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New signage (\$2070).

PHOTO: JOHN D. MOORE, CPP



IMAX theatre
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scholarships
for dancers...

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...And every kid
who loves to
move (\$7500).

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New picnic tables –
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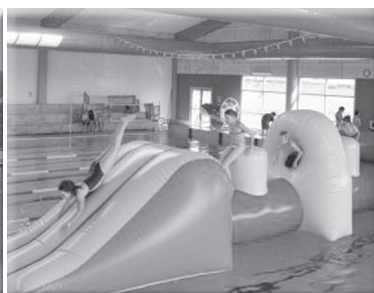
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Where the Dogs Are *It's a go for the city's first dog park!*



Milo and Stacy are all for the dog park!

Photo: John D. Moore, CPP

When SpokAnimal Director Gail Mackie arrives at High Bridge Park one sunny morning, she has a comical pair of mutts in tow, Milo and Stacy, who are getting an outing to the site of Spokane's first dog park while they wait for new families to adopt them. Noses to the ground, they head serpentine across the field.

Is the park really going to happen? "It's a done deal," says Mackie." Barry Russell, Director of Spokane Parks & Recreation, agrees, adding that the High Bridge Park site could be the first of several dog parks in the city. "If it works well," he says, "we can do others."

Spokane Parks Foundation has led the way, awarding \$12,000 for the development of a plan for the large site, bordered by Riverside, Government Way, and "A" St. Formerly home to a trailer park and at another time, community gardens, a paved access road remains that could be used for parking, and power is already available. Russell says they might even bring back the community gardens.

For Mackie, this has been a dream for many years, and she's got ideas aplenty. Separate fenced areas for small dogs and medium to large dogs. A splash pad – for the dogs! A canine fitness/agility course would have their humans panting right alongside them. Afterward, they could amble over to the doggie treat vending machines, (we imagine a paw-operable touch screen) though humans will need to bring the quarters. Outside the enclosure, Mackie sees a picnic area where humans could have a nosh after the rigors of the fitness course.

How much will it cost? To know that, Mackie says, officials must have a site plan from a landscape architect, so that is top priority. One thing is certain: taxpayers are not footing the bill, so

especially in the beginning, fundraising will be a very grassroots affair. Mackie pictures a big public cleanup event to clear the site of weeds and brush. As dog-lovers roll up their sleeves, they will also heighten awareness of the dog park.

When it comes to larger support from corporations, neither Mackie nor Russell needs persuading. When Russell was in El Paso, PetSmart was a major sponsor of the city's dog park and he is already talking to the Washington State Vet Association about being a sponsor. Here in Spokane, though, naming opportunities and business sponsorships have been restricted, but a recent review by the Park Board paves the way for corporate support. Russell says now the question is how much to charge for sponsorships, which could extend to fencing, canopy shelters, even water fountains. And let's not forget the Mutt Mitts poop picker-uppers that could sport the names of veterinarians and dog groomers – for a price.

Gail Mackie is so sure the time is right for Spokane's first dog park that she believes the High Bridge site could be completed — parking, landscaping, and amenities –the whole kit and caboodle, by May 2009. The fencing could be up this year, "before the snow flies".

So, this time next year, High Bridge will be where the dogs are (and their persons.) Let the revels begin! ■

—Suzanne Schreiner



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Doggie Dip at Hillyard—Pool party for city's first dog park



Get me OUT of here!

Photo: On The Edge Media Group



We can go crazy at the dog park!

Photo: On The Edge Media Group



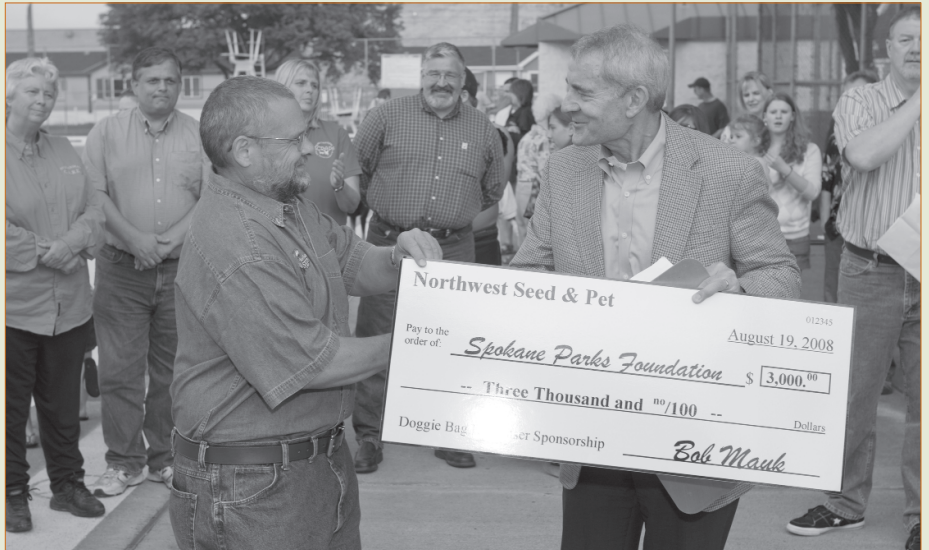
The shallow end is g-o-o-o-d.

Photo: On The Edge Media Group

Thank you, NW Seed & Pet

SPF Board President Kit Querna accepts a very generous donation from Doug Beernick of Northwest Seed & Pet at the Hillyard Doggie Dip in August. Now you know who to thank for those new doggie bag dispensers appearing in Spokane parks! Missing: Bob Mauk, Owner, NW Seed & Pet.

Photo: On The Edge Media Group



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Singing the Praises of Trees

*In the cool days of fall, as trees drop their leaves,
it's also the ideal time to plant new ones.*

The Susie Forest

Susie Stephens, extrovert, bicycle advocate and environmentalist, was 36 years old when she died in the spring of 2002. Crossing the street at a conference, she was struck down by a bus. Her mother, Nancy, especially, struggled to make sense of the incomprehensible loss. After reading through Susie's letters and journals, it came to her: Trees. They captured her daughter's reverence for sustainable living, a cleaner earth, and the value of community.

On a bright summer afternoon, Nancy MacKerrow is seated at a picnic table in Manito Park, sheltered by the towering chestnuts all around, an inspirational example of why she plants trees to keep Susie's memory alive. She chose Nishinomiya Japanese Garden at Manito Park for the first one, because Susie's college travels in Japan, "started her on her life's path." When Nancy discovered that the City would put Susie's name on a plaque in City Hall if she planted three trees, she signed up. After the first one was planted on Mission Avenue, Nancy recalls, "I *felt* her approval."

Careful to say she is no tree expert, Nancy has certainly become a tree enthusiast. They do so many good things, she says: Trees gobble up carbon dioxide, slow motorists down, provide shade in summer, absorb stormwater runoff, and even have been shown to reduce crime.

But there are simpler reasons, too. In her Read for Trees talks to kids at city libraries, Nancy asks what *they* like about trees. One little girl said, "They give me something to hang on to when I'm learning to ride my bike." Another said, "They make me feel safer." One summed it up this way, "Trees make it a neighborhood." Nancy adds one more, "Trees make you feel joyful."



Nancy MacKerrow with Susie's Japanese maple.

Photo: John D. Moore, CPP



Susie Stephens (1965-2002), living joyously.

Photo courtesy of: Nancy MacKerrow

Nancy has continued her work as an ambassador for trees, traveling to tree plantings, and giving talks to children's clubs and organizations. Whether they choose a *Persian Parrotia*, *Mountain Ash*, *Accolade Elm*, *Red Oak*, or *Ponderosa Pine*, she hopes people will give thought to their personal and perhaps even spiritual reasons for planting trees.

Her own reasons are clear. "They will be growing for all the time Susie didn't get to live. This is her living legacy."

Reforest Spokane

In 1996, Spokane was blindsided when Ice Storm struck, laying waste to thousands of street and park trees, and creating gaps in the city's urban forest canopy. Out of the wreckage came the seeds of Reforest Spokane, whose goal was nothing less than to return the city to its "arboreal splendor." More than a decade later, the work continues. This year, 170 trees will be planted as part of the Reforest Spokane Program and The Susie Forest, putting down roots all over the city.

In Nancy MacKerrow's collection of Susie mementos, there is a whimsical ornament in the shape of a smiling woman who sports butterfly wings and holds a tree seedling in her palm. Scrawled in pink across her full-length skirt: "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is NOW." ■

—Suzanne Schreiner

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