

Congratulations to Rich Lindsay!



Ron C. Davis II Award honoring Rich Lindsay

If it were not for City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation (P&R) Manager Rich Lindsay and his foresight to see what the dog community needed, there would be no O.L.A.E. or even a pristine Off-Leash Area Edmonds.

In 2005, park volunteers' BB Granda and Diane Buckshnis met with P&R Manager Rich and P&R Director Brian McIntosh to talk about incorporation like the Seattle's Save Our Dog Areas and ask for permission to cut the grass and act as stewards for the park. Mr. McIntosh immediately said NO as volunteers had never taken on such a massive project (see picture below).



Mr. Lindsay suggested that the City give the volunteers a try and so began the formation of the non-profit organization known as O.L.A.E. (Off-Leash Area Edmonds) which remain stewards for the park today. Rich has been the City liaison to the group as well as the City contact for the seven Eagle Scout Projects the park has sponsored.

This year, Rich was awarded the Ron C Davis II award which is a highly competitive State award that recognized "unsung heroes".

Ron C Davis II was a Senior Recreation Coordinator for the City of Seattle when he suffered a massive heart attack and died at the age of 41. He worked as a true mentor, advocate, inspiration and community leader. He was a champion for race and social justice, someone who was working toward a just world. He inspired many as he left behind a legacy of community service, family dedication and a passion for learning.

The Ron C Davis II Award recognizes an individual for their unwavering commitment, leadership, passion, and contributions to the profession. This award is meant for those individuals who work tirelessly to make a difference in people's lives, without being in the spotlight, without significant acknowledgment, but with steadfast grace and passion. This award is for an Unsung Hero.

Nominees should demonstrate a consistent commitment to the field of parks and recreation, service to his or her community and assist in furthering the goals of Washington Recreation and Parks Association. In addition, they have made contributions in many of the following areas: 1) passion and commitment to the field of parks and recreation; 2) someone who does a great job and refrains from claiming too much in return for his/her efforts, 3) unassuming, often work behind the scenes to bring value to people's lives, and 4) demonstrate a broader sense of community service both inside and outside of work, and has contributed significantly to their community.

The Board of O.L.A.E. wishes to congratulate Mr. Lindsay for all the work and dedication he has given to the dog park. The doggie world and Edmonds Parks are in a much better place with his help, dedication and love for the parks system. Congratulations Rich Lindsay!

October 5th is date for the 15th Halloween Howl

Our 15th Annual Halloween Howl is set for October 5th 2019 at the dog park. This is our annual fundraising event which attracts lots of enthusiastic participants of both the 2 legged and 4-legged kind! If you are business owner and would like to participate in the event as a sponsor (cash, gift certificates or prizes - all tax deductible) please contact o.l.a.e@comcast.net if interested.

“Dog Trivia”

From Lassie to the loveable trio who stole our hearts in “Homeward Bound” or the drooling Bordeaux Mastiff in “Turner and Hootch”, animal actors have been dominating the silver screen for decades. Rin Tin Tin, a German Shepherd who was rescued by an American soldier from a WWI battlefield and was later trained by his new owner to appear in silent motions pictures. Rin Tin Stared in twenty-seven films, bringing in tens of thousands of dollars per week. In 1929, the dog was even a contender for an Oscar for the Best Actor category, but was removed from the ballot because the organizers were concerned about upholding the serous reputation of the Academy Awards (maybe because he was considered “Just a Dog”).

About US

O.L.A.E. (Off-Leash Area - Edmonds) became a non-profit organization in August 2005, to fulfill our mission to steward and maintain the off-leash dog area in Edmonds. Please visit www.olae.org to learn more about us and our mission. We still are accepting donations (your name goes on the website), for our K-9 Veteran Bronze Statue “Rex”. All donations are tax-deductible and checks should be made out to O.L.A.E. at P.O. Box 1562,

Edmonds WA 98020 or GoFundMe at <http://www.gofundme.com/29zf2n8>

Become a Member

There are a lot of good reasons to become a member. Member dues go towards promoting and improving our dog park. Members will receive a subscription to our quarterly newsletter which provides information on upcoming events, news and educational features. All donated funds are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. We now have PAYPAL so you can go to our website

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Please check one: New Member Renewal

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dog(s) names: _____

Can we email you the newsletter: Yes

Contact me to help volunteer: Yes

Annual Membership

- \$ 10 Individual
- \$ 20 Family
- \$ 50 Sassy Supporter
- \$100 Best Friends Lounge
(free advertising on O.L.A.E. website).
- \$200 Yappie Club Level
(free advertising on O.L.A.E. website & newsletter).

Make check payable to **O.L.A.E.** Thanks!

Current Yappie Club Sponsors:

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Note: O.L.A.E. is not responsible for any illness or injury incurred during park visit. For information, please visit www.olae.org and look under rules and responsibilities.