

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Freedom Barks, Inc.

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2024 was a successful year for Freedom Barks, Inc. in large part due to the continued generosity of our field sponsors. We are excited to share the wonderful news that Village Veterinary Hospital, Scafidi, Cranston & Associates, Champ's Dog House, and Lower Forge Brewery renewed their field sponsorship for another three years!

With their support, Freedom Barks, Inc., can afford to have the park's dog waste receptacles serviced weekly by Big Business Scoopers, which is essential for the maintenance of Freedom Barks Dog Park.



As part of our year-round volunteer efforts, we stocked the waste bag stations and hosted two Respect Your Park Day events where volunteers worked in stewardship of the park.

Our clean-up day to-do lists consisted of the following: picking up litter, filling in holes, repairing bridges, trimming along the trails, and creating brush piles for Public Works to remove.



Volunteers also dedicated time to the following improvement projects: refurbishing all seventeen of the trail signs, rebuilding the small A-frame, re-painting the agility equipment, and rebuilding Zallie's Bridge on Shiloh Trail.



We installed a new TREX bench in Hydrant Field.



We upgraded the dog waste stations with 32-gallon cans with new lids and chutes.

We also created a guide to all the dog friendly places on Main Street!

**YOUR GUIDE TO DOG FRIENDLY PLACES ON MAIN STREET IN MEDFORD, NJ**

**OUTDOOR PATIOS**

- Lower Forge Brewery
- PeeWee's Ice Cream
- Harvest Coffee
- King's Road Brewery
- Farm Truck Brewing
- Braddock's Tavern

**SHOPS**

- Pinecone Trading Co.
- Love Thy Nature Refillery
- Girlfriends on Main
- Mainly Vintage
- Carriage House Antiques
- Ted's Terrain
- Pride Paws
- Village Treasures
- Wonder World Toys
- Medford Florist
- Medford Company Store
- The Zen Den on Main
- The Shoppes at Medford Mill

Scan here for your guide to dog friendly businesses on Main Street!





As a small, volunteer-led nonprofit organization, Freedom Barks, Inc. is grateful for the tremendous amount of support we continue to receive from our park patrons and surrounding community. We recognize and appreciate the following for their support in 2024:



-Thank you to  
Jeff Carll Real Estate and  
The Farmstead at Medford for  
supporting the maintenance of  
Freedom Barks Dog Park by  
joining our new Friends of  
Freedom Barks program!  
Stop by the fenced-in dog runs to  
check out their signs the next  
time you are at the park.



-Thank you to PeeWee's  
Ice Cream for donating the  
proceeds from their pup cup  
ice cream eating contest to  
Freedom Barks Dog Park!



-Thank you to Maranda, Bryan, and Howie for furthering their  
support with a matching contribution of \$100!

-Thank you to Brian from  
Repair & Replace LLC for  
volunteering his time to lead  
the rebuild of Zallie's Bridge  
and the small A-frame.







-Thank you to Sports Paradise for supporting our fundraising efforts by managing the processing and printing of our apparel orders, plus, our hats and beanies.

-Thank you to park patron and local artist, Faith Branstetter, for supporting our fundraising efforts by creating the custom designs featured on our apparel since 2020.

-Many thanks to all who helped us earn our 3rd free T Rex bench by recycling 1,000 pounds of plastic film- our goal weight was reached in eight months! From Medford's Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee to our park patrons and local residents. Plus, our drop-off locations: Lower Forge Brewery, Love Thy Nature Refillery, and Medford's Senior Center. This program has been a wonderful way for our community to work together toward a shared goal.



-A special thank you goes to Pola, Deb, and Brian from the EAAC for assisting with delivering car loads of plastic film to the recycling center.

-We also appreciate Pola's help with weighing and storing all the plastic film for us at Lower Forge Brewery.



**Did you know?**

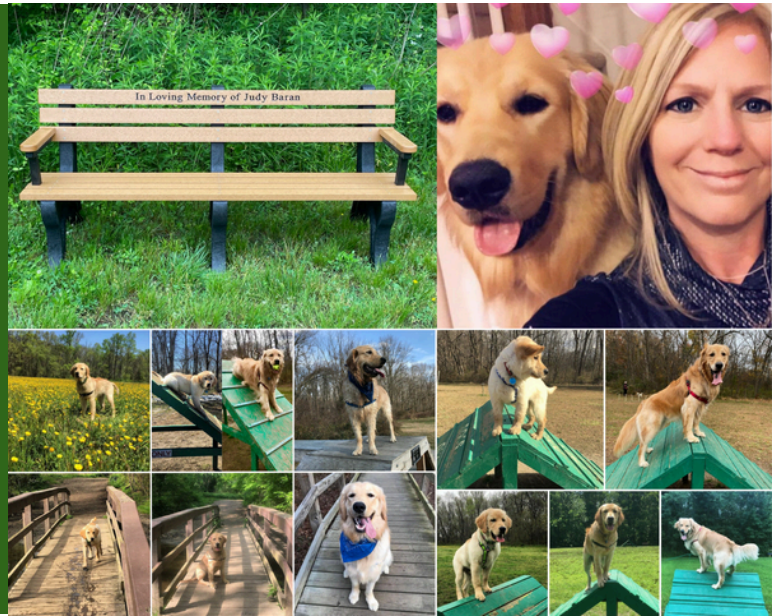
- Medford Township's Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee and Green Team have earned 4 free T Rex benches.
- In partnership with the EAAC, Freedom Barks Dog Park has earned 3 free T Rex benches.
- As a result, over 4,000 pounds of traditionally non-recyclable plastic film have been saved from landfills!





-Thank you to the Baran Family for donating a memorial bench in loving memory of their mother, Judy Baran.

To honor Judy and all of the happy memories she made with Breyer, this bench was placed in Squirrel Field near one of her favorite photoshoot spots.



-Thank you to Sophia Schuster of BSA Troop 26 for completing eight hours of community service at Freedom Barks Dog Park by cleaning forty-seven of the dog park's engraved memorial rocks. In addition to creating a new map to identify the location of each rock.

-Thank you to the Kirkpatrick, Heller, Dillon, and Marcus families for their monthly donations; and thank you to the Pross family for donating through their company's matching gift program. We sincerely appreciate your continued support!

-Thank you to AS1 McGregor, AS2 Wood, AS3 Kiema, and CPL Cortez, for volunteering during our Fall Clean-Up!



-Thank you to the following volunteers who worked together over the course of three days to rebuild Zallie's Bridge: Brian from Repair & Replace LLC, Jim Wert, Mark Heflich, Rob Pollard, Jeff Carll, Toby Tirrito, Steve Creel, Noah Creel, and Josiah Creel.





-Thank you to the vendors who made this year's events extra special for our park patrons and their pups: Pawtrait Pop-Up, Off the Leash Treat Truck, the Cawfee Truck, Char & Whiskers, Saint Rocco's Treats, 4 Paws Handcrafters, and Pride Paws.

-Thank you to the Burlington County Animal Alliance, Shine Power Yoga, Lora Kline, and Lower Forge Brewery for their collaboration in bringing two Puppy Yoga & Yappy Hour events to Main Street!



-Thank you to Rolling Thunder Inc. Chapter 4 for inviting us to attend K9 Veterans Day at Freedom Park.

We were proud to support their donation drive benefiting the US War Dogs Association.



Most importantly, a huge thank you to every park patron who contributed toward our cause in 2024. Whether by attending an event, volunteering during a clean-up, purchasing merchandise or donating directly; your ongoing support allows us to continue making Freedom Barks Dog Park your dog's happy place!

