



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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Public Invited to Grand Opening of Storey Bark Park

MERIDIAN – The City of Meridian will host a Grand Opening Celebration for its first dedicated off-leash dog park – Storey Bark Park -- on Wednesday, August 12, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, at 430 E. Watertower Lane. The event will include an official leash-cutting ceremony at 4:30 pm. Attendees, who are welcome to bring their well-behaved dogs, will also enjoy information booths and displays, live music, dog-themed door prizes, and doggy goody bags (while supplies last).

Storey Bark Park, located behind Meridian’s Storey Park, is a large fully-fenced dog park. It features a safe leashing/unleashing area, separate large dog and small dog areas, shade shelters, a restroom building, people and doggy drinking fountains, paved walkways, a variety of ground coverings, benches, mutt mitt stations, landscaping, a new paved parking area, dog-themed street signs, and a pair of fire hydrants. Both the small dog area and large dog area feature a number of agility items donated to the dog park by Intermountain Pet Hospital & Lodge.

According to Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd, “It’s going to be great to see happy tails wagging in our new dog park. The Storey Bark Park is another great example of how our Parks and Recreation Department grows to reflect the needs of our community and to connect even more people to our excellent outdoor recreation opportunities. I know this park will bring a lot of joy to dogs and their owners.”

“One thing that I have learned through this process is that dog parks are really for people!” said Steve Siddoway, Meridian Parks and Recreation Director. “A well-designed dog park has the potential to be so much more than just a place to exercise your pet. For many dog owners, a dog park, like the Storey Bark Park, is a place to meet new friends, relax, and enjoy the outdoors in a new way. This new park has been designed and constructed with that in mind,” said Siddoway.

Storey Bark Park will be open daily from sunrise to sunset, and admission is free. People and pets who visit the dog park will be expected to adhere to a set of posted rules intended to keep the new area safe, clean and fun for all users.

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