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Plans taking shape for DOGPAW's first virtual public meeting

A review of the year gone by and a preview of the year to come will highlight DOGPAW's first-ever public meeting in cyberspace, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12.

With large indoor gatherings likely to remain limited due to the coronavirus pandemic, the organization's board opted to touch base with DOGPAW members and dog park visitors on Zoom, according to board President Eileen Cervantes.

“These folks--and their dogs, of course--are our friends and supporters, so naturally we wanted to play it safe,” Cervantes said. “We think it’s important for park users to hear straight from us what’s going on at the parks and what’s on the to-do list for 2021. We’ll also take member questions while we Zoom, and as always we love to hear people’s ideas for improving our parks.”

Watch the signboards at the parks for information on joining the meeting.

Instructions can also be requested by e-mailing

PublicMeeting@dogpawoffleashparks.org. Use the same e-mail address to submit questions for discussion or to set up small-group Zoom gatherings at members’ homes.

“Our public meetings have been popular opportunities to meet with the board and other DOGPAW members, as well as to share ideas and questions,” Cervantes said. “We’ve had great turnout and participation in the past, and we hope to see plenty of you on Zoom in November.”

Supporting a supporter

Informational signs for the Parks Foundation of Clark County will soon appear at DOGPAW’s Ike Dog Park.

The foundation’s mission is a simple but essential one: “The mission of the Parks Foundation of Clark County is to improve the quality of life in Clark County by supporting parks, trails,

and recreational programs.” In service of this mission, the foundation has already been generous with DOGPAW, approving a grant that will go toward replacing the sagging fence around Ike. What’s more, DOGPAW plans to request additional grant funding for the project.

“The Parks Foundation does great work for us as well as for parks all across the country,” said Eileen Cervantes, DOGPAW board president. “We’re happy to help raise awareness of all they do.”

Kane’s cleanup

The final monthly park cleanup of the season will bring volunteers to Kane Dog Park on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Work begins at 10 a.m. that day at the park, located at 10910 NW 172nd Ave., Vancouver. It will be the final park beautification day of the year, with cleanups suspended over the winter. The program will resume in March 2021.

The crew will gather to spruce up trails, trim brush, and handle other routine needs. Bring work gloves and garden tools and join us for a fun and productive morning.

For more information, contact Alicia Stevens, the DOGPAW board's director for volunteers, at volunteer@dogpawoffleashparks.org.

DOGPAW OFF-LEASH DOG PARK LOCATIONS:

Dakota: 1515 N.E. 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Ike (Ross): 5167 N.E. 15th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Kane: 10910 N.E. 172nd Ave. Vancouver, WA

Lucky: 10100 N.E. 149th St. Brush Prairie, WA

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