



New Marina Beach Plans and Off-Leash!

OLAE Directors want to say: Thank-you, THANK-You and THANK-YOU to all the park users who sent emails and showed up at the two open houses for the Marina Beach Master Plans. As you know, this is an exciting time for the City of Edmonds as a master plan design is in the works for the restoration of the Edmonds Marsh and the best way for bringing salmon back into the Marsh is via the day-lighting of Willow Creek.

Option A which was to remove the dog park is **OFF the TABLE** (Woot and woof!).

Currently, there are two options: Option 1 and Option 2 which if you look at the Bulletin Board. But since this is a process, the City Council has asked for a blended Option 1 and 2 and that currently is in the works which will include a bit of both versions and two bridges. The dog park will be a bit smaller, but it will still have the agility course and access to the water.

The NEXT open house is tentatively scheduled for July 8th from 6-7:30 and it might be at Marina Beach so that folks can really understand the concept visually.

So, good job all you that really care about our park and PLEASE REMEMBER A CLEAN PARK IS A HEALTHY PARK and we have consultants down there and they have commented about the cleanliness. Please, pick up even if it is not your dogs. We have folks down there every day that try to do this, but we can't be there all the time. And, if someone is there and doesn't see their dog poop – just kindly say, do you need a bag.

WOW!! Throwback to 2005!

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 years. During the years of 2005-2008, we removed tons of debris and we 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 as we also and we are the only dog park that has an agility course. Currently, we have two park stewards,

Glenda and Ann and we would love more help. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS – ALWAYS! Contact us at o.l.a.e@comcast.net or join us on the second Thursday night of the month at 7:00 PM at Gallagher's U-Brew and dogs are welcomed.

Fun at the first “Edmonds Pub Crawl and Poker Run”

Special thanks to Marcie and Tom Kretzler, new owners of Gallagher's U-Brew for organizing the first annual Pub Crawl and Poker Run. It was a great event for Edmonds and participating establishments - Engels Pub, A Very Taki Tiki Bar and Grill, Salish Sea Brewing Co, and American Brewing Co., all saw lots of new faces. About 80 people joined in the four hour crawl where one card was provided at each location and the best three Poker hands received swag prizes back at Gallagher's. The benefit event raised \$800 for the Off-Leash Area Edmonds (OLAE). For more information about this volunteer group, email us o.l.a.e@comcast.net or visit www.olae.org.

Summer and why we use stainless steel bowls!

We wish to thank those park users that bring bowls for the park as we have had stainless steel bowls stolen from the park. Plastic bowls can be problematic as they can harbor bacteria and cause skin irritation. **So please be cautious and if you can, wash/rinse any of the stainless steel bowls when visiting the park.** We will be removing the plastic bowls as we are not responsible, but we are educators.

LASTLY - HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS IN DOGS are also very important since they have lots of fur:

1)excessive panting or difficulty breathing; 2) increased heart and respiratory rate; 3) drooling; 3) mild weakness; 4) stupor or even collapse and it can also include 5) seizures, 6) bloody diarrhea, 7) vomiting (which also can come from too much salt water) and 8) elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees. It is always best to NOT keep your dog at the beach for too long.

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. We always need volunteers and financial donors. Please visit www.olae.org to learn more about us and our mission.

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.

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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 Barking 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!

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