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## Flier about baseball fields and dog park

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Dear Alun and Makayla,

I haven't had the pleasure of meeting either one of you, but wanted to send this note after receiving the attached flier at my home at [REDACTED], on Sunday morning. We saw a middle-aged woman walking away on our sidewalk toward the street who left it on our door, but have no idea who she is or who she represents. If people aren't willing to put their name on something like this, that doesn't make a favorable impression. The Rollingwood baseball fields and dog park isn't an issue to hide behind with anonymity.

If you find out who these folks are and let me know, I would appreciate that.

My family and I have lived in Rollingwood for 13 years and my twin 13-year-olds played baseball at Western Hills Little League and my daughter continues to play Western Hills softball at the Rollingwood Park. We also have two dogs, and frequently take them to the dog park. It's a great place for the dogs to play and for us to meet and congregate with neighbors and friends in our community. We play with our dogs and at the same time our kids will throw the football and play catch with a baseball or softball. There's also plenty of room to fly a kite when they want to. Our family is blessed to have a wide open space like this just .3 of a mile down the street that we can walk to, and it's a special amenity in Rollingwood.

We also appreciate the improvements to the ball fields/ball park during the last couple of years with new grass, a fact that wasn't even acknowledged in this flier. We appreciate the efforts and generosity of Councilmen Kevin Glasheen and Phil McDuffie to make this happen.

As a Little League parent, my wife Laura and I have never had a conversation with anyone about concerns affecting children's play and health. That statement in the flier sounds baseless and a lot like fear mongering from people who dislike the existing dog park arrangement. We don't think this viewpoint reflects a significant number of Western Hills Little League parents.

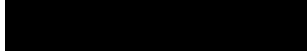
Further, there's nothing stopping more utilization of the ball fields/dog park, either, in case the city wanted to hold additional events there.

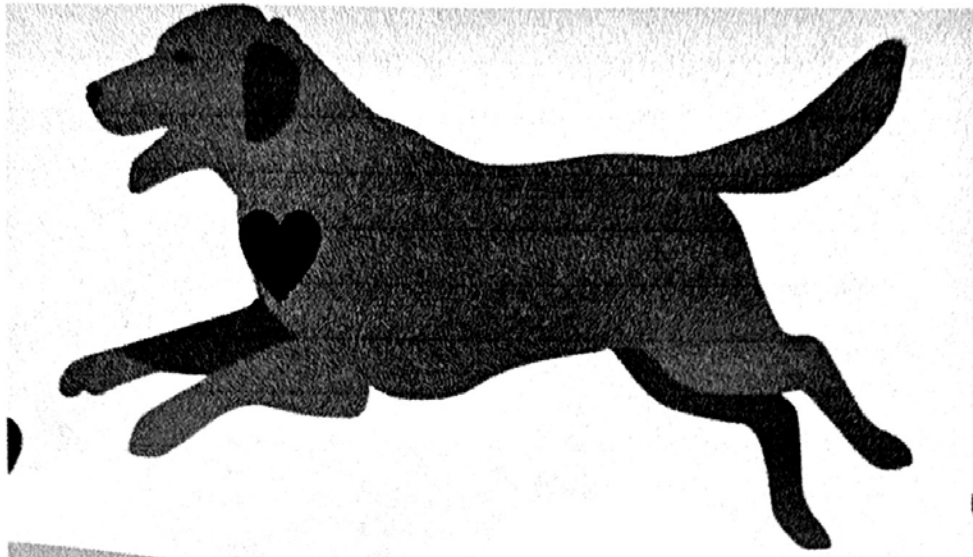
We strongly do not think the city should make any changes to the current dog park set up, especially if the alternative would be having a smaller, dedicated dog park space. That would be a disaster and upset many residents. If the city was able to find funds to pave the back parking lot next to the existing ball fields/dog park, I think that would be well received.

Please share my e-mail with city council members and appropriate city commissions that handle matters involving the Rollingwood Park. And once again, by all means, please encourage the people who are trying to make major changes to our ball fields/dog park identify themselves.

Thank you!

**Fred B. Hartman**





## Let your voice be heard!

Hatley fields 3, 4 and 5 are shared between Western Hills Little League baseball, Western Hills Softball, and a dog park. While some dog owners appreciate the expansive space for their pets to roam, Little League parents have raised concerns about field conditions potentially affecting children's play and health. Other residents feel the fields are underutilized for broader community activities, such as events, movie nights, kite flying, or casual sports. This week, City meetings will address potential major investments in Hatley Field. Your feedback is crucial!

Would you prefer:

- A) **Status quo.** Keep the large dog park, shared with Little League, and pave the back lot for parking
- B) **Dedicated dog park of 0.25 acres,** on the back parking lot
- C) **Dedicated dog park of 0.4 acres,** on the back parking lot, and some of the current fields 3 / 4 / 5
- D) **Dedicated dog park of 0.6 acres,** on the back parking lot, and half of the current fields 3 / 4 / 5

Please email your response to **[Mrodriguez@rollingwoodtx.gov](mailto:Mrodriguez@rollingwoodtx.gov)** and **[Athomas@rollingwoodtx.gov](mailto:Athomas@rollingwoodtx.gov)**, and request that it be forwarded to the Council, RCDC, and Parks Commission. Responses are due by **Monday at 12:00 PM!**