



# GARFIELD PARK NEWS

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## ☞ PARK CLEANUP ☞

Monthly park cleanups continue on the last Saturday of each month! The next cleanup will be on July 31 starting at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

### ANOTHER FALLEN TREE LIMB

In the west-central area of the park, a very large limb from a giant oak tree has fallen during a recent rain storm. The city has been called to remove the debris, but we will need some help in pruning the smaller tree that took the brunt of the broken limb's fall. We are hopeful the young tree will survive, albeit oddly shaped from its ordeal.

### JOINT COMMUNITY – PARK BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS FREEWAY WALL HELD

It's probably safe to say that we all dislike the graffiti that we see underneath the bridge. For this reason, the Friends held a community meeting with the organization Albus Cavus, a nonprofit organization that has many years of experience painting commissioned murals in cities across the country. The organization also has experience in attaining funding from the District government as well as in community outreach and giving ownership to all groups that use the areas they paint murals in. We discussed their proposal and found them very engaging! We encourage you to view their website (<http://www.albuscav.us/>),

on which you can see murals they have recently been commissioned to paint in other DC neighborhoods.

We hope to secure some letters of support after which the Albus Cavus will hold a "jam" – a gathering under the overpass open to the public where the painting will begin! We will keep our readers apprised of developments on this beautification project and jam dates!

### BOCCE LEAGUE LOCATION UPDATE

The summer bocce league has started as of this week. Because of our organization's input, their locale has changed from the area immediately west of the playground more towards the western end of the park. We believe that this will benefit people (especially those with dogs) using the park during bocce league play, which will go into September. We have also asked them to bag their trash and place it where it will be more promptly picked up.

### TEE BALL

An additional activity has come to the park – tee ball. Although the season is short, we welcome them to the park. Any Nats scouts around? The very young players

are having a great time learning our national pastime.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

We'll keep the blurb on this subject short and sweet. Unfortunately, we are still in dire need of additional funding and we are appealing to you to help us out. We do thank all those who responded with their help last month. We have received \$525 since last month. We've incurred a lot of new expenses maintaining the park-wide irrigation system, which is keeping our grass and trees green during the drought. Please help us with any amount. Send it to us at the address below. Don't forget: donations to our organization are tax deductible!

### DOG SPOTLIGHT!

**Yuma** is a one year old Rhodesian Ridgeback from Arizona. Say hi to Yuma the next time you see him in Garfield Park!



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