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## **Mt. Pleasant Center community picture day planned for Friday, May 20**

**MT. PLEASANT, Mich.** – With demolition of the remaining City-owned structures on the property of the Mt. Pleasant Center scheduled to begin this month, the property will be open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 20, for the final opportunity to take pictures of the site and exteriors of the buildings.

Those attending must use the West Pickard Road entrance and will be required to sign in and out of the site.

Due to physical and environmental hazards, community members will not be allowed inside the buildings. Additionally, the portions of the property belonging to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will not be accessible.

**House Bill No. 5779, introduced by Rep. Bill Caul and signed into law on Oct. 25, 2010, allowed the State to convey the Mt. Pleasant Center property to the City of Mt. Pleasant for \$1 and expenses. Two portions of the site were offered to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and one portion, known as the “main campus,” to the City. After extensive research and community outreach, the City purchased the property in 2011 for the purpose of preparing it for a future redevelopment.**

**In late 2013 through early 2014, the two buildings closest to Pickard Street, as well as the water tower, were removed. The structures included the hospital/administration building, as well as one of the resident buildings. Prior to the demolition, extensive abatement work was completed to remove asbestos contamination inside the buildings.**

**Four of the 17 remaining structures on the property are in the process of being demolished. The demolition of the final 13 City-owned buildings will begin later this month.**

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