

ShoreDog to the Rescue

Community volunteer groups help City leverage taxpayer money



Without partnerships, many programs that contribute to the great quality of life that people experience in Shoreline would not be possible. One of the ways the City maximizes taxpayer money is to partner with outside organizations to provide certain services to Shoreline residents, allowing taxpayer money to go even further. One such organization that has been an instrumental part in ensuring the success of our three off-leash dog areas is ShoreDog (Shoreline Dog Off-Leash Group).

Through the partnership between ShoreDog and the City, several concerns regarding the daily upkeep and maintenance of the off-leash dog areas are addressed. ShoreDog has helped reduce the City's overall operating costs for the off-leash dog areas through their regular volunteer work parties. ShoreDog volunteers help organize and run work parties where dog park users and community volunteers improve the dog park surfacing, provide water for the dogs, replenish dog waste bags for dog owners, shore up the perimeter fencing, and complete general dog waste clean-up.

ShoreDog has volunteers called Dog Park Stewards who are liaisons between the off-leash users and City staff to inform staff of maintenance or operating concerns. ShoreDog volunteers also help organize special events like "DogFest," a one day festival with dog games and specialty dog vendors. These events create a way to provide dog owners with information about pet licenses, leash law enforcement and how scooping the "poop" improves our water quality.

How you can help

Our off-leash areas are a success because of the committed volunteers of ShoreDog, but more volunteers are needed. If you enjoy our off-leash parks consider supporting ShoreDog by volunteering. To learn more, join us for a special meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 301 in City Hall.

Work parties are set for February 8 at the East Side Off-Leash Dog Area, located at 1902 NE 150th Street, and March 8 at the Shoreview Off-Leash Dog Area located at 320 Innis Arden Way.

For more information on how to volunteer at our off-leash dog areas or to help support the ShoreDog organization, contact Maureen Colaizzi at mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2603.



ShoreDog volunteers work to improve the Shoreview Off-Leash Area

Holiday Schedule

City Council

Recess:

December 16 - January 5

First meeting of 2014:

January 6

Facility Closures

City Hall:

December 25 and January 1, 20

Spartan Recreation Center:

December 25 and January 1

Shoreline Pool:

December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 20

Inclement Weather

Recreation classes and programs may be cancelled when the Shoreline School District closes for weather. The safety of our program participants is our prime consideration. For information, call (206) 801-2650 for pool programs and (206) 801-2600 for all other programs.