicated to keeping the shade in the park and hope this year's donations will help us take care of our moth and drought damaged trees so they remain healthy!



Why mosaic and tile wall is so special



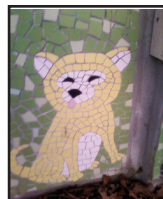
One of the best parts of the park is the wall, positioned for all to see as they drive in and as they walk along the path from the parking lot to the gate. This wall represents all the teamwork and love that went in to the park. It is a work in progress; it was created and built by a large number of people; and it holds mem-



ories and hearts in every piece of glass and every pottery tile. The wall came from the first significant donation we received to start the park. It was given to have a special memorial for a young man who loved dogs and lost his life much too soon. A local stone mason built the wall complete with the sitting bench.

The concept of the mosaic came from two local artists who specialized in mosaic murals and hoped the dog park would have a spot for one, much like the one they had developed for the Bike Path.

Not only did these two artists create the design, but they also incorporated the young man's dog into the mural front and left. And because the year was 2011, and Japan had suffered a hor-



rific tsunami, the small dog to the right was included to remind us all of that terrible loss as well.



Then they reached out to the community to join in the actual making of the mural by attending a mosaic class at Highfield Hall where each person would create one 12" block of the mural. That was just the beginning! In a two-day marathon, all the squares were meshed together on the wall and grouted! But the story was now just starting. For several years we debated what should go on the opposing side of the mural. With the blessing of the donor, we began to add hand-crafted tiles, again thanks to a local artisan and each individual donor, that told the story



of so many pets, and people from the Falmouth area. Please stop and look at these wonderful tiles, each one so unique and filled with love.

And remember, only several more spots remain for these tiles before the wall is complete. Orders for 2016 tiles are being taken only until October 10. These make a fantastic gift, a lasting memory or a perfect way to support the park. Forms are available at the park or online. Questions call 508-331-2929.