

Sandy Christensen  
2004 Wustum Ave.  
Racine, WI 53404

August 25, 2013

Dear Sandy Weidner,

Because you are my alderperson I am coming to you asking for your help regarding a situation I had last February at Johnson Park Course, which is a City of Racine public park.

I was cross-country skiing at Johnson Park last February in the early morning of a weekday. As I approached my car to go home, I encountered a loose barking dog. Because of this I was afraid to move and stood there until someone finally came out to see what the barking dog was all about. It turns out the owner of the dog works at Johnson Park and keeps his dog loose on city park property because he feels he can and because somehow it is written in the contract that the city holds with Johnson Park.

I would like something done about this matter, as this person is breaking the law. It is against the law to have a dog, whether loose or on a leash, in a city park where there is no walkway. Having that dog loose is putting people's safety at risk. I could have been bitten by that dog. Imagine skiing on a golf course on a cold winter morning alone with not a single soul in sight and then coming across a loose, barking dog. I, and anyone else who wants to go skiing, should be able to enjoy a city of Racine park without being afraid.

Please refer to the appropriate committee my concern regarding city policy allowing the management of Johnson Park Golf Course to let their dog run unleashed through the park. I would like to see city policy apply to everyone equally.

Respectfully,

Sandy Christensen