

Friends of the Mobile Dog Park

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

The Julien Marx Dog Park



JULIEN MARX DOG PARK
MEDAL OF HONOR PARK
Mobile, Alabama

A lot has happened since we held our public interest meeting on January 26. Not only have we received vital support from the community, but the Estate of Julien E. Marx, a trust honoring the late real estate investor and dog lover, has made a generous contribution to the park. Accordingly, we have decided to name the park after Julien Marx.

The Estate of Julien E. Marx has hired Jim Crowe, landscape architect, to design the park. Crowe envisions an elegant entrance to the park, which includes a circular brick path. Crowe's brick path allows for 1400 bricks, all of which we hope to have members of the community contribute, allowing Mobile's dog lovers to commemorate their favorite pooch in Mobile's most beautiful park.

Park Construction

On February 15, Mobile's city council voted to reserve land in Medal of Honor Park for use as a dog park. Since then we have been working closely with the city's Architectural Engineering Department to ensure that construction of the park will meet the city's requirements. We hope to break ground on the park in six months, once all funds are on hand.

Ron Blount, who oversaw the construction of the RSA tower in downtown Mobile, is donating his time and resources to act as our construction manager. We are thrilled to have Blount as a friend of Mobile's dog park.

The FMDP Brick Program

While Crowe and Blount make arrangements for the construction of the park, Friends of the Mobile Dog Park is ramping up fundraising efforts, beginning with our brick program. A \$50 donation will allow a commemorative 4" x 8" brick, and a \$125 donation will allow a commemorative 8" x 8" brick with clip art of a contributor's selected pet. Order forms are available online at www.mobiledogpark.org. The donations for commemorative bricks will help complete construction of the park and provide for ongoing maintenance.

Hogs for Dogs

On April 23, we are holding a motorcycle rally to benefit the dog park. At 9 am, Bikers will meet at Mobile Bay Harley Davidson to register, and then they will ride to Medal of Honor Park to scout the future site of the Julien Marx Dog Park. Registration is \$10 and includes a raffle ticket. Sponsors include The Shed BBQ, A&B Cycle, Hall's Motorsports, Mobile Cycle Center and Power Sports TV. For more details, please visit www.mobiledogpark.org.

New T-shirts!



Our new t-shirts look so doggone good, even cat people will want to wear one! Check out our website and Facebook page to learn where t-shirts are being sold. Special thanks to Amanda Pritchard of Alabama Marmalade, who donated her time and talent to design the new logo. T-shirts are \$20.

Volunteer with FMDP

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with fundraising and publicity. If you're interested in volunteering, please email us at mobiledogpark@gmail.com to learn how you can help. And become a fan of our [Facebook page](#) to get the latest dog park news.