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FITCHBURG -- Two fundraising events are scheduled to benefit Fitchburg Dog Park at Coolidge Park.

On Tuesday from 5-10 p.m, Friends of Fitchburg Dogs Inc., will be the beneficiary of Dining for a Cause at the Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub, 275 Summer St.

When patrons present a Friends of the Fitchburg Dog Park dining coupon at the Ninety Nine, the restaurant will donate 15 percent of the guest check to Friends of the Fitchburg Dog Park. Dining for a Cause vouchers are available via the Fitchburg Dog Park Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fitchburgdogpark>.

The group will host the Fitchburg Dog Park Comedy Show at 8 p.m. Oct. 11 at Destaré, 320 Main St. with Jerry Caruso and Larry Lee Lewis. Caruso, co-founder of Comics for a Cure, has performed since 1992 with many Boston-based comedy troupes and in shows throughout New England and New York. Lewis is a piano player, singer, comedian, and author who mixes Rodney Dangerfield-style comedy with 1950s and '60s American roots songs.

The show will also feature a 50/50 raffle and raffles for prizes including a Great Wolf Lodge package and gift certificates to Fight or Flight Tattoo, Slattery's, B Beautiful and others. Tickets are \$10 in advance and are available at www.fitchburgdogpark.org or by check to: Friends of Fitchburg Dogs Inc., 305 Whitney Street, Suite 100, Leominster, MA 01453.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.

Proceeds will be used for phase one of the park, including fencing and gates to surround about .88 acres and a water line to feed a fountain in the park. The cost for phase one is estimated at \$10,000-\$18,000. Since May, Friends of Fitchburg Dogs have raised \$2,000, primarily through word of mouth and social media. Donations can be made at www.fitchburgdogpark.org.