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Subject: Temporary Dog Park Set to Open Friday, July 14, 2017

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MARTINEZ – The City is pleased to announce that the Temporary Dog Park at the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater will be open to the public beginning on Friday, July 14th at 8 a.m. Since receiving City Council approval, City staff have been working closely with the Martinez Dog Park Committee to transform part of the Amphitheater into a Temporary Dog Park.

Once it was identified that several physical upgrades to the site would be necessary to accommodate this new use, City maintenance crews worked diligently on constructing drinking fountains, trimming trees, installing new access gates and fenced areas to accommodate both a large dog area and small dog area, installing waste bag stations, and completing paving work at the dog entrances.

Below are a few photos of City crews hard at work taking the vision of the Martinez Dog Park Committee and turning that into a functional Temporary Dog Park for our furry friends and their owners.



In addition to physical improvements, the City's Municipal Code has recently been amended to allow for a "Designated Dog Park Facility," and specific rules for use were established. Park hours are consistent with those of other parks, meaning dawn (sunrise) to dusk (one hour after sunset), unless otherwise posted. The Park is closed on Mondays until noon for routine maintenance. The entrance to the Dog Park is over at the north end of the amphitheater, near the Yacht Club.

The public is reminded that the Temporary Dog Park is for dog owners/handlers and their guests. Dogs must be properly vaccinated and licensed, with current tags displayed on the dog's collar, and they must remain within the designated small dog/large dog areas. Not following the posted rules can result in fines and/or loss of privileges.

To celebrate the new park, the Martinez Dog Park Committee invites the public to a Grand Opening of Martinez's first dog park! The event is Sunday, July 16th at noon, when there will be a ribbon cutting, and then will continue until 2:00 pm. Feel free to hang out with your pup until the park closes for the day at dusk.

Please visit the Martinez Dog Park Committee's website for more information:

<http://www.martinezdogpark.com> or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MtzDogPark/

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