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## Hannah's Bark Park Opening

**MT. PLEASANT, Mich., July 14, 2015** – The City of Mt. Pleasant, Charter Township of Union and Friends of the Dog Park wish to inform the community of the opening of Hannah's Bark Park located in Mission Creek Park, 1458 N. Harris St. on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Hours of the park are 8 am – 10 pm, seven days a week. Membership and electronic key fobs are required for entrance and can be purchased at the Parks & Recreation Office in City Hall, 320 W. Broadway Street starting Monday, July 13. Hours for City Hall are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Membership cost is \$30/year for one dog; \$20 for each additional dog. Try the park for a weekly rate of \$5 per dog.

Key fobs will be available for purchase at the Parks & Recreation Office beginning Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and opening day (Saturday, July 18) from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at City Hall. The first 20 members to register will receive an additional two months added to their membership!

Hannah's Bark Park is a joint venture between the City of Mt. Pleasant, Charter Township of Union and Friends of the Dog Park. According to City of Mt. Pleasant Parks & Public Spaces Director Chris Bundy, "There has been an incredible amount of work, resources and energy put into this project over the past few years. We look forward to sharing this great park with area residents and their dogs."

Hannah's Bark Park is named in honor of Hannah Simons-Scalise, an area resident who passed away in 2011 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Per Hannah's wishes of creating a place where "dogs and people can run", her family has donated her life savings and other personal funds to the creation of a community dog park. The park is made up of 3.6 acres of land that is separated into two areas – one for large dogs (30 lbs. or more) and one for small dogs (less than 30 lbs.)

Membership packets can be found on the city's website, [www.mt-pleasant.org/barkpark](http://www.mt-pleasant.org/barkpark).

For more information contact the Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation Office, [parks-rec@mt-pleasant.org](mailto:parks-rec@mt-pleasant.org) or (989) 779-5331. Don't forget to "like" the [City of Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook to stay informed on the latest news.

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