

King Park Opens with Rules for Good Behavior

Brentwood's newest park, King, opened this summer with the appropriate fanfare as barks and yips made up much of the speechifying.

King Park, the City's first off-leash dog park, opened June 10 with a few remarks by King's former owner, Chuck Allen, on hand to reminisce about his boyhood pal. King, a German shepherd, was the first dog to be issued a license by Contra Costa County.

Also in attendance were representatives of local pet stores and veterinarians dispensing information and fun freebies.

The park at 1379 Bauer Way, Brentwood, is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to dusk. Access is free, although there are certain requirements for both dogs and their owners to use the park, City officials say.

All dogs must have and wear a proper tag and license not only while they are in King Park but also on any City sidewalk or trail or any other City park.

The dogs must be properly vaccinated and must remain within the fenced confines of the park when off leash.

Owners must accompany their dogs, carry a leash and have their dogs under



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Pet owners and their dogs awaited park opening, above, then enjoyed the new facility after ceremonies were over.

voice control at all times. Dogs must remain on their leashes until inside the actual fenced park area and be leashed before leaving the park. Owners are responsible for their dogs' conduct.

Dogs that are aggressive toward

other dogs or people will not be permitted in the park. That also applies to dogs that bark too much or are in heat.

Mutt Mitts are available in the park for owners to use to clean up their dogs' poop. City workers will not perform this duty. If owners don't heed this rule, the park will be closed.

Owners are subject to being cited for violating the municipal code if they fail to clean up after their dogs.

A limit of three dogs per owner also applies.

Smoking is prohibited.

Owners use the park at their own risk. Parents using the park are responsible for their children's safety.

Police Chief Mike Davies to Retire

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Alameda County Police Academy and is qualified to teach other courses.

No, he is not actively searching for a full-time teaching post.

"But if the right one comes along, I'll take it," he says. "My B.A. degree from St. Mary's College is in business management, so I can teach in many fields."

Davies could practice law. He graduated from the John F. Kennedy law school, number one in his class. He also holds an associate degree in the administration of justice from Merritt College

where he graduated with honors.

While serving as Police Chief, Davies was responsible for many firsts in Brentwood, among them:

- Its first motorcycle traffic safety unit;
- Its first canine unit;
- Its first jail facility program;
- Its first crime prevention program, and
- Its first domestic violence program.

He participated in implementing the first report transcription system and the "specialist officer" positions for the City.



Police Chief Mike Davies may decide to teach once he retires. He is keeping his options open.

He had the department create a budget for and manage the juvenile and DARE programs and implement the electronic report system, computerized evidence system and the in-car
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