

Hurley Park Newsletter



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New Pet Waste Stations



Pet waste has been a nasty nuisance in Hurley Park for a while now. It is something that most people do not want to address, but it is a health issue that needs serious consideration. In many cities it is against the law to not pick up your pet's waste and some cities are even going further on correcting the problem. I re-

cently read in an article that San Francisco is the first city to consider converting pet feces into methane that can be used for fuel. I know Salisbury is a long way from taking on a project like that, but I do hope The City of Salisbury will pass a pet waste ordinance that will be enforced.

Many people do not think about how their pet's waste can become a problem especially in a public place like Hurley Park. Don't get us wrong we love the dogs that visit the Park, but we don't love what they sometimes leave behind. There are many chances to come in contact with the waste while walking, playing, and for us,

weeding in the Park. We hope to correct the problem by offering people a convenient way to pick up their dog's waste. With the DogiPot pet waste stations there is no excuse not to do it.

Three waste stations will be placed around the Park. The waste stations consist of a metal trash can on a post with a sign and a bag dispenser. The bags are biodegradable which will help out our landfills a little.

Please look for the new pet waste stations in the near future and please use them. Thank you to all of our patrons that already cleanup after their pets. Together we can make our parks cleaner, safer places.

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Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to help with tasks around the Park. There are a variety of tasks to choose from such as weeding, planting, pruning, watering, mulching, plant propagation, preparing the newsletter, and helping with the Spring Celebration and Summer Lecture. We need help during the weekdays between the hours of 9am-3:30pm. Candidates must have the ability to work in variable weather conditions and some plant knowledge is helpful. Volunteers will receive benefits such as seedlings, seeds, and cuttings when available and the fun of working in the Park with others. If you would like to volunteer please contact Lana Bird or Daphne Beck at (704) 638-4459 or at lbird@salisburync.gov to obtain an application. Volunteers must complete a background investigation form and a drug screen to volunteer with the City of Salisbury.

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Hurley Park Summer Lecture

Beyond all the fresh air and sunshine, gardening provides benefits we often take for granted. If you let it, your garden can improve your cooking, energize your creativity, and maybe even make you smarter. In this lively lecture, award-winning garden writer Barbara Pleasant will highlight a dozen important ways gardening can improve your life – even if your idea of gardening is sitting in the shade, watching the stream gurgle by in Hurley Park. No matter where your green passions lie – flowers, herbs, great

things to eat, or simply being in a beautiful place -- you will discover a new appreciation for what your garden can do for you.

Barbara Pleasant has been writing magazine articles, newspaper columns, and books about gardening for more than 20 years. She is currently a contributing editor for Mother Earth News magazine, as well as The Herb Companion and Carolina Gardener. She moved to the Asheville area from Huntsville, Alabama four years ago. Since then she has written

a new book, *The Complete Houseplant Survival Manual*, which she hopes will help other gardeners like herself who consider themselves to be in houseplant-killing recovery. She is also the author of *Garden Stone*, winner of the Garden Writers Association's Garden Globe Award for outstanding writing.

See opposite page for more details.



"Sometimes we get so busy with our lives and all we need to do that we forget to take a breath and let gardens do what they do best – show us just how beautiful and productive the world wants to be,"

A More Efficient Way to Receive The Newsletter

The Hurley Park Newsletter is a good way to keep everyone up to date on what's new in the Park and our upcoming events. Every time a newsletter is mailed out it costs around \$100. We now have a way of sending the newsletter via email. This will save us on the cost of postage and paper, and help us save on time. If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please visit our website at www.salisburync.gov/hurleypark, click on the "sign up for the Hurley Park email newsletter" link, and complete the form. If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter please email me at lbird@salisburync.gov. We enjoy having a connection with the people that support the Park and hope that we can do it much more efficiently in the future.

WEDDINGS

If you are planning an outdoor wedding, or other ceremony, consider Hurley Park as a possible site. The Park has hosted many weddings over the years and there are still openings for the 2006 calendar year. Please contact Niki Castor at the Public Services office (704-638-5268) for more information and an application for facility use. The application can also be accessed online, along with pictures of the park, at www.salisburync.gov/hurleypark

DONATIONS

Donations may be made to the Park through The Elizabeth Holmes Hurley Memorial Foundation located at 126 W. Innes Street, Salisbury. Please make checks payable to the Hurley Park Foundation and send to P.O. Box 4354, Salisbury, NC 28145-4354. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

HURLEY PARK SUMMER LECTURE
FEATURING
BARBARA PLEASANT
IN A LECTURE ENTITLED
WHAT A GARDEN CAN DO FOR YOU
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH
7:00PM
SALISBURY-ROWAN UTILITIES
(FORMERLY WATERWORKS VISUAL ARTS CENTER)
1 WATER STREET
SALISBURY, NC

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A plant giveaway will follow the lecture.

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