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### **PORTION OF FLAHERTY DOG PARK TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – February 22, 2010** – Beginning March 15, the portion of Flaherty Dog Park designated for large dogs will be closed so work crews can repair the turf. The section is expected to re-open in May.

The area of the dog park normally reserved for small dogs will be open to all users during this period according to the following schedule:

- **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** - large dogs only
- **Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday** – small dogs only
- **Saturday** – large and small together

Visitors to the dog park are urged to adhere to the temporary schedule and stay away from the restricted area.

Parks & Recreation Director Susan Simpson says the work is part of Flaherty Dog Park's routine maintenance schedule and will provide a better environment for both dogs and their owners.

“Due to the park’s popularity and overwhelming use, this type of maintenance will be necessary from time to time,” said Simpson. “We’re taking steps now to produce a better surface in the spring and summer. We want to make sure we keep the park in the best shape possible.”

For more information, contact Parks & Recreation Director Susan Simpson at (919) 554-6182 or [ssimpson@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:ssimpson@wakeforestnc.gov).

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