

# O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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## **PLASTIC BOX AND RECYCLE BAGS GONE**

Thanks to all of you that have helped us with our grass-roots effort to recycle plastic bags. This year, we made the decision to remove the bags and the containers that held the bags. While we are torn about the environmentally conscious efforts of all of us to recycle bags and not use new ones, the winter months are especially hard because the bags fly around, get full of water, and make quite a mess. More importantly, we are greatly concerned that the loose bags will fly into Puget Sound causing potential harm to marine life and birds. We are researching solutions that will be environmentally friendly and financially feasible. In the meantime, we thank Petosa's for their generosity in providing us with low cost bags. We ask that you take your recycled bags to your grocery store and **NO LONGER TIE THE BAGS TO THE FENCE** as they will blow out. Thank you all for your cooperation.

## **IT IS TIME TO LICENSE YOUR DOG**

Did you know that it is estimated that less than eight percent of the dogs in Edmonds are licensed? Did you know that the fine for a non-licensed dog IN ANY COUNTY is \$100? Did you know it only costs \$5 (spayed/ neutered dog) or \$18 (unaltered dog) to license your pet in Edmonds? Not only is licensing your dog a legal obligation, but it is an important way to identify your pet in case he/she ever becomes lost.

To register your dog for the first time, simply go to the police department, fill out the form, and pay the fee. Each year thereafter, you get notified via the mail to renew. It is that simple! As a reminder, Edmonds license renewals fees are due by the first business day of January each year.

## **WATER AT BEACH OFF**

The water is now off until this spring. Please try to remember to bring extra water for our four-legged friends and do not throw away the existing containers as we recycle them each few days with more water.

## **SECOND BENCH WILL BE RETURNING**

Yes, we know there is a second bench that needs to be replaced! The City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation is very aware of the missing bench and has the new bench in their pipeline.

## **O.L.A.E. MEETS A SECOND TIME WITH POLICE**

Once again members of O.L.A.E. met with the police over animal control issues as the popularity of the beach is increasing. While the incidents of dog related complaints and violations at the beach were manageable, some dog owners need to wise up and get with the program! Although 95% of the dog owners that visit the off-leash area "get-it", those remaining five percent give us all a bad name. So, here are some common sense tips to remember:

- Scoop the Poop! The bags are there for a reason and this is YOUR PARK, so USE THEM! Fines of \$100 can be assessed if you do not scoop. So, keep the park clean and SCOOP the POOP!
- Carry a leash even in the off-leash area. In this regard, if your dog gets out of control, you have something to use to control the dog. Dogs should be on-leash after leaving the park.
- Watch your dog at all times! Don't sit and get distracted and let your dog frolic without your supervision.

For more information about Animal Control visit [http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/anim\\_faq.stm](http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/anim_faq.stm).

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US**

Can you believe O.L.A.E. has made it to our second year anniversary? Some monumental items that happened this year were: getting the City to remove the garbage for us, the Eagle Scout Project completed by Kevin Govan and Boy Scout Troop 312 that added the second gate at the entry, and another successful Halloween Howl. We also had one of our largest volunteer-based park clean-up

which included cutting the grass, trimming the apple tree, and removing the invasive scotch broom. While we had additional volunteers help us during park clean-up, the majority of work still remains within the hands of a few key people. Remember, this is YOUR PARK and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us. Your financial help is greatly appreciated but we also need more volunteers for clean-up and special projects. We have some great ideas for 2008, so please join us!

O.L.A.E. (Off-Leash Area - Edmonds) became a non-profit organization in August 2005, in order to fulfill our mission to steward, maintain, and operate the off-leash dog area in Edmonds. Please visit [www.olae.org](http://www.olae.org) for information.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOWL

Our special thanks to those of you who braved the cold and blustery weather to come visit us at the Halloween Howl. We made \$650! For pictures of the dogs in costumes and the costume winners visit <http://www.olae.org> (click under archives and look for the link for Halloween Howl). We want to thank the following vendors and sponsors for making this event successful:

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## 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 off-leash dog area 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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