

# O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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## WOW!! WHAT CHANGES WE HAVE MADE!

Many of you may not remember the park prior to the summer of 2005, when the newly-formed non-profit group "Off-Lease Area-Edmonds" or "O.L.A.E." got involved. For those of you who have forgotten, here are two photos. In 2005, volunteers met with Brian McIntosh and Rich Lindsay from the City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation Dept. (Edmonds P&R) to give them our goals. One immediate goal was to clean-up the grassy area as your dog's poop could get lost in it; the grass was so tall!



Also in 2005, there was no water or garbage pick-up. Volunteers had to bring gallons of water from home for the dogs, and we had to remove garbage from inside of the park to outside of the gate.



Thanks to the volunteering efforts from key individuals and the cooperation of Edmonds P&R, over the last three years, we have removed tons of debris and have added many popular features. The new features include the water faucet, the double-entrance gate, the "poop-bag" stations, the newsletter distribution box, the fire hydrants, and the O.L.A.E. website. Now, our dog park is one of the most sought after dog parks in the greater Seattle area.



## COSTS ESTIMATES TO STEWARD OUR PARK

Edmonds P&R does a tremendous job in removing the estimated 5-tons of dog poop each year and giving us things like water for the dogs, and gravel to fill the puddles. The remainder of the financial burden lies in the hands of O.L.A.E. and here is a summary of our costs over the years:

Expenses	
Beach Maintenance (rental equipment, dump, etc.)	\$ 975
Plastic Bags for poop	\$1,519
Special Projects	\$ 500
Prof. Services (signs, newsletters, etc.)	\$ 576
P.O. Box, Web site, Stamps	\$ 146
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,716</b>

So, please, get involved either through volunteering or helping us fund maintenance through donations.

## SPECIAL THANKS ARE IN ORDER!!

Let's give a hand to **Matt Corwin** for donating the two fire hydrants as iconic symbols for dogs. Thanks again to the Edmonds P&R for setting them in cement and to O.L.A.E. members for painting them that fire engine red.

**Kathy Disney** bought us one months supply of plastic "poop" bags from her cash donation and entered the Barking Business Lounge membership level.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Are you proud of your pooch?** Of course you are! Starting with the next newsletter, we will be featuring your "*Favorite Pet Story*." Send your story to [O.L.A.E@comcast.net](mailto:O.L.A.E@comcast.net) and our judges may select it for a featured article in the fall newsletter!



The **Fourth Annual Halloween Howl** is just around the corner!

This year, we hope the summer weather we have all been waiting for will finally arrive and continue through October. Each year we get great gifts from local sponsors, and we continue to seek out

sponsors and volunteers to make this event the success it has always been. So start thinking about how much fun you can have and begin planning your dog's costume! There will be kiosks with lots of merchandise and information to help you care for your favorite pet(s) and materials about how you can help maintain your dog's play park. Please help support your park by attending the Halloween Howl scheduled for the latter part of October.

## MAJOR CHANGES ARE SOON TO COME!!!

Danny Prall of Boy Scout Troop 319, Chief Seattle Council, is working towards obtaining his Eagle Scout designation. His proposed Eagle Scout project is to build two wood structures at the off-leash area which will contain the "poop bags." These structures will be similar to those found at Marymoor's Dog Park.

Edmonds P&R has notified us that the old oil pier will be removed this fall. The area will be made into additional parking and new fencing will go up. **The dog park will NOT be expanded**, but parking will be less tedious. Please be patient with the workers during construction and the congestion.

## 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).

## BECOME A MEMBER

There are a lot of great reasons to become a member of O.L.A.E. Member dues go towards promoting and improving our dog park and providing financial support to maintain the area. 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.

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Dog(s) names: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we email you the newsletter:  Yes

Contact me to help volunteer:  Yes

Annual Membership

\$ 10 Individual

\$ 20 Family

\$ 50 Supporter

\$100 Barking Business Lounge (free advertising on O.L.A.E. website).

\$250 Yappie Club Level (free advertising on O.L.A.E. website and newsletter).

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

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