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Nelson Park Rotary Bridge Ribbon Cutting

MT. PLEASANT, Mich., June 12, 2015 – The City of Mt. Pleasant Parks Department wishes to inform citizens of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Rotary Bridge in Nelson Park.

The City of Mt. Pleasant, with support from the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club and Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, has replaced an outdated footbridge in Nelson Park with a universally accessible covered bridge. The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony scheduled for Monday, June 15 at 12:45 for the recently completed Rotary Bridge Project at Nelson Park. The uniquely designed 10'-wide wooden covered bridge replaces the aging 6' wide structure built in 1995 as an Eagle Scout Project. The \$40,000 bridge project was made possible through a \$20,000 donation by the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club and grant contribution of \$10,000 by the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Access to Recreation Fund.

The new covered bridge is part of the Mt. Pleasant GKB Riverwalk Trail located at a critical access point on the trail system which connects five major city parks and over 5 ½ miles of trails. The new bridge is a key component connecting the north end of Nelson Park with the west side of Island Park and will also now allow for the accommodation of wheelchairs and strollers, and improved maintenance access and snow removal on the trail. "This point on the Mt. Pleasant trail system sees nearly 550 people crossing the bridge daily including dog walkers, strollers, and personal mobility devices like wheelchairs and amigos; just one 5k race can see over 150 runners cross the bridge in 15 minutes" said Chris Bundy, Director of Mt. Pleasant City Parks.

Trail-goers and park visitors represent a widely diverse and representative portion of the Mt. Pleasant community. People and pets from all over Mt. Pleasant and surrounding areas use the trails and multiple bridges as a means to exercise, socialize, and enjoy nature along the Chippewa River Corridor.

For more information contact Chris Bundy, Parks & Public Spaces Director, cbundy@mt-pleasant.org or (989) 779-5328. 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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Mt. Pleasant
Rotary Bridge
@
Nelson Park

Ribbon Cutting & Dedication

Monday, June 15th
12:45 p.m.
Nelson Park
714 W. Broadway



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