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Brush Prairie Off-Leash

Thanks for helping with the recent fix ups. We want to install trees, benches, and a dog playground. If anyone wants to continue helping with some of those projects, please call 88-899-0025 or e-mail brushpraiemgr@clarkdogpaw.org.

We just had the park mowed and just in time for summer like weather! Thanks for staying clear of the tractor, so John could get the mowing done. Just a reminder... we have to perform maintenance a few times out of year, which requires us to have equipment in the park. So please, be careful during those times.

Clark County workers have re-seeded grass near the entrance. Please refrain from walking or parking there until the grass takes hold over the next few weeks.





Dakota Memorial Off-Leash

The summer water should be turned on by mid April. However, park water may be periodically interrupted with the ongoing construction.

Also, the county is working on a drainage plan for the spring fed large puddle on the east side of the park (the one that got bleach dumped in it) and they hope to have a solution (most likely digging a culvert) in the near future.

The bleach dumping suspect is still at large and it's doubtful that we will catch up to her. Thankfully, someone reported the dumping and we were able to avert any serious injury. Remember, it's up to each of us to report incidents and keep the park safe.

Ross Off-Leash

ATTENTION ROSS USERS: We have lost our source of water at Ross Park and it is unlikely we will regain it. Please bring water for your dog **ONLY**. We realize it is a thoughtful gesture to leave water jugs and bowls for other dogs; however, it is dangerous from a health standpoint and for the safety of other dogs. Please do not leave bowls/dishes and empty jugs. Disposal of empty plastic jugs is a big problem as well as sanitation and health concerns of discarded bowls. We remind you "Pack It In, Pack It Out". Thank you for your cooperation.

Please be kind to our neighbors, so we can keep the park open.

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Ross OLA (continued)

The City has received complaints of speeding, parking in yards, backing up in driveways, children and dogs running into the street, and stink. Please use the BPA Park & Ride on 15th and save the 18th entrance for handicap and maintenance use. If we're courteous and follow basic park rules, we should be fine.



In General

We have added the Q&A section to our General Meeting minutes. Also, we've uploaded the first quarter finance report to this year's finance folder. Minutes, finance, etc are located at <http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/publicdocs/documents.shtml>. There is also a link to this page in our website footer.

Each park struggles to keep bags at the kiosk. So, please save your reusable grocery bags and help us restock. Thanks.

HELP...

Does anyone have, or know of someone, who has a small unused office/storage space they would like to donate (tax deductible) for DOGPAW use? We desperately need an area so we can consolidate DOGPAW belongings into one place. Please contact Kathleen at 888-899-0025 or email her at kathleenh@clarkdogpaw.org.

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In General (continued)

Each park needs members for their Park Management Team – join us. If you want to help us build and maintain dog parks, here are the team expectations and an application:

http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/DOGPAW_Application.pdf.

Just a few minutes, per week, can really help the team overall.



Voting Results



Per member vote, we will be offering the following event at Ross this year:

Dog Days of Summer
Saturday, June 27, 2009
Ross OLA

Per membership vote, a summer event is going to happen this year at Ross!

Planning meetings will start in May. Please contact Jean with any questions, ideas, or comments.

Jean Hood,
jeanh@clarkdogpaw.org.



Upcoming Events



Watch Your Lab

Everything in the Ark Animal Training
2613 NE 114th Ave. Bldg N Suite 1
Vancouver, WA 98684

Sat, April 18, 2009 (11:00am - 12:30pm)

Watch your Lab, not your latte- a class for park users. This class covers topics such as breed specific traits and body language. This class is **FREE TO MEMBERS** (no dogs). Please RSVP on our “watch your lab” page.

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/education/watchyourlab.shtml>

Dakota Membership Drive

Pacific Comm Park (164th and 18th)

Sat, April 18, 2009 (9:00am-4:00pm)

Volunteers needed to run membership booth for 2 hour shifts. Please contact membership@clarkdogpaw.org (Jean Hood) to schedule time.

General public welcome and dogs allowed.

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Upcoming Events (cont)

2009 NW Pet & Companion Fair

Portland Expo Center, I-5 Exit 306

April 18th & 19th

Sat 9:30am - 6:00pm

Sun 10:00am - 5:00pm

Well behaved dogs welcome. Admission \$1 or 1 can of pet food (food donated to AniMeals). Expo Cntr \$8 - \$20. Go to petfairs.com for valuable coupon, HDTV drawing, directions, etc. Be sure to register at www.nwairdogs.com for the dock diving event.

503-287-7541 www.petfairs.com

General Public Welcome and Pets Allowed.

Humane Soc Walk Run for the Animals

Sat, May 2, 2008 - Esther Short Park

Rain or shine! (7:30am - 12:30pm)

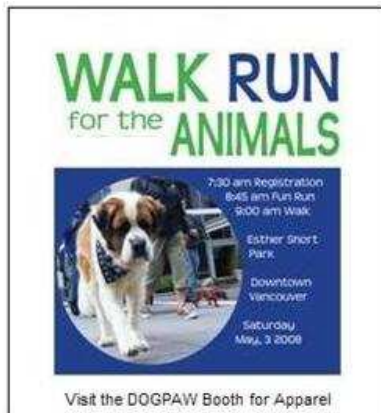
Visit the DOGPAW booth!

For more details, like to RSVP, itinerary, map, volunteer, donate, or walk with the DOGPAW Pack, visit us online:

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/events.shtml>

Get DOGPAW items online from the DOGPAW Store, Beastie Boutique, Natural Pet NW, or at the event.

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"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.

