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DOGPAW sets next public meeting online

The DOGPAW board will Zoom its next public meeting--the first since the coronavirus outbreak upended normal activities worldwide--with an online gathering Nov. 12.

The organization held three well-attended public meetings in 2019, offering short presentations from board members who then took questions from the audience. Those question-and-answer sessions often triggered vigorous discussion of park issues, DOGPAW board President Eileen Cervantes said.

"We always get lots of good ideas about park operations when our members and park users get together," she said. "We need to hear from all of you again. But like so many businesses, groups, and other organizations have found in the age of COVID-19, we need to do it safely."

Further details and information on how to participate in the online Zoom meeting will be published in future issues of this newsletter, as well as on DOGPAW's website (dogpawoffleashparks.org) and its Facebook page, she said. In the meantime, members and visitors can submit questions and ideas about park operations by e-mailing them to president@dogpawoffleashparks.org. In the subject line, write Question for Public Meeting.

DOGPAW board members, Cervantes added, are eager to get back together with the folks the organization serves--even if it's only virtually.

"We started holding large, regular public meetings with our members and park users almost two years ago," she said. "The virus messed things up this year, and there's no telling when things will get back to normal. But it's been so long since we've been able to get together. We miss our friends, so we decided to try something new. We hope to see you online in November."

On to Dakota

DOGPAW board members and volunteers will join the regulars at Dakota Dog Park for the organization's monthly volunteer cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 5.

The crew will gather at the park at 1515 NE 164th Ave. starting at 10 a.m. that morning to spruce up trails and the wooded area and handle other routine needs. Bring work gloves and garden tools and join us for a fun and productive morning.

The following cleanup will be Oct. 3 at Kane Dog Park at 10910 NW 172nd Ave., Vancouver. That will be the final park beautification day of the year, with cleanups suspended over the winter. The program will resume in March 2021.

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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