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Leash-Free Area Allows Dogs More Freedom

(Papillion) Mayor James Blinn invites residents and their canine friends to use the newly acquired leash-free area at Walnut Creek Park.

City ordinance states that all dogs should be kept under restraint and owners should prevent his or her animals from becoming a nuisance to others. The leash-free area is the only place where residents can allow their pets to run freely on public property.

The area is fenced, but not gated. It consists of fences on three sides and water on the fourth. Dogs can run through tall grass and mow-trails that total more than two acres, and swim in a pond. Residents can use this area to train hunting dogs, teach dogs how to retrieve items from water or provide good exercise.

Residents that use this area should have good control of their pets to ensure a safe environment for all who use this service.

The leash-free area is free to the public and is open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Saturday. It is located on Schram and Turkey roads in Walnut Creek Park.

For the safety of residents and their pets, only foot traffic is allowed in the leash-free area; training with firearms, and dead or live game is prohibited; and residents need to have respect for other park users and wildlife. City ordinances require dogs to be on a leash except in this area.

Mayor Blinn said, "The leash free area is a new addition to our city parks and services. We urge residents to use this new area as well as the other recreation activities Walnut Creek has to offer. We want to make our residents aware of our continuous efforts to increase the quality of life in Papillion."