

## October 5<sup>th</sup> is date for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:o.l.a.e@comcast.net) if interested. To date, we already have four vendors ready to participate and so let us know.

## Thank you Glenda!!!

It saddens us to announce that 14-year veteran Glenda has announced her retirement from OLAE. Glenda was one of those gals that helped remove the tons of debris that took volunteers about four years to remove; she was one of those gals that used to use a toboggan to carry the garbage out as we had yet to have City garbage support; she was one of the gals that helped organize those first few Halloween Howls; she was one of those gals that helped us all as we lost our favorite pets to the "rainbow bridge"; she did all the work to get us to biodegradable bags that we now use; and has worked in many capacities throughout the years from President to Park Ranger. We all hope that she will make it back into our "pack" after her well needed break.

Happy Trails and Tails Glenda and thank you for your service to this wonderful park. She will leave big boots to fill or paws to follow.

## Meet two new volunteers

And just when we all started panicking with Glenda's retirement, we get an email from Josh asking if he can help us at the park and within a week we received an email from Brian asking if

he can help at the dog park. And after orientation and job duty discussions – both said YES! So, we are happy to announce and welcome both Josh and Brian to O.L.A.E.

Josh comes to us via Kennewick and then Seattle and he and his girlfriend both came to Edmonds a few months ago and he figured it was a good way for him to give back to the community. He and his girlfriend have "Luna" the cat and "Zoey" an Aussiedoodle. We are happy to have Josh as one of our Park Rangers along with new volunteer Brian and veteran Kristie. Welcome Josh!

Brian lived in Seattle for 27 years but came to Edmonds about four years ago. He has an adorable Border Collie/terrier mix name Kiko who is tiny at 8 pound 2 1/2-year-old. They visit the dog park often as he works from home and likes to get outside as much as possible. He is a big supporter of the Sounders, our national teams and even local youth clubs. So, we are happy to welcome Brian too!

## Bag are busting our checkbook?!!?

I know you saw the report in My Edmonds News regarding the tremendous number of bags we have been going through this past year since going bio-degradable. When we used the old big plastic bags, we went through about 14,000 a year. Based on the current rate of bag use, we were going through 10 boxes (of 500) a month or we're targeted to go through about 60,000 bags!?! So, we knew something was up!

What we found mistakenly found one morning was that folks were unscrewing the bottom bolt of the kiosk and removing entire rows of bags?!? Shame on you! We all realize that folks will take extra bags – but entire rolls? So, we have fixed the bottom of the kiosks now and hopefully we can get a handle on our bag use as we may have to go back to those ugly old plastic bags. We want to thank all the folks that read about our financial

woes in My Edmonds News and donated money towards this costly supply.

## Yippie for Yappie

We have a NEW Yappie Club Member Tracy Kilmer March who comes all the way from Spokane and wants you all to enjoy her puppy's picture.



## Do you have corporate matching options?

Just a reminder for those folks that may want to donate and may not know if your company matches your donation. Why not check it out? Our long-time webmaster donates her hours and her company provides us funds to support her volunteering time. So, maybe check with your company to see if they do any type of donation match as we will definitely fill out the paperwork to move it forward.

## 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](http://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

**Off Leash Area Edmonds (O.L.A.E.)**  
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EIN #16-1730771

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](http://www.olae.org) and look under rules and responsibilities.