



DOGPAW PRINTS

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Welcome

In this issue:

Read about a dangerous incident that occurred at a local park and how you can be safer. Also, Ross is hosting a clean up party and you're invited. See you there!

You can support off-leash by supporting those that support us.

Please, be sure to read more about our news and events on the following pages or visit us online.

Thanks for supporting DOGPAW!



Dangerous Incident...

On Wednesday morning January 14th a woman was walking her terrier at Oak Grove Park in the 7300 block of NE 162nd and the dog got away from her. Another woman in the park picked up the dog and demanded that the owner hand over all her jewelry or she would not get her dog back. The dog owner gave up all her jewelry and the woman robber dropped the dog and ran off. The woman robber was reported to be a white female, 180 pounds, 5'10" with a light complexion and brown hair. She had a butterfly tattoo on her hand.



We have received a few calls about this incident and there has been some confusion about where the event occurred so we wanted to get this info out. This incident did not occur at the Dakota Memorial Off-Leash Area, but at a neighborhood park. Hopefully we are safer at the off leash parks considering how busy they are compared to the smaller neighborhood parks which are not heavily used in the winter months.



We should all keep our eyes open and if anyone sees someone matching the description of the woman robber, please call police. **It is a good idea to carry your cell phone in the park in the event of an emergency. Also, be very cautious about leaving any valuables in your car.** Police have said that car break-ins are on the rise (a sign of the economy) and the crooks look for cars parked at gyms, parks, trailheads and other places people might not want to carry purses, etc.

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Dangerous Incident... (cont)



We want the dog parks to be as safe as possible so we all need to be vigilant. This includes making sure we are all following the posted rules so the dog park experience can be safe and fun for all.

<http://columbian.com/article/20090115/NEWS02/901159987>



Ross Park Clean Up



Ross Off-Leash Dog Recreation Area
Saturday, Feb 21st 8AM-NOON...

Please bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves, etc. The park needs chips spread throughout, as well as other 'handy man' tasks.

If you would like more details regarding ROSS clean up parties, or have questions or suggestions, please contact Jean.

Remember, our parks are maintained by volunteers, so every extra hand helps.

See you on the 21st!

Contact Jean Hood, jeanh@clarkdogpaw.org

General public welcome and dogs not recommended.





"because pets are people too"



Support Off-Leash

You can help support off-leash by supporting our partners...

Both **Beastie Boutique**, in the Salmon Creek neighborhood, and **Natural Pet NW**, on the eastside, have DOGPAW items available.

Remember to visit the **DOGPAW Store** to donate, order items, or renew your membership online or by mail. For details, go to <http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/dogpawstore/>.

You too can do something "pawsitive" for Clark County's streams and wetlands:

1. Scoop the poop.
2. Bag it.
3. Toss it in the garbage!

Visit

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/cleanwater.shtml> for more information and get your FREE gift.

