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Long-awaited Ionia Dog Park grand opening



The Ionia Dog Park on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

IONIA, Mich. — The City of Ionia has announced the date and time for the long-awaited Ionia Dog Park grand opening.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25. The public is invited to join Mayor John Milewski, the Ionia City Council, and the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce at the new dog park, located at the southeast corner of Adams and Steele streets.

The dog park will provide around .75 acres of fenced doggie playground with an area for smaller dogs and another for larger breed dogs. It features multiple dog agility structures, drinking fountains for both dogs and humans, benches, a shaded area, and supplies for humans to clean up after their furry friends.

Residents are reminded that a gravel parking area is located directly south of the park for convenient use. This parking will be paved during the initial phase of the Steele Street Park complex anticipated for construction in 2026.

The Ionia Dog Park was made possible by a \$375,478 Community Development Block Grant matched by \$85,792 in City funds.

The City also announced an update on the Hale Park renovation project. Crews will resume spring construction on Monday, March 17.



Hale Park, located on the northeast corner of the Division Street and Lincoln Avenue intersection, has been undergoing a redesign that includes new off-street parking, a playscape, a picnic pavilion, and other amenities. The newly renovated park is expected to reopen by the end of summer.

The Hale Park renovation project was funded by a \$382,000 Land and Water Conservation Grant matched by \$497,802 in City funds.

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