



Second phase of new dog park complete

The second and final phase of construction for the City's dog park at lower Jaycee Park on South Scales Street in Reidsville has been completed.

This latest addition will be open to the public starting on Wednesday, November 20. According to the City's Parks & Recreation Superintendent Fred Thompson, this small delay will allow some of the concrete to completely cure.

Collaborating with the City on the project was Colby Gunter, a local Boy Scout from Troop 320 working on his Eagle project. Gunter was aided by his fellow Scouts, family and friends. After creating the first phase of the project earlier this year, the young Scout held a golf tournament this past April to fund the rest of the costs, including this extension. Several companies assisted with the park, including Garcia Fencing and Foss Recycling.

Gunter installed the obstacles and other items in the larger park, which was opened in January of 2019. That part of the project allowed dogs to go off leash and get much needed exercise and social activity time with other animals.

This second phase includes a smaller park, which will be made available for smaller breed dogs. This new phase was started by Colby in honor of his rescue dog, Elliot.

"We are so grateful that Colby decided to create a dog park for his Eagle Scout project," said Thompson. "This dog park has been something our residents have been wanting for quite a while. It has received nothing but positive comments from the community."

Thompson stressed that each owner is responsible for their pet's actions, including that the animals have received all of the appropriate vaccinations before entering the park and cleaning up by the pet owners as needed. Rules are posted and were established to ensure that the dog park is maintained in a safe and sanitary manner, he said. He also urges those driving to the facility to park in the parking lot provided and not along South Scales Street.

An official grand opening ceremony is planned for the spring of 2020.



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