



To all our friends and neighbors,

Everybody knows dog waste is unhealthy for humans, pets, the environment and is just plain *yucky!*

As dog ownership has grown so have concerns about the effects of accumulated pet waste in towns, cities and parks across the country. Recognizing that even Montpelier is not immune, the Parks Commission organized a group of volunteers to research and propose a waste management strategy that could be implemented in Montpelier.

We, the Dog Waste Working Group, are pleased to announce that the Montpelier Parks Commission and the Montpelier Recreation Department have approved a plan to install five Gladiator pet waste stations throughout Hubbard Park, one at the Rec Fields/North Branch Park and one at the Dog River Ball Field. The Working Group will also seek approval for stations along Stone Cutters Way and the Bike Path. Each station comes equipped with a dispenser of bio-degradable bags placed on top of a secure metal waste receptacle built to withstand Vermont winters. We found overwhelming evidence that availability of waste receptacles combined with bags when placed in heavily used areas has proven to be the most successful strategy to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.

As you well know, times being what they are, city funds are limited. But we made a bet that those of us who live in and around Montpelier who enjoy the parks and recreation areas, who frequent Stone Cutter's Way and ride the Bike Path would pitch in to purchase the waste stations. With your help we can get them installed this year before the ground freezes and we all win!

Can you **PITCH IN** \$25, \$50, \$100?

Your donation will be acknowledged on the Montpelier Parks Website and also on a donor list in the Hubbard Park kiosk.

OR...You or your business can PITCH IN to sponsor a station

- **\$500 donation - You, your business name or logo on a plaque on a station**
- **\$250 donation - Two named donors on a plaque on a station**
- **\$150 donation - Three named donors on a plaque on a station**

All donations are tax deductible

(as allowable under IRS Code 170(c)(1))

Please make checks payable to: City of Montpelier - Parks Pet Waste
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