

### O.L.A.E. Newsletter



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## Please comply to Dawn to Dusk hours!

This message came directly from the City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation Director Angie Feser:

"The Edmonds Police Chief, Parks Maintenance Manager and I met with representatives from the Port of Edmonds yesterday to discuss increasing challenges of the closing Marina Beach Park. The park's main gate is closed daily by Port Security personnel for which the city is very gracious. They have shared, however, the increasing difficulty, delays and sometimes issues of safety in closing the park and getting park users leave in a timely manner.

One cause of those delays are users of the offleash dog park and dog owners/handlers that are unable to secure the dog to leave the designated dog park area. One thing we are going to do as a city is develop and install park hour signage near the park entrance, throughout the parking areas as well as the entrance and fence of the off-leash area.

The city is also asking the O.L.A.E. organization to help by communicating with and educating club members of the parks hours and asking for compliance with those hours. I'm not sure how to specifically address dogs that behave in such a way that the handlers are unable to put the back on leash to leave the park, but I'll leave that to OLAE expertise.

Park hours are Dawn to Dusk. Daily dawn and dusk times are easily referenced on cell phones, so there really isn't much of a question as to when those times are.

We are aware there are a couple of signs that state 6:00 am, but we will try to remedy that conflicting information soon.

Thank you for your understanding and passing along this information to the OLAE group as well as other dog owners." – Angie Feser, Director

# Please, respect the costs of poop bags paid for by your donations

OLAE supplies the poop for this off-leash area. This year, we have noticed a significant use of bags and have run through over 15,000 since the first of the year which is a lot for winter months, So please, if you are grabbing lots of bags just to take home, please reconsider.

Last year, our entire poop bag total was \$1,515 with Blue Collar picking up \$459 for a total of about \$2,000. For many years, \$2,000 has been our operational budget for poop bags (except during COVID). As of March, we have spent almost half our budget, so please be considerate to not take lots of bags home. Thank you for scooping the poop.

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Category	1/1/2025- 3/16/2025
INCOME Membership Drive TOTAL INCOME	397.05 397.05
EXPENSES	
Garbage Bags	918.00
Newsletter TOTAL	50.83
EXPENSES	968.83
OVERALL TOTAL	-571.78

#### Happy 20th Anniversary!

These pictures are what a dog user used to see when entering the park!!! Tons of debris was removed those first few years and the City under the guidance of Rich Lindsay improved the park through Eagle Scout Projects starting with Kevin Govan and the dual fence system with Town and Country donating the fencing. The OLAE Board later worked with Rich Lindsay on seven other Eagle Scout Projects.





Central area where fire hydrants are

#### **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 ACCEPT DONATIONS ONLINE or you can snail mail us at P.O. Box 1562, Edmonds WA 98020.

#### **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 and you can donate via our website <a href="https://www.olae.org">www.olae.org</a> or Snail Mail to us at O.L.A.E. – P.O. Box 1562, Edmonds WA 98020

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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  Solution \$10 Individual Solution \$20 Family Solution \$50 Sassy Supporter Solution \$100 Best Friends Lounge (free advertising on O.L.A.E. website). Solution \$200 Yappie Club Level (free advertising on website & newsletter).
Make check payable to O.L.A.E. Thanks! <u>Current Yappie Club Sponsors:</u> Blue Collar Dog House (www.bluecollardoghouse.com) Pearl Jam's Vitalogy Fund (https://pearljam.com/vitalogy) Jolene Otter from Quilts from the Heart Gallaghers' Where U-Brew (www.whereubrew.com) McDonald McGarry Ins.(www.mcdonaldmcgarry.com) Bob Gould and Gunter (woof) All the Best (shop.allthebestpetcare.com/products) Brian Albright and Kiko (woof) Sam and Katherine Winters and Summer (woof) Steve Tholl and Coco and Spike

Note: O.L.A.E. is not responsible for any illness or injury incurred during park visit. For information, please visit <a href="https://www.olae.org">www.olae.org</a> and look under rules and responsibilities.

Flip the Kilt Guy honoring well respected Sydney