

## 'Tis the Season

- ❑ **Shop on Smile.** Amazon.com and list the Falmouth Dog Park as your charity. Amazon sends us a percentage and costs you ZERO!
- ❑ Give us a call and buy one of our hats or teeshirts or a tile for the wall to give as a gift in the upcoming holiday season!
- ❑ **Stop in at your local TD Bank** and tell them you want them to donate to the Dog Park as part of the Affinity Program. It costs you NOTHING, and they give us \$50 for every new checking account and \$10 for every existing account!
- ❑ **Get involved or donate (envelopes at the park or address on the website);** call to volunteer as a steward; take a minute to pick up trash or rake some leaves or sweep a sidewalk; **send a donation**, no matter how much it is (monthly giving available too). **We are a 100% donation-supported facility.**
- ❑ Please read the rules and **abide by them;** they are designed to keep canines and humans safe. And remember to always use good judgment and decide to leave the park on a day the chemistry isn't feeling good!
- ❑ Our mailing address is PO Box 93, in East Falmouth, MA 02536.
- ❑ If you have a question or suggestion, please call Barb Schneider, at 508-331-2929.

**224!** That is the number of times one of our 27 stewards has visited the park so far in 2016 to change poop bags, sweep, rake leaves, and pick up poop, cigarette butts, and trash others left behind. Just think what the park would look like without these people! Please remember to say thank you if you see one of them stop by.



## Why Thanksgiving is special to the park

A message from the president-

This is the unpredictable time of year when one day seems like summer, one like fall, and one even feels like snow is in the air. At the Dog Park, we go into high gear at this time as we try to make our annual appeal goal, we line up our plumber to secure the water bubblers for winter, plan leaf removal, and arrange for snow removal. We also start to plan for next year's event calendar, and make sure we have enough stewards trained for the winter months when some of our volunteers leave the area for warmer climates or school year commitments.

We appeal to each of you to do what you can to help the park be ready to be available through all the weather thrown at us over the next six months, and to have a great upcoming year. Remember - **we are a 100% donation supported park.** This park is not funded or maintained by the town! Please let us suggest some of the many ways you can help.

1. Shop at Smile.Amazon.com instead of Amazon.com. This is Amazon's charitable site and the company gives us a percentage of anything you spend if you make us your charity of choice.
2. For a special price of \$10 you can buy a hat or a t-shirt or child's t-shirt.
3. For \$100, buy a tile for the dog park wall in honor or in memory of a person, an occasion, or a pet. Each tile is custom made. Call 508-331-2929 for more information or pick up a form on our website or at the park on the kiosk.
4. Give any size donation in honor of

someone and we will send that person a card acknowledging your gift.

5. We also are looking for a few more people to serve as stewards one or two days a month. It takes only 15 minutes and you select the day and time of day, each month. And it can change each month as well so you only have to sign up at the end of one month for the next.

6. Please support all those local businesses that support the Dog Park. Please thank them for supporting the park. The list is posted on the back side of this newsletter as well as in the kiosk at the park.

7. Pick up a rake or a shovel and lend a hand when needed; if you need a pair of gloves look in the box on the front of the shed.

8. Remove a few leaves from the metal dog artwork outside the fence.

9. Save your newspaper plastic bags and add them to the grey holder on the fence to help keep costs down.

10. Stop in and join the Affinity Program at TD Bank; the bank will give us a donation and it won't cost you a penny.

I want to thank each of you for all you have already done to help the park be as good as it is and has been. I want to thank all the stewards, the Falmouth DPW, all the local businesses and all the incredible Board members for every effort made to help the park over these past five and a half years of being open and the two it took to build the park.

Happy Thanksgiving and Seasons Greetings to all our human and canine friends!

