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Dexter, Missouri - The new Pokemon Go is the latest craze to hit the streets of America. These three youngsters were playing the game at Harps Grocery Store and Family Dollar in Dexter this week and explained to this reporter how the game was played. I asked them if they were being safe and they said yes and that they had a parent supervising them throughout their trek.

All three students will enter 7th grade at T.S. Hill Middle School. They are from left to right Nick March, Kaden Ritter, and Drace Wells.

They said they knew the dangers and heard others who had been injured, but they were being careful and only out during the day. Each also said they never go into other people's yards or trespass onto private property. They are mainly going to stores and places of business to capture, train or battle the little creatures.

We have already heard horror stories of robbery and death related to the game, but with any new fad there is a cost if one is not safe. As always when out and about the streets be aware of your surroundings, wear brightly colored clothing or even reflecting material, don't meet up with strangers, and don't go into areas that would be considered trespassing. Always be respectful of cemeteries, museums, libraries, churches and other areas that would be considered a sanctuary.

The Dexter Police Department would like to express some safety concerns as well regarding the new game being played by so many known as Pokemon Go.

Our department has received complaints from numerous citizens regarding the Pokemon Go players with safety concerns. Complaints have stemmed from players trespassing on private property during game play, players walking out in front of moving motor vehicles not paying attention to their surroundings while playing the game along with other complaints.

The Dexter Police Department worked a motor vehicle accident on 07/14/2016 involving a Pokemon Go player being dragged by a motor vehicle subsequently being transported by EMS to a local hospital for their injuries.

If you do choose to play this game, please be aware of your surroundings. Don't play the game in the roadway, cars aren't forgiving when hit by one.

Do not try to play the game and operate a motor vehicle at the same time.

Obey all laws applicable by not trespassing on private property trying to play the game.

The Dexter City Park ordinance is as follows:

Section 230.050. City Park Hours.

[CC 1974 §29.340]

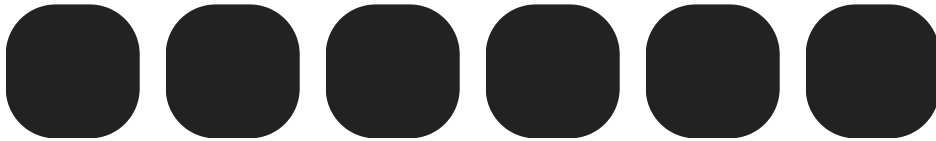
The City parks shall be open to the public only from sunrise to 10:00 P.M. and no person shall be within any City park between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and sunrise the following day without the permission of the Park Board.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Dexter Police Department 573-624-5512 or Chief Sammy Stone.

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