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New dog park opens at lower Jaycee Park

Jaycee Park on South Scales Street in Reidsville just got a whole lot more dog friendly.

This week the City's first dog park opened as part of lower Jaycee Park. At its 2018 retreat, Reidsville City Council heard plans to establish a future dog park at Jaycee between the existing basketball courts and the street from Parks & Recreation Superintendent Frederick Thompson. The proposal was part of a bigger outdoor recreation amenities plan whereby the City would be looking to add to its equipment and other offerings at its network of parks throughout Reidsville.

Collaborating with the City on the project is Colby Gunter, a local Boy Scout from Troop 320 working on his Eagle project.

The dog park is actually a two-phase project. The larger park area is what is currently available for use, allowing dogs to get ample off-leash exercise and social activity with other animals. Thompson noted that it has been shown when dogs get adequate physical and mental exercise, they tend to show a decrease in troublesome behavior.

"The new dog park was constructed because our pets are seen as part of the family," Thompson explained. "We want them to remain healthy and active."

Gunter, assisted by his fellow Scouts and family members, installed the obstacles and other items in the larger park. The second phase will include a smaller park, an extension of the current facility, which will be made available for smaller breed dogs. Gunter plans to hold a local golf tournament to raise the funds required to help complete this project. Once he gets the needed materials together, Gunter will install the benches, obstacles and additional fencing for the small dog park extension as well.

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



Putting together a dog stand for the new dog park at Jaycee are those assisting Colby Gunter on his Eagle Scout project, shown above. Below, several of the new obstacles for the park are shown in this photo.



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.