

## **NRC Adopts Regulations Regarding Off-leash Dog Hours at Perrin Park**

Pursuant to the NRC's authority as Town Park Commissions under MGL Chapter 40, the NRC issued its third year of off-leash dog control regulations at Perrin Park in response to dog owners and residents concerns about the use of Perrin Park by large numbers of dogs off-leash. The NRC continues to make a concerted effort to hear from all interested parties to set limited off-leash hours and regulations in order to ensure that the park will be used by a wide range of residents and users, as well as protecting the existing playing fields at Perrin Park and ensure protection to park users from off-leash dogs. While the Town does not have a leash law, per say, the current Bylaw requires that off-leash dogs be under the immediate control of their owners. The NRC continues to monitor the situation at Perrin Park in order to ensure that all park users are able to use the park without interference.

### **Natural Resources Commission** **Perrin Park Off-leash Dog Hours**

#### **General Dog-Related Regulations**

1. Only Wellesley-licensed dogs are allowed in Perrin Park.
2. The number of off-leash dogs shall not exceed 8 at any one time and all dogs must be under control at all times.
3. The number of dogs under the control of one owner is limited to 2 dogs Or 3 dogs with a special permit from the Natural Resources Commission.
5. No dogs are allowed off-leash when athletic games are being played.
6. Dog owners must remove all feces and trash.
7. All dogs, on and off-leash, are excluded from the tot-lot playground.
8. Fines for non-compliance may be levied up to \$200.00 per violation.
9. Park is closed to all users after dusk.

REGULATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO NRC AUTHORITY UNDER MGL Ch. 45

**Please be Considerate – Control Your Dog from Barking (to be posted on sign)**

**Please Respect the Privacy and Property of the Park's Surrounding Neighbors (to be posted on sign)**

**SPRING Off-Leash Dog Hours**    APRIL 1 - JUNE 25    **AND**

**FALL Off-leash Dog Hours**    AUGUST 31 – NOVEMBER 15

Morning Off-Leash Hours:    7:00 AM - 9:30 AM    Monday - Friday

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM    Saturday

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM    Sunday

Evening Off-Leash Hours (all days including Weekends) :

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM or dusk, whichever is earlier

**SUMMER Off-leash Dog Hours**    JUNE 26 – AUGUST 30

7:00 AM - 9:30 AM Monday – Saturday

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Sunday  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM or dusk, whichever is earlier, Everyday

**WINTER Off-Leash Dog Hours** NOVEMBER 16 – MARCH 31

Morning Hours

7:00 AM - 9:30 AM - Monday - Saturday

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM - Sunday

Afternoon/Evening Hours – Every Day

3:00 – 5:30 PM or dusk, whichever is earlier