

# PRIME MERIDIAN

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## SPRING TIME IS HERE

and we're looking to  
Go Green!

## SUMMER TIME IN MERIDIAN

brings Prime families  
together for celebration  
and activities



A PRIME COMMUNITY

Dear Neighbors,

It is both an honor and a privilege to have been appointed by the Meridian Township Board to serve as your Treasurer. All three of my children are graduates of Haslett Schools, and I am very proud of the young adults they have become after being shaped by one of our world-class schools.



You placed your trust in me by electing me to the Township Board in 2016 and I have worked hard to protect your interests. As your Treasurer, I will continue to carefully scrutinize every issue that comes before the Board and try to make the best decisions for our community.

Thanks to the excellent work of our former Treasurer Julie Brixie, Manager Frank Walsh and many others, Meridian Township is in the strongest financial position of any community in Michigan. As your Treasurer, I will make certain that all tax revenues and expenditures are scrupulously accounted for, as well as be certain our cash reserves are invested prudently.

Currently, we are working to implement a new online payment system that will be rolled out in the coming weeks. The new payment system will be more efficient, easier to use and accessible from either a computer or smartphone.

Our Township Board, led by Supervisor Ron J. Styka, is working to achieve our top two goals for 2019; commercial development of our core areas and fixing our local streets. We have recently brought to Downtown Okemos a hundred million-dollar development project, and we are focused on redeveloping the Haslett Village Square area. As for local streets, we are currently assessing what will be needed to improve the condition of all 150 miles of neighborhood roads in Meridian Township.

I look forward to working for the community and helping to keep it a prime place to call home. Feel free to reach out to me at 517.853.4144 or by email at [deschaine@meridian.mi.us](mailto:deschaine@meridian.mi.us).

Sincerely,



Phil Deschaine  
Meridian Township Treasurer



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## What is a Prime Community?



**The people.** You put the 'I' and 'me' in Prime. You put the 'U' in Community. Over 42,000 residents in Meridian Township from Haslett, Okemos and a small part of East Lansing and Williamston collectively contribute to maintaining a sustainable and welcoming community. We want to thank our community members for making Meridian Township A Prime Community.

Our residents make up a caring and supportive community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyle. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming, sustainable, prime community.

With two of the best school districts in the state, 29 parks and almost 30 businesses opening their doors last year, it is easy to see why Meridian Township is **A Prime Community.**

# GO GREEN! THIS SPRING



## SPRING RECYCLING CHIPPEWA MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT 4000 OKEMOS RD, OKEMOS

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 27**  
9 AM - 2 PM

Meridian Township is hosting a Spring Recycling Event and wants you there with your recyclables! The parking lot will hum with volunteers helping visitors unload their goods at collection stations. Admission is free and open to all! Some modest fees will apply for paint, TVs/monitors and items with Freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers).

## LOVE A PARK DAY

**HILLBOOK PARK, 1751 LAKE LANSING RD, HASLETT**

Spreading gravel, pulling weeds, planting flowers and mulching.

**FERGUSON PARK, 4540 OKEMOS RD, OKEMOS**

Spreading play surface, pulling weeds, planting flowers and mulching.

Please email Kelsey Dillon at [dillon@meridian.mi.us](mailto:dillon@meridian.mi.us) to sign up as an individual or sign up a whole group!

**SATURDAY  
MAY 18**  
9:30 AM - 12 PM



## Plant Sales in Meridian Township

### HNC NATIVE PLANTS SALE & FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MAY 4

HARRIS NATURE CENTER

9 AM - 1 PM

PLANT PRICES VARY

Native plants such as coneflower, butterfly weed and cardinal flower, can enhance your garden with color and ease of maintenance. Harris Nature Center is hosting a sale of over 70 varieties of native plants, shrubs and trees this spring. Pre-order your plants NOW or pick them out on Native Plants Day, May 4. Contact us at 517.349.3866 or [hnc@meridian.mi.us](mailto:hnc@meridian.mi.us) for the plant list and order form for pre-ordering. Pre-ordered plants will be available for pick-up during Native Plants Day when additional plants will also be available on site for purchase. Proceeds from native plant sales support Harris Nature Center projects.

### MERIDIAN GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

FRIDAY MAY 17

FARMERS' MARKET PAVILION

9 AM - 2 PM

PLANT PRICES VARY

Support the Meridian Garden Club at their annual plant sale on Friday, May 17 at the Farmers' Market Pavilion. The Meridian Garden Club provides gardening services at several Township properties, most notably the Meridian Historical Village and Meridian Township Municipal Building. Choose from perennials, annuals, hanging baskets/pots, hanging patio tomatoes, house plants and more. This event provides funding for Meridian Garden Club volunteers to beautify the Township.

## Music In Nature

Imagine walking through the woods and hearing sweet music playing or picnicking to an upbeat tune. Harris Nature Center has launched a new series this summer called Music in Nature.



### MUSIC IN NATURE

**MONTE PRIDE AND GIFTS OR CREATURES**  
SAT JUL 20 5 - 8 PM

**ARLENE MCDANIEL TRIO**  
SAT AUG 10 5 - 8 PM

**STRINGS AND WOOD**  
SAT SEPT 14 5 - 8 PM

[MERIDIAN.MI.US](http://MERIDIAN.MI.US)

THREE DIFFERENT TRIOS WILL PLAY LIVE MUSIC IN THE GATHERING CIRCLE, WHERE VISITORS CAN SIT AND ENJOY THE MUSIC CONCERT-STYLE OR CHOOSE TO WALK THE TRAILS, PICNIC OR LISTEN FROM ANOTHER SITTING AREA.

THESE EVENTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE HARRIS NATURE CENTER FOUNDATION AND ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC



# CELEBRATE MERIDIAN FESTIVAL & FOOD TRUCK RALLY



## Welcome to the Celebrate Meridian Festival!

Enjoy a fun filled day with family and friends. Explore the Kids Activity Zone and satisfy your foodie cravings at the Food Truck Rally.

Join us in celebrating our Independence Day with live music throughout the day and ending with fireworks lighting up the sky.



[meridian.mi.us/celebratemeridian](http://meridian.mi.us/celebratemeridian)

**#CELEBRATEMERIDIAN**



**FOOD TRUCK RALLY**  
11 AM - 10 PM



**FARMERS' MARKET**  
8 AM - 2 PM



**CAR SHOW CRUISE**  
12 PM - 5 PM



**COMMUNITY MURAL**  
11 AM UNTIL COMPLETED



**ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**  
11 AM - 8 PM



**KIDS ACTIVITIES**  
11 AM - 10 PM



**LIVE MUSIC**  
12 PM - 10 PM



**BEER AND WINE TENT**  
11 AM - 10 PM



**FIREWORKS**  
10 PM

# CHOOSE YOUR PRIME EVENTS



## Senior Health & Fitness Day

WONCH PARK, 4555 OKEMOS RD, OKEMOS

Seniors across the Township are invited to participate in National Senior Health & Fitness Day. Enjoy a free lunch, fitness & outdoor activities, good form walking presentation, health and wellness vendors, Meridian Garden Club demos and giveaways.

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 29  
11 AM - 1 PM



## Be A Tourist in Your Own Town

MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE, HARRIS NATURE CENTER, HOMTV STUDIOS

Be A Tourist participants will discover the charm that is only in Meridian when they visit one of our "Hidden Gems". Stops include getting to know Meridian Historical Village, Harris Nature Center and HOMTV Studios.

SATURDAY  
JUNE 01  
10 AM - 5 PM



## Fishing Derby

HISTORICAL VILLAGE POND, 5151 MARSH RD, OKEMOS

Families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan fishing, for FREE! Sign up at [bit.ly/mtpronline](http://bit.ly/mtpronline) - registration is required this year. (no license required to fish as part of Michigan DNR's free fishing weekend)

SATURDAY  
JUNE 08  
9 AM - 12 PM



## Meridian Mile

ALONG CENTRAL PARK DRIVE, 5151 MARSH RD, OKEMOS

Join Playmakers and Meridian Township to kickoff the Celebrate Meridian Festival by running or walking a mile down Central Park Drive behind the Meridian Mall. Bring your friends and neighbors to the Meridian Mile to raise money for the Meridian Cares program.

THURSDAY  
JUNE 27  
7 PM - END OF RACE



## Heritage Festival

MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE

The Friends of Historical Village will host a Heritage Festival as part of the Celebrate Meridian Event. Take the kids to the Village for games and crafts at this free, family event.

SATURDAY  
JUNE 29  
11 AM - 4 PM



## National Night Out

VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS

We invite all Neighborhood Watch Groups, Neighborhood Associations and the community to be part of National Night Out. Community police officers will be visiting neighborhoods with McGruff the Crime Dog and/or our K-9 Unit, on motorcycles and in police vehicles. Contact your community police officer at 517.853.4800 with questions and to let them know your group is participating.

TUESDAY  
AUGUST 06  
6 PM - 9 PM



## Senior Brunch Tribute

THE WILLOWS AT OKEMOS

In honor of our Meridian Township Seniors, the Senior Brunch Tribute provides an opportunity for the community to recognize our seniors and their many contributions to the Township. This event is free to Meridian Township Senior Residents, age 55 and older. Contact Andrea Smiley at [smiley@meridian.mi.us](mailto:smiley@meridian.mi.us) or 517.853.4384 to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

# PRIME FUN FOR THE FAMILY

# PRIME ACTIVITIES

- 27 APR** SATURDAY **STEWARDSHIP MORNINGS**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 AM - 11 AM
- 27 APR** SATURDAY **SPRING RECYCLING EVENT**  
CHIPPEWA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
9 AM - 2 PM
- 28 APR** SUNDAY **BIRD WATCHING WALK**  
NANCY MOORE PARK  
8 AM - 9 AM
- 28 APR** SUNDAY **SPRING WALKABOUT**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
2 PM - 3 PM
- 04 MAY** SATURDAY **NATIVE PLANTS SALE & FUNDRAISER**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 AM - 1 PM
- 04 MAY** SATURDAY **EDIBLE WILD PLANTS WALK**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 AM - 1 PM
- 05 MAY** SUNDAY **BIRD WATCHING WALK**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
8 AM - 9 AM
- 07 MAY** TUESDAY **EVENING WILDFLOWER WALK**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
7 PM - 8 PM
- 10 MAY** FRIDAY **MOTHER'S DAY TEA & BRUNCH**  
MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER  
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- 11 MAY** SATURDAY **WOODLAND FAIRY & GNOME PARTY**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
11 AM - 2 PM
- 17 MAY** FRIDAY **MERIDIAN GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE**  
FARMERS' MARKET PAVILION 9 AM - 2 PM
- 17 MAY** FRIDAY **HOWL AT THE MOON**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 PM - 10 PM
- 18 MAY** SATURDAY **LOVE A PARK DAY**  
HILLBOOK PARK AND FERGUSON PARK  
9:30 AM - 12 PM
- 18 MAY** SATURDAY **STEWARDSHIP MORNINGS**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 AM - 11 AM
- 29 MAY** WEDNESDAY **SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY**  
WONCH PARK  
11 AM - 1 PM
- 01 JUNE** SUNDAY **BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER / HOMTV STUDIOS 10 AM - 5 PM  
MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE 10 AM - 2 PM
- 08 JUNE** SATURDAY **FISHING DERBY**  
MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE POND  
9 AM - 12 PM
- 09 JUNE** SUNDAY **FAMILY DISCOVERY WALK**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
3 PM - 4 PM
- 14 JUNE** FRIDAY **FATHER'S DAY OUTING**  
MEET AT MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER  
12 PM - 1:30 PM
- 14 JUNE** FRIDAY **HOWL AT THE MOON**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 PM - 10 PM
- 15 JUNE** SATURDAY **STEWARDSHIP MORNINGS**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 AM - 11 AM

- 19 JUNE** WEDNESDAY **SUMMER MEDIA CAMP FOR KIDS**  
HOMTV STUDIOS  
10 AM - 3 PM
- 20 JUNE** THURSDAY **SUMMER MEDIA CAMP FOR KIDS**  
HOMTV STUDIOS  
10 AM - 3 PM
- 21 JUNE** FRIDAY **SENIOR CENTER SUMMER BBQ**  
WONCH PARK  
11 AM - 1 PM
- 22 JUNE** SATURDAY **ALL ABOUT BATS CAMPFIRE**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
7 PM - 8:30 PM
- 27 JUNE** THURSDAY **MERIDIAN MILE**  
CENTRAL PARK DRIVE  
7 PM, START TIMES VARY
- 29 JUNE** SATURDAY **CELEBRATE MERIDIAN FESTIVAL & FOOD TRUCK RALLY**  
MERIDIAN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX 12 PM - 10 PM
- 11 JULY** THURSDAY **FUNDRAISER RUMMAGE SALE**  
MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER  
9 AM - 5 PM
- 12 JULY** FRIDAY **FUNDRAISER RUMMAGE SALE**  
MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER  
9 AM - 5 PM
- 13 JULY** SATURDAY **FUNDRAISER RUMMAGE SALE**  
MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER  
9 AM - 12 PM
- 19 JULY** FRIDAY **SENIOR CENTER ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER  
12 PM - 1 PM
- 19 JULY** FRIDAY **HOWL AT THE MOON**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 PM - 10 PM
- 20 JULY** SATURDAY **STEWARDSHIP MORNINGS**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 AM - 11 AM
- 20 JULY** SATURDAY **MUSIC IN NATURE**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
5 PM - 8 PM
- 27 JULY** SATURDAY **FIREFLIES AND FRIENDS CAMPFIRE**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
7 PM - 8:30 PM
- 5-9 AUG** TUESDAY **TURNING BACK THE PAGES CAMP**  
MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE  
9 AM - 12 PM
- 06 AUG** TUESDAY **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS  
6 PM - 9 PM
- 10 AUG** SATURDAY **MUSIC IN NATURE**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
5 PM - 8 PM
- 16 AUG** FRIDAY **HOWL AT THE MOON**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 PM - 10 PM
- 17 AUG** SATURDAY **STEWARDSHIP MORNINGS**  
HARRIS NATURE CENTER  
9 AM - 11 AM
- 18 AUG** SUNDAY **LAKE LANSING RELAY**  
LAKE LANSING PARK SOUTH  
7:30 AM
- 22 AUG** THURSDAY **SENIOR CENTER ART SHOW**  
MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER  
10 AM - 2 PM

Sign up for eNotify to receive event information at [meridian.mi.us/enotify](http://meridian.mi.us/enotify)

For Information & To Sign Up  
**NOW**  
[bit.ly/mtpronline](http://bit.ly/mtpronline)

Dates/Times subject to  
 change.



# YOUTH SPORTS



Meridian Township offers a variety of youth sports programs for ages 3-15. Each program encourages development of skills and self-esteem through physical activity and teamwork, while creating friendships in a fun and safe atmosphere. Please go to [bit.ly/mtpronline](http://bit.ly/mtpronline) for more information and to sign up.

## YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUES FOR OKEMOS AND HASLETT

**MAY - MID JULY**  
**1ST - 4TH GRADES** \$80-\$90  
**U-12 AND U14** \$150-\$160  
**DEADLINE PASSED:** CHECK AVAILABILITY AT [BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE](http://BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE)

## OKEMOS K-8TH GRADE SOCCER

**SPRING APRIL - MAY** FEES VARY  
**DEADLINE PASSED:** CHECK AVAILABILITY AT [BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE](http://BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE)

**FALL SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER & SPRING MAY - JUNE 2020** FEES VARY  
 Practices Monday - Friday evenings  
 Games on Saturdays  
**REGISTRATION OPENS:** MAY 21  
**DEADLINE:** JULY 12

## OKEMOS K-7TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER** \$55 - \$65  
 Play 5v5  
 Practice Monday - Friday  
 Games on Sunday afternoons  
**REGISTRATION OPENS:**  
**DEADLINE:** AUGUST 2



## SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES

**T-BALL, SOCCER, FOOTBALL AND TRACK & FIELD**  
**AGES 3 - 5** \$45  
**CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 20**  
 Summer and Fall 4-day (M-Th)  
 Camps in June, July and August  
 Fall Camps once a week for 4-weeks offered in September  
**DEADLINE:** UNTIL FULL

## HASLETT/HYRA K-1ST GRADE SOCCER

**SPRING APRIL - MAY** FEES VARY  
**DEADLINE:** CHECK AVAILABILITY AT [BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE](http://BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE)

**FALL SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER & SPRING MAY - JUNE 2020** FEES VARY  
 Practices Monday - Friday evenings  
 Games on Saturdays  
**REGISTRATION OPENS:** MAY 21  
**DEADLINE:** JULY 12

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**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER** \$55-\$65  
 Play 5v5  
 Practice Monday - Friday  
 Games on Sunday afternoons  
**REGISTRATION OPENS:**  
**DEADLINE:** AUGUST 2

## PLAYMAKERS RUNNING CLUB

**APRIL 22 - MAY 15** \$50  
**BOYS AND GIRLS/3RD - 6TH GRADE** 6 PM  
**DEADLINE:** UNTIL FULL

## JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS COACHING & PLAY PROGRAM

**MERIDIAN SUN GOLF COURSE**  
**1018 HASLETT ROAD, HASLETT**

### TEE FORE TOTS PARENT-CHILD SESSION ONE \$49

**AGES 3-4**  
**MONDAYS** JUNE 3 - 24 6 PM - 6:30 PM  
**THURSDAYS** JUNE 6 - 27 6 PM - 6:30 PM

**AGES 5-6**  
**MONDAYS** JUNE 3 - 24 6:30 PM - 7 PM  
**THURSDAYS** JUNE 6 - 27 6:30 PM - 7 PM

### SESSION TWO \$49

**AGES 3-4**  
**MONDAYS** JULY 8 - 29 6 PM - 6:30 PM  
**THURSDAYS** JULY 11 - AUG 1 6 PM - 6:30 PM

**AGES 5-6**  
**MONDAYS** JULY 8 - 29 6:30 PM - 7 PM  
**THURSDAYS** JULY 11 - AUG 1 6:30 PM - 7 PM

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: AGES 7 - 10 THURSDAYS JUNE 20 - AUGUST 8

**INSTRUCTION, PRACTICE & PLAY** 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
**DEADLINE:** JUNE 5  
 Includes a Meridian Sun Junior Golf t-shirt and season ending cookout with prizes \$149

### MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL: AGES 11 - 17 WEDNESDAYS JUNE 19 - AUGUST 7

**INSTRUCTION & PRACTICE** 8:30 AM - 10 AM  
**GOLF PLAY** 10 AM - 12 PM  
**DEADLINE:** JUNE 5  
 Includes a Meridian Sun Junior Golf t-shirt and season ending cookout with prizes \$149

### THREE DAY GOLF CAMPS

**CAMP I** JUNE 18 - 20  
**DEADLINE:** JUNE 12

**CAMP II** JULY 16 - 18  
**DEADLINE:** JULY 10

**AGES 11 - 14** 12 PM - 1:30 PM  
**AGES 7 - 10** 2 PM - 3:30 PM

Includes a Meridian Sun Junior Camp Gift and Pizza Party \$125

For Information & To Sign Up  
**NOW**  
[bit.ly/mtpronline](http://bit.ly/mtpronline)

Dates/Times subject to change.



# ADULT SPORTS



Get Active! Meridian Township offers a variety of programs and activities for adults who want to have fun and stay physically and socially active during the warmer months. Adult sports and programs create an engaging and supportive environment, while adding a little friendly competition. Let's play!

## ADULT SOFTBALL

MAY 6 - JULY 25  
 MONDAYS: SUPER CO-ED  
 TUESDAYS: MEN'S  
 WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY: CO-ED  
 TEAM: \$295  
 PLAYER: \$20  
 DEADLINE: APRIL 26

## ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUES

FRIDAY EVENINGS  
 MAY 10 - JULY 12  
 DEADLINE: APRIL 26  
 MONDAY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY  
 JULY 15 - SEPTEMBER 20  
 TEAM: \$125  
 DEADLINE: JULY 12



## CO-ED 4 V 4 ADULT SAND VOLLEYBALL

MONDAYS/TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS  
 SESSION I: MAY 6 - JULY 18  
 SESSION II: JULY 22 - SEPTEMBER 26  
 TEAM: \$125  
 DEADLINE: APRIL 26  
 DEADLINE: JULY 12

## PICKLEBALL

AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS & FAMILIES  
 BEGINS IN MAY

## HILLBROOK PARK

OPEN PLAY  
 MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY 9 AM - 11 AM  
 TUESDAY 5 PM - DUSK  
 AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS & FAMILIES

## TOWNER ROAD PARK

OPEN PLAY  
 MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY 9 AM - 12 PM  
 TUESDAY/THURSDAY 5 PM TO DUSK

## GOLF

MERIDIAN SUN GOLF COURSE  
 1018 HASLETT RD, HASLETT

### WOMEN'S "NIGHT OUT" CLINICS

SESSION I: TUESDAY NIGHTS \$129  
 MAY 7 - JUNE 11  
 DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MAY 3  
 SESSION II: TUESDAY NIGHTS \$129  
 JUNE 18 - JULY 23  
 DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JUNE 14

"GETTING STARTED" 6 PM - 7 PM  
 FOR NEW GOLFERS  
 Includes beverages and snacks \$129  
 "ON MY WAY" 7 PM - 8 PM  
 SOME GOLF EXPERIENCE  
 Includes beverages and snacks \$129

### WOMEN'S "NIGHT OUT" LEARNING LEAGUE

SESSION I: MAY 6 - JUNE 18  
 \$125 6 PM - 9 PM  
 SESSION II: JUNE 25 - AUGUST 6  
 \$125 6 PM - 9 PM  
 Includes golf, cart, warm up basket and prizes each week. End of Season Scramble for all league participants in both sessions on August 13th

**CO-ED GOLF CLINICS ALSO AVAILABLE. GO TO [BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE](http://BIT.LY/MTPRONLINE) FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## Meridian Township Pavilion Rentals

Gather your family, friends and coworkers in one of Meridian Township's prime outdoor pavilions this summer! Make graduation parties, birthday celebrations, sports team get-togethers and employee appreciation days a breeze in one of our beautiful parks that boast amenities such as grills, playgrounds, sand volleyball courts, Gaga ball pits, Pickleball courts and much more!

Meridian Township currently has six pavilions including two brand new spaces for 2019 (North Meridian Road Park and Towner Road Park). Please call 517.853.4600 for reservations. Visit our website for amenity details.  
[www.meridian.mi.us/visitors/parks-and-trails/park-pavilions](http://www.meridian.mi.us/visitors/parks-and-trails/park-pavilions)





**Monday - Friday**  
**9 AM - 4:30 PM**

# Meridian SENIOR Center

Where Friends Meet

📍 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Senior Center entrance is located off of Kinawa Drive  
☎ 517.706.5045  
📘 facebook.com/meridianseniorcenter

The Meridian Senior Center offers retired and older adults opportunities to remain active and healthy with a variety of activities. If you are age 55 and over you can become a member at [meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com](http://meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com)

### MOTHER'S DAY TEA AND BRUNCH

**FRIDAY MAY 10 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**FREE FOR MEMBERS, \$10 FOR NONMEMBERS**  
**REGISTRATION/PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY MAY 3**  
Enjoy a variety of delicious flavored teas and a scrumptious brunch that is sure to knock your socks off. We will have a knowledgeable antique appraiser on-site, please bring in your precious heirlooms to be appraised or just for a show and tell! We ask that guests dress for the occasion. Hats and gloves are encouraged.

### ARCHERY DAY AT DEMMER SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION CENTER

**FRIDAY MAY 10 2 PM**  
**\$15 MEMBERS, \$25 NONMEMBERS**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY MAY 3**

### WINE TASTING AT BURGDORPH'S WINERY

**FRIDAY MAY 31 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM**  
**\$20 MEMBERS, \$30 NONMEMBERS**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY MAY 17**

### FATHER'S DAY OUTING TO BAD BREWING

**FRIDAY JUNE 14 12 NOON - 2 PM**  
**FREE FOR MEMBERS, \$15 FOR NONMEMBERS**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: WED JUNE 5**  
It is Father's Day weekend and what better way to celebrate all the wonderful men and father's in our lives than over a craft beer and lunch. The fun doesn't have to end there, Bad Brewing is in the heart of historic Downtown Mason. You will have your choice to visit the historic Courthouse, the famous Kean's "five and dime" or the antique market. Trip includes the following: bus transportation to and from Bad Brewing in Mason, craft beer glass flight and lunch. Seating is limited to 20.

### LET'S GO FISHING

**TUESDAY JUNE 18**  
Join us for a fly fishing class with Nomad Anglers. Time and cost to be determined.

### SUMMER BBQ

**FRIDAY JUNE 21 11 AM**  
**FREE MEMBERS, \$5 NONMEMBERS**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JUNE 14**  
**LOCATION: WONCH PARK**  
Rain Location: Meridian Senior Center  
Let's kick off summer with a bbq! We will be having all your favorite summer treats to eat hot off the grill, plus live music and games.

### MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RUMMAGE SALE

**THURSDAY JULY 11 9 AM - 5 PM**  
**FRIDAY JULY 12 9 AM - 5 PM**  
**SATURDAY JULY 13 9 AM - 12 NOON**

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**FRIDAY JULY 19 12 NOON**  
**FREE FOR MEMBERS, \$5 FOR NON-MEMBERS**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 15**  
Beat the summer heat by sharing a frosty treat with friends. Ice cream sundaes, floats and games.

### BOWLING OUTING AT CITY LIMITS

**THURSDAY AUGUST 29**  
**\$10 MEMBERS \$15 NONMEMBERS**

### MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER ART SHOW

**THURSDAY AUGUST 22 10 AM - 2 PM**  
**TABLE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 5**  
12 tables are available to rent at \$20 per table. Are you an art lover? Or maybe you're an artist yourself? The Meridian Senior Center is looking for artists to display and sell their masterpieces in our Meridian Senior Center Art Show. Participants will pay a \$20 table rental fee to show off their art and sell it to those who are interested. Come see the world through the eyes of fellow members and friends. We hope to see everyone there! Door will open at 9 am for vendors and 10 am for shoppers.

### VISIT MERIDIANSENIORCENTER.WEEBLY.COM FOR MORE OUTINGS, CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

### EXERCISE & ACTIVITIES

Whether you're looking to learn a craft, new computer skills or improve your flexibility, skilled instructors are available who provide classes designed for active older adults.

### LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Each Tuesday and Thursday, the Meridian Senior Center provides a warm and friendly place to meet and eat together. Join us for a nutritious and balanced meal, conversation and opportunities to build new friendships!

**CALL 517.706.5045 TO REGISTER**



Donations are being accepted for the Senior Center annual Fundraiser Rummage Sale being held in July. Donations will be accepted through June 24th. We do not accept: clothing, books, large appliances or items that are broken or not working. Please be sure your donations are clean and working. If you have questions feel free to call at 517.706.5045.

For Information & To Sign Up  
**NOW**  
[bit.ly/mtpronline](http://bit.ly/mtpronline)  
 Contact the Harris Nature Center with questions



### CHIPMUNK STORY TIME

**AGES: PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY**  
**THURSDAYS 10 AM - 11 AM**  
**MAY 16 JUMP FROG JUMP**  
**JUNE 13 SUMMER WOODS**  
**SEPTEMBER 19 POSSUM'S HARVEST MOON**  
**PRICE: \$3/CHILD/SESSION**

Story time comes alive as children interact with puppets, Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends. Stories are followed by a craft, games or a walk.

### HOWL AT THE MOON

**FRIDAY EVENINGS**  
**MAY 17 9 PM JULY 19 9 PM**  
**JUNE 14 9 PM AUGUST 16 9 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON/WALK**

Enjoy the full moon while taking a guided walk through the nighttime woods. Dogs on a nonretractable leash and flashlights are welcome. Meet in the parking lot.

### PRESCHOOL SCIENCE EXPLORATION

**AGES: 4 AND 5 YEAR OLDS**  
**THURSDAYS 1 PM - 2 PM**  
**MAY 2 WILDFLOWERS BLOOMING**  
**JUNE 6 FUN WITH FIREFLIES**  
**SEPTEMBER 5 NOCTURNAL NATURE**  
**OCTOBER 3 ANIMALS IN AUTUMN**  
**PRICE: \$3/CHILD/CLASS**

Curious preschool children explore nature through hands-on science activities and discovery walks with a naturalist guide.

### HNC STEWARDSHIP MORNINGS

**SATURDAYS 9 AM - 11 AM**  
**APRIL 27 JULY 20**  
**MAY 18 AUGUST 17**  
**JUNE 15 SEPTEMBER 21**  
**PRICE: FREE**

Every day is Earth Day at Harris Nature Center! Help keep our park and trails healthy and safe by removing invasive plants, maintaining habitat areas, identifying/repairing troubled trail areas and gardening around the building.

### ANIMAL BABIES CAMPFIRE

**SATURDAY APRIL 27 7 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON OR \$7/FAMILY**

Learn more about your favorite furry and feathery babies while you spend time around the campfire, roast marshmallows and take a guided walk with a naturalist.

### SPRING WALKABOUT

**SUNDAY APRIL 28 2 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON OR \$7/FAMILY**

The early wildflowers are beginning to show and animals are very active as they gather food for their young. This is a great time for a guided walk in the early spring woods!

### BIRD WATCHING IN OUR PARKS

**SUNDAY APRIL 28 8 AM**  
**NANCY MOORE PARK - MEET IN BACK PARKING LOT**  
**SUNDAY MAY 5 8 AM**  
**HNC AND LEGG PARK - MEET IN HNC PARKING LOT**  
**PRICE: FREE**

Meridian Township Parks has partnered with the Capital Area Audubon Society to lead bird watching walks in our parks this spring.

### NATIVE PLANTS SALE & FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY MAY 4 9 AM - 1 PM**  
 Proceeds from native plant sales support Harris Nature Center projects. See Page 1 for details.

### EDIBLE WILD PLANTS WALK

**SATURDAY MAY 4 2 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON OR \$7/FAMILY**

Join Peter Carrington, Curator of the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden at MSU on a spring edible plant walking tour at the Harris Nature Center.

### EVENING WILDFLOWER WALK

**TUESDAY MAY 7 7 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON OR \$7/FAMILY**

Trillium, Wild Phlox, Swamp Buttercup, Jack-in-the-pulpit... so many wonderful wildflowers in bloom! Join a naturalist for a guided walk before these wildflowers are gone for another year.

### WOODLAND FAIRY & GNOME PARTY

**SATURDAY, MAY 11 11 AM - 2 PM**  
**PRICE: \$10/CHILD**

Your child will enjoy building their own gnome or fairy house, face painting, fairy/gnome games, scavenger hunt, stories and snacks.

### BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN

**SATURDAY JUNE 1 10 AM - 5 PM**  
**PRICE: FREE**

Whether you are a new or returning visitor, you will have a great time with the planned activities in the Nature Exploration Area, visiting with the animals and walking the nature trails. HNC is a stamp location.

### FAMILY DISCOVERY WALK

**SUNDAY JUNE 9 3 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON OR \$7/FAMILY**

The woods are full of mystery in the summer as every tree and rock reveals a surprise in the form of bugs, seeds and animal traces. Join a naturalist as we go exploring!

### ALL ABOUT BATS CAMPFIRE

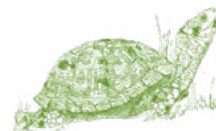
**SATURDAY JUNE 22 7 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON OR \$7/FAMILY**

This program will bust some common myths, while sharing information on bat habits and characteristics. Participants will also enjoy time around the campfire, making s'mores and a guided walk.

### FIREFLIES & FRIENDS CAMPFIRE

**SATURDAY JULY 27 7 PM**  
**PRICE: \$3/PERSON OR \$7/FAMILY**

Find out more about these summer icons and other nighttime insects, while enjoying time around the campfire, making s'mores and experiencing a guided walk.



# SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

## Nature Connection Summer Camps

Your children can enjoy a 1 day, 2 day or 4 day adventure at the Harris Nature Center this summer!



**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD:**  
[bit.ly/mtpronline](http://bit.ly/mtpronline)  
517.349.3866  
[hnc@meridian.mi.us](mailto:hnc@meridian.mi.us)  
Registration forms are also online  
[meridian.mi.us/HNC](http://meridian.mi.us/HNC)

All day camps are nature themed with an emphasis on conservation. Camps are arranged and designed with age appropriate activities for preschoolers through children entering 8th grade. Personal attention is given to each child by a dedicated Harris Nature Center Naturalist, guiding them through a large variety of nature experiences.

All campers will receive a free camp t-shirt. Camp fees vary and enrollment is open until full. Register before June 1st and you will also receive a discount on each session your children enroll in.

### 4 YEARS & UNDER

Nature Tots Camps

### 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS

Cool Critters  
Crafty Critters  
Bug Buddies  
Wild about Animals

### GOING INTO KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADES

Animal Seekers  
Feathery Friends  
Nature's Artists  
Animal Babies  
Frogs and Friends  
Insect Adventures  
Sensational Nature  
Turtle Time  
Amazing Animals

### GOING INTO 2ND & 3RD GRADES

Bug Catchers  
Grossology  
Nature's Artists II  
Animal Trackers  
Animal World  
Birds, Birds, Birds!  
River Rascals  
Snakes Alive!  
Animal Adventures

### GOING INTO 4TH - 6TH GRADES

Following Tracks and Traces  
Nuts about Nature  
River Explorations  
Bird Watching  
Rock Hounds  
Treasure Hunters  
Wilderness Child  
Wildlife Explorers  
Outdoor Adventures

### GOING INTO 6TH - 8TH GRADES

Counselor-in-Training Camp

## SUMMER MEDIA CAMPS FOR KIDS

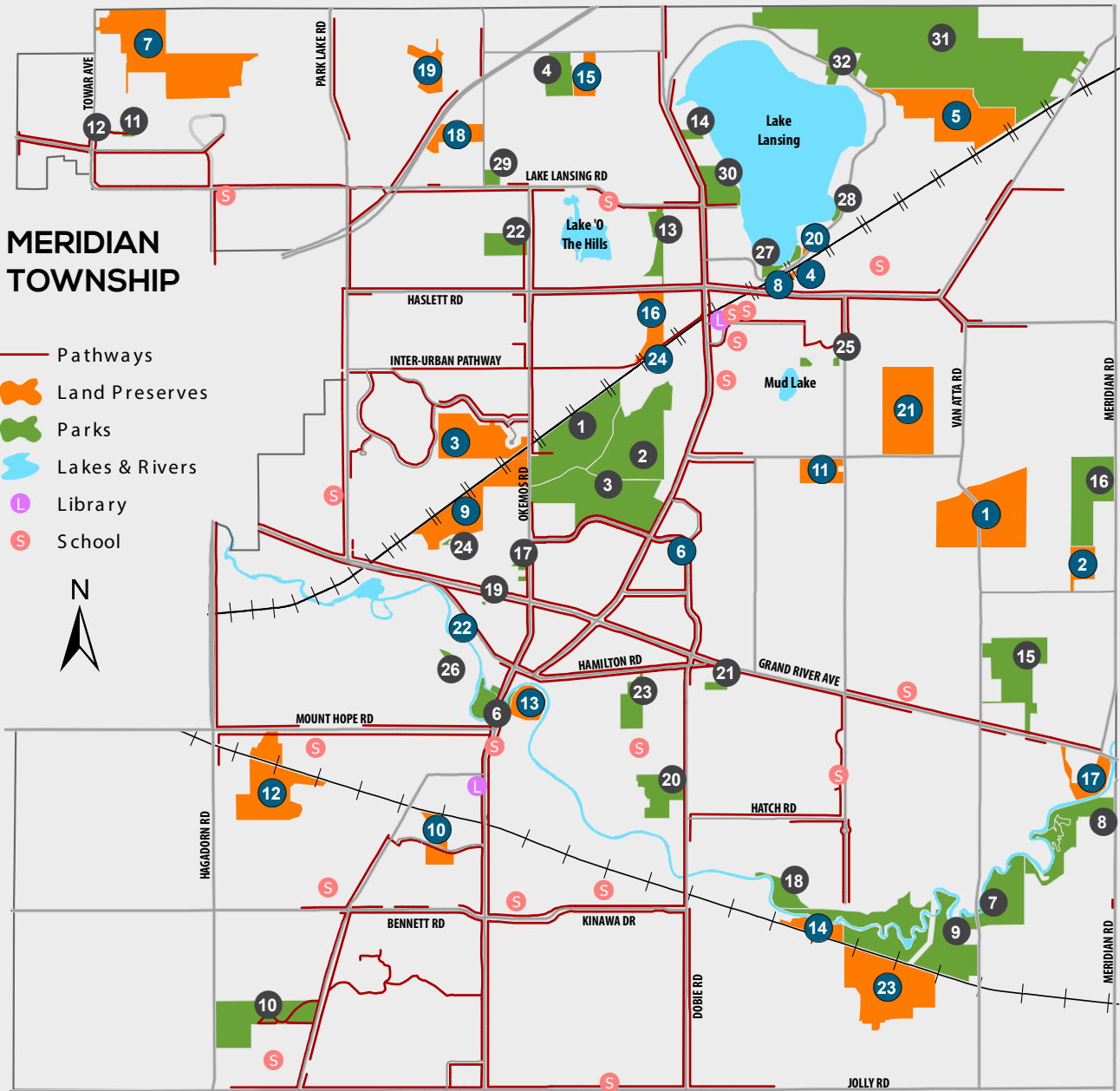
Does your child want to be on TV? Or learn how to make TV come to life? Kids ages 9 - 13 can explore different aspects of television through HOMTV's 2-Day Media Camp this summer! Learn how to run a studio camera, audio board, teleprompter, graphics system and even be a TV studio host.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19 &  
THURSDAY JUNE 20  
10 AM - 3 PM  
\$50 (LUNCH PROVIDED)

HOMTV STUDIOS  
5151 MARSH ROAD, OKEMOS

To register, contact HOMTV  
Executive Producer  
Brandie Yates at  
[yates@meridian.mi.us](mailto:yates@meridian.mi.us)

**HOMTV**  
[www.homtvtv.net](http://www.homtvtv.net)



## LAND PRESERVES

- |                               |  |                          |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1 Davis/Foster Preserve       | 10 Sower Woods Preserve                | 18 Forest Grove Preserve |
| 2 Foster-Crouse Preserve      | 11 Tihart/Cornell Wetland Preserve     | 19 North Ridge Preserve  |
| 3 Hubbel Preserve             | 12 Southwest Meridian Uplands Preserve | 20 Tank Wetland          |
| 4 Kuzma Preserve              | 13 Sumbal Preserve                     | 21 Tihart Preserve       |
| 5 Lake Lansing North Preserve | 14 Red Cedar Glen Preserve             | 22 Mandenberg Woods      |
| 6 Newman Equities Preserve    | 15 Towner Wetland Preserve             | 23 Ponderosa Preserve    |
| 7 Towar Woods Preserve        | 16 Meridian Central Wetland Preserve   | 24 Nemoke Preserve       |
| 8 Lake Lansing South Preserve | 17 Red Cedar River East Preserve       |                          |
| 9 Central Meridian Uplands    |  |                          |

For reservations and park information:

**517.853.4600**  
**meridian.mi.us**

		Parking	Trails (N-natural   P-paved)	Natural Area with No Amenities	Lake   Pond   River   Drain   Wetland	Restrooms   Portable Toilets	Pavilion   Buildings (with set hours)	Drinking Fountain	Electricity	Grill(s)	Picnic Area(s)	Fishing Access	Fishing Dock	Canoe   Kayak Launch	Boat Launch	River   Pond   Wetland Overlook Deck	Play Equipment	Nature Exploration Area	Story Book Trail	Soccer   Football   Lacrosse Fields	Baseball   Softball   Diamonds	Basketball Court	Pickleball Court   Tennis Court	Sand Volleyball Court	Steading Hill   Pump Track	Horseshoe Pits   Gaga Ball	Open Space for Activities	Fitness Equipment			
1	Nancy Moore Park 1960 Gaylord C. Smith Court Parks & Recreation Office	40	x	N P		D R P	x	x	x	x							x			x	x	x					GB	x			
2	Central Park 5151 Marsh Rd Township Building/Public Safety Building Meridian Historical Village Nokomis Learning Center Farmers' Market Pavilion	197	x	N		P R P	x	x		x	x	x				x	x		x									HP	x		
3	Central Park South 1990 Central Park Dr	15	x	N P		P					x	x	x																		
4	Towner Road Park 2055 Towner Rd	23.6	x	P		W R R	P	x	x	x	x									x	x		x						x		
5	Wonch Park 4555 Okemos Rd	15	x	P		R R R	P	x	x	x	x						x							x			HP	x	x		
6	Ferguson Park 4540 Okemos Rd	5.7	x			R R		x		x	x	x		x			x												x		
7	Harris Nature Center 3998 Van Atta Rd	48	x	N P		R R P	B	x			x	x	x			x		x											x		
8	Eastgate Park 4203 S. Meridian Rd	53	x	N		R	P			x	x	x													PT				x		
9	Legg Park 3891 Van Atta Rd	103	x	N		R	P				x	x																	x		
10	Hartrick Park 3685 Hulett Rd	60.7	x	N P		P R R	P	x	x	x	x					x	x			x	x								x		
11	Snell-Towar Recreation Center 6146 Porter St		x				R B	x																							
12	Towar Park 6146 Porter St	4	x							x	x												x							x	
13	Hillbrook Park 1747 Lake Lansing Rd	16.4	x	N		D		x		x	x										x	x	x						x		
14	Marshall Park 6105 Marsh Rd	5	x							x	x											x								x	
15	Ted Black Woods 540 Grand River Ave   4714 Van Atta Rd	74	x	N		W					x					x														x	
16	North Meridian Road Park 5191 N. Meridian Rd	60	x	N		R	P	x	x	x	x									x				x	SH	GB			x		
17	Ottawa Hills Park 4980 Hillcrest Ave	3				D					x											x								x	
18	Red Cedar Natural Area 1455 Oscoda Rd	56			x	R																									
19	Cedar Bend Heights Neighborhood Park 2280 Kenmore Dr	0.33									x																			x	
20	Sander Farm Preserved Natural Area 4344 Dobie Rd	34		N		D																									
21	Forest Hills Park 4625 Northview Dr	4		N																											
22	Brattin Woods 5851 Okemos Rd	20	x	N		W										x															
23	Tacoma Hills Park 1815 Hamilton Rd	22		N																											
24	Schriener Park 5039 Algonquin Way	1			x																										
25	Orlando Park 1275 Orlando Dr	1.3		P				x			x									x										x	
26	Indian Hills Park 4730 Nakoma Dr	3																													x
27	Lake Lansing Marsh 1430 Lake Dr	46			x	W/L																									
28	Spengler Marsh 5929 Lake Dr	3.3			x	W/L																									
29	Newton Road Park 6025 Newton Rd	5	x																												x
30	Lake Lansing Park South (Ingham County Park)	30	x			L	x	x		x	x	x		x										x					HP	x	
31	Lake Lansing Park North (Ingham County Park)	530	x	N		L	x	x		x	x				x						x	x								x	
32	Lake Lansing Park Boat Launch (Ingham County)					L	x				x	x			x																

## Trailhead Signs Mark the Way

Meridian Township Parks with trails have been receiving NEW trailhead signs that help visitors navigate the trails with ease. Of Meridian Township's 29 parks, 16 have trails, and each of these parks have or will be receiving brand new trailhead signs and markers along the paths.

To date, Ted Black Woods, Hartrick Park, North Meridian Road Park, Forest Hills Park, Brattin Woods, Sander Farm Preserved Natural Area, Tacoma Hills Park, Towner Road Park, Wonch Park and Meridian Riverfront Park, which includes the Harris Nature Center, Eastgate Park and Legg Park, have all new

trailhead signs featuring the amenities in the parks, a map of the trails and information on the Township trail rules and park ordinances. In 2019, expect to see new trailhead signs in Central Park, Central Park South, Nancy Moore Park and Hillbrook Park.

In addition to finding these maps in the parks, you can find them on the Meridian Township website at [meridian.mi.us/parksdirectory](http://meridian.mi.us/parksdirectory) and AllTrails.com. Come out and enjoy the trails of Meridian Township Parks this spring! We have made it easier to find and follow the perfect trail for you. [meridian.mi.us/visitors/parks-and-trails/parks-directory](http://meridian.mi.us/visitors/parks-and-trails/parks-directory)



We invite you to read the 2018 Annual Report [bit.ly/TWP2018](http://bit.ly/TWP2018) AnnualReport



We invite you to share your opinion by emailing the Township Board at [board@meridian.mi.us](mailto:board@meridian.mi.us)

## Township Goals

Developing and implementing a strategic long term solution for local street funding is at the top of Meridian Township's 2019 Goals Action Plan. The redevelopment of core blighted business districts and completing the plans to relocate the Farmers' Market to the "Marketplace on the Green" are also top priorities. The 2019 Spring issue of Prime Meridian Magazine highlights Prime Projects contributing to making Meridian Township A Prime Community.

Full list of 2019 Goals Action Plan: [bit.ly/TWPGoalsActionPlan](http://bit.ly/TWPGoalsActionPlan)

## Funding for Local Streets

All roads in the Township are the responsibility of the Ingham County Road Department. Because of funding restrictions for local streets, Meridian Township provides funding for a majority of repaving work that occurs on neighborhood streets. **In 2018, out of 147 miles of local streets, 3 miles of streets were able to be repaved with the one million-dollar budget that was available.**

In addition to the voter approved dedicated road millage of 0.2484 mills, each year the Township Board has historically also allocated funds from the General Fund towards local streets. In 2018, approximately \$416,000 was generated by the road millage, \$172,500 was provided by the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) and the remaining amount was a one-time General Fund allocation of \$550,000. **Currently, 30% of the Township's local streets are considered "poor to failed".**

The rate at which monies are collected to fund local streets is not adequate enough to repave all of the streets needing work. Each year the Meridian Township Department of Public Works (DPW), partners with the ICRD to develop a list of road repaving work to perform. Selection criteria includes: available funding, current road condition, location in conjunction with vehicle usage and the number of years since the road has received any rehabilitation.

**In order to resolve this funding deficit to repave the streets adequately, the Township Board and the Transportation Commission are discussing a long term funding plan.** The current millage of .2484 mills expires in December, 2023. However, due to the rate at which streets are deteriorating, voters may be asked to vote on a millage renewal increase or bonding proposal on August 6, 2019.

If you wish to email the board regarding street funding, please email them at [board@meridian.mi.us](mailto:board@meridian.mi.us). If you wish to attend a board meeting to express your opinion, Township Board Meeting dates and times are available on the township website. If you wish to ask a question about street repaving, contact the Department of Public Works (DPW) at [dpw@meridian.mi.us](mailto:dpw@meridian.mi.us).



## Stay Informed! Sign Up For eNotifications

Sign up for eNotifications and set your preferences to the emails you would like to see, like staying up to date on township projects, events, news and more. Integrated with our calendar system, this allows you to easily add meetings to your calendar. Sign up the categories you are interested in, stay engaged, stay involved and stay informed.



Follow progress  
on Instagram

## Okemos Boardwalk

Meridian Township received \$975,000 in funding from the Ingham County Parks and Trail Millage for a newly constructed boardwalk on Okemos Road between Central Park Drive and the Meridian Service Center. The remaining \$325,000 of the 1.3 million-dollar project, will be funded by our local voter approved pathway millage.

The Okemos Road Boardwalk will complete the final remaining gap in the pathway system along the east side of Okemos Road. It will connect the pathway from Jolly Road to Lake Lansing Road. The Boardwalk will be constructed of wooden timbers and provide an off-road elevated walkway through the Mud Lake Drain wetland area south of Gaylord C. Smith Court.

Site preparation started over the winter and installation is expected to start mid-April. Construction of the boardwalk is anticipated to be complete and open to use by July 1, 2019.



Contact the ICRD  
with any questions  
[roads@ingham.org](mailto:roads@ingham.org)  
or 517.676.2085

## Lake Lansing Road Work

This summer, the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) will be resurfacing Lake Lansing Road from Hagadorn to I-69BR. In preparation for this work, Consumers Energy is installing new gas lines. Other utilities will also be relocating infrastructure, in preparation for the road work.

The ICRD will resurface and restripe for a two-way center left turn lane with one through lane in each direction and non-motorized lanes on both sides, as well as adding various turn lanes at Hagadorn Road & Park Lake Road intersections. Traffic and pedestrian signal upgrades will also occur.

Resurfacing work will also occur on Hagadorn Road going north of Lake Lansing Road and Birch Row drive to the west of Hagadorn, in conjunction with a culvert replacement.

Funding for this project is provided by the Urban Surface Transportation Program (STP) & Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) in the amount of \$975,000 with an ICRD Match of \$222,000.

Additionally, Meridian Township will be financially participating with the local street work on Birch Row and the northern segment of Hagadorn Road.



Contact the  
Meridian Township  
Fire Department at  
517.853.4700  
for more information

## Fire Department Earns #3 ISO Rating

The Meridian Township Fire Department improved the Insurance Service Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey rating from a four to a three. This program measures and evaluates the effectiveness of fire-mitigation services provided in communities. Once reviewed by insurance underwriters, the lowered rating could possibly save money on insurance rates in Meridian Township. Township residents and businesses could benefit with their insurance companies.

The ISO's Public Protection Classification survey is conducted every three to five years, evaluating three main areas of a community's fire suppression system: emergency communications, fire department (including operational considerations) and water supply. In addition, it includes a Community Risk Reduction section that recognizes community efforts to reduce losses. The components of the ISO rating are also indicators to economic developers, as to whether the community they are evaluating is in a progressive or recessive mode.

# Village of Okemos Concept Plan

In February the development team for the Village of Okemos presented its Concept Plan for two blocks west of Okemos Road; north and south of Hamilton Road.

The development team wanted to receive as much feedback as possible before finalizing its concept plan. The Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, Township Board and the Indian Hills and Cedar Bend Heights neighborhoods received the presentation, capping off in a community-wide gathering hosted by the 4 Corners Alliance and held in the community room behind Henry's Place.

The concept plan for these two blocks, currently containing 11 vacant buildings, calls for a boulevard along Hamilton, west of Okemos which will serve as a traffic calming measure, a safe haven for crossing pedestrians and a place for street trees. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has been involved in the financial and logistical process to clean up environmental contamination. Consumers Energy has been instrumental in the repositioning of power supply and the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) with the necessary revisions to traffic patterns needed.

The buildings along both sides of Hamilton Road are expected to have housing units above retail and restaurant space. Along Okemos Road, the concept plan calls for housing above office space. Along Ardmore Drive, housing is expected on all floors. Overall, the Village of Okemos Concept Plan will contain 154 residential units, 40,000 square feet of commercial use (retail and restaurants) and 27,000 of office space.

Both Douglas J Salon and Spa and a shared workspace company will occupy 20,000 square feet of space on the southwest block. Local developer Will Randle of True North Development is confident boutique style shops and food service providers will be motivated to share walls with these residential and anchor tenants. The southern block will house a subterranean parking garage meant to house the residents of the property, while visitors will utilize street-level parking created in the center of both the north and south blocks, putting the buildings on display and easier to access by walkers, bikers and those arriving by public transit.

**If site plans are approved by the Township Board, residents can expect to see environmental clean-up from summer through fall in 2019, then parking construction, followed by vertical construction throughout all of 2020 and opening sometime in 2021.**







# Farmers' Market Relocation Project

Central Park Drive, north of Meridian Mall has become a central gathering place for community-wide activities and special events. Plans are underway to create a new and improved Farmers' Market experience, as well as other activities in cooperation with the Meridian Mall.

The Marketplace on the Green project will transform the Farmers' Market into a social and economic centerpiece in Meridian Township, providing community space for the Farmers' Market, craft fairs, Township-wide events, adult and youth sports, live music and more.

The plan consists of a pavilion, restroom/office building to accommodate State and Federal food assistance programs, playground, music stage, picnic area and open greenspace in the grassy area near Studio C!, utilizing the existing Meridian Mall parking lot for visitor parking.

Funding for the Marketplace on the Green Project was made possible through matching grants, millage monies and both private and public dollars. Donations are still being accepted to assist with the final touches needed to make this a true community gathering space.

**Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 517.853.4600 for more information**

Major funding partners include: Capital Region Community Foundation, Greater Lansing Realtors Association, Haslett-Okemos Kiwanis Club, Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club, Meridian Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Realtors Association and the Walmart Foundation. Construction is planned in 2019 with the grand opening celebration scheduled for the spring of 2020.



The Patronicity Crowdfunding Campaign exceeded the \$50,000 fundraising goal by raising over \$67,000 for the Marketplace on the Green Project!  
Thank you to everyone who contributed to smashing our goal!

**FARMERS' MARKET DATES**

**SATURDAYS**  
MAY - OCTOBER  
8 AM - 2 PM

**WEDNESDAYS**  
NEW HOURS!  
JULY - OCTOBER  
3 PM - 7 PM

**5151 MARSH ROAD**  
FACEBOOK.COM/MERIDIANTOWNSHIPFARMERSMARKET





Qualified residents who are interested in participating should contact the Meridian Township Police Department at 517.853.4800 or submit an application online: [meridian.mi.us/police](http://meridian.mi.us/police)

## Meridian Police Offers Senior Watch Program

In January, the Meridian Township Police Department began a Senior Watch Program to provide assistance for senior citizens (60 years of age or older) or disabled adults (55+ with a life threatening illness or injury) to residents who live alone with no means or capacity to leave their home, or do not have friends or family immediately available to check on their well-being. It is intended to provide a sense of security as well as comfort in knowing that assistance is coming should something happen. The Program offers three options:

**CHECK-IN OPTION** Senior citizens who may live alone, have the opportunity to become part of the call-in program. They will decide on a day and time that they will call in or check in with the Police Department. If a call is missed, then an officer will call them or stop over to see if everything is OK. One benefit of this program is that the client does not have to be home to call in.

**ELDERLY CALL OPTION** On designated days and times (usually Mondays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm), a member of the Police Department will call the clients home to check on their welfare. If no contact is made, an officer will be sent to the home to check on their welfare.

**SENIOR WATCH OPTION** For senior citizens who may need more help than others and may not have family who can check on them or provide assistance, a police officer or designated volunteer would visit the client once a week or more to check on their welfare.



Harris Nature Center

## New Interpretive Signs at the Boulder Garden

On your next visit to Harris Nature Center, take a look at the new Boulder Garden Interpretive Signs. The four signs show each group of boulders; igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary, and give the name of each rock, as well as several interesting facts about the rock group. The Boulder Garden is located in the center of the parking circle near the nature building. Located at 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos the park is open from dawn to dusk; daily.



For more information about HOMTV programming or how to become a program sponsor go to [homtv.net](http://homtv.net)

## HOMTV Airs Bilingual Newscast

Meridian Township's award-winning Government Access Channel, HOMTV, began airing a Mandarin version of their news show 'Meridian News Now'. The bilingual version is made possible with assistance from the Greater Lansing Chinese Association translating scripts and HOMTV Alumni Member Lingfanglu Han producing, writing and hosting the program. Lingfanglu Han went through the HOMTV Internship Program in 2018. HOMTV hires multiple international and multicultural students each year.

**"Thank you to HOMTV that gives me an opportunity to anchor in my native language. I hope it will impact the local Chinese community to learn the news around them and encourage them to be involved in the community,"**

~Lingfanglu Han, 2018 HOMTV Alumni Member and current anchor of the Mandarin version newscast.

感谢HOMTV给了我这个宝贵的机会让我能用自己的母语来主持新闻节目。我希望能通过这个节目来让中国社区了解身边发生的新闻，从而能够更好地参与到社区当中。



# CALLING ALL PRIME POOCHES!



Both dog parks in Meridian Township are to be opened in 2019. The small dog park is projected to open in the spring and the large dog park will open in late summer/fall. The grand opening celebration of the small dog park will be announced on the website. Sign up to receive notifications for this barktastic event by selecting community news in the eNotify section of the website.



The small dog park is nearing completion at Nancy Moore Park (1960 Gaylord C Smith Ct., Haslett, MI). This doggie playground will allow small dogs (30 lbs. and under) and their owners to enjoy time together in a 1 acre space that will include open areas and agility equipment. The park is located just east of the parking lot and features a paved pathway for accessibility.



The large dog park (30 lbs. and over) will be open in summer/fall of 2019. It will be located east of the pond at the Central Park South entrance off of Central Park Drive. This park will feature a 3+ acre area with trees, open space and a natural pathway. The large dog park will be accessed via the future paved Central Park Regional Pathway, which will run from the Meridian Municipal Building to Central Park South.

Detailed information, including dog park rules and FAQ's are available online: [meridian.mi.us/dogparks](http://meridian.mi.us/dogparks)

## I PLEDGE

to do my part to help have a **GREENER MERIDIAN** by scooping up after my dog...



“ ...to help lessen the spread of disease in my yard. ”

“ ...to reduce the 4.4 million pounds of dog poop on the ground in the U.S. each year. ”

“ ...to change dog waste from being the 3rd leading cause of water pollution to one of the least. ”

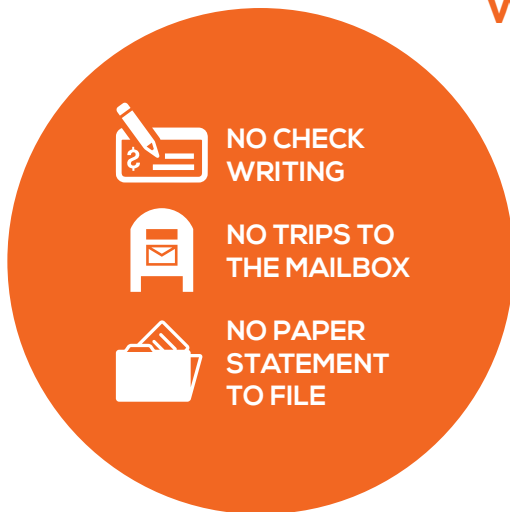
“ ...to reduce the 23 million fecal bacteria in 1 gram of feces that can be washed into our storm drains, rivers, streams, and lakes. ”

“ **REMEMBER** the fine for NOT scooping up is \$75 the first time ”

# NEW BILLING SYSTEM

SIGN UP WITH YOUR NEXT UTILITY BILL

A more convenient, greener and paperless payment service! Customers can sign up when they receive their next utility bill. Conveniently view and pay your bill online, set up automatic payments, go paperless and more with our new and improved electronic billing and payment service!



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Bill Payments



GO TO [MERIDIAN.MI.US](http://MERIDIAN.MI.US) AND SELECT BILL PAYMENTS





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517.853.4791

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MeridianTwpFD](http://www.facebook.com/MeridianTwpFD)

## Recreational Fire Pits

The purpose of the recreational fire pit is to cook food or to gather around for ceremony or pleasure. A recreational fire is a below ground-level hole, with non-combustible sides, that can contain a fire. It is never permissible to burn garbage, leaves, brush, grass clippings or building materials. The key is that the recreational fire pit can “contain a fire”. A permit is valid through December 31st of the issue year.

An approved pit either has a grill top at ground level or has non-combustible sides in order to prevent wind from sweeping the fire from the pit. Permits are free. Detailed requirements for permitting are available online. To receive a new recreational fire permit, register at [www.meridian.mi.us/government/departments/fire](http://www.meridian.mi.us/government/departments/fire)

## Smoke/CO Alarm Installation

If you are a Meridian Township resident homeowner, you can request a free assessment and installation appointment by calling the Meridian Township Fire Department at 517.853.4700.

In 2017, the Meridian Township Fire Department was awarded \$70,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purchase and installation of 2,500 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for Meridian Township homeowners. Fire Department professionals will determine where and how many alarms are needed in your home. As part of the program, they provide informational brochures on maintaining your alarms and the dangers of carbon monoxide. Hurry! The program ends August 31st!



To report unleashed dogs in Meridian Township Parks, please contact 517.853.4800 or Ingham County Central Dispatch at 517.332.6526

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## Off-Leash Dog Ordinance

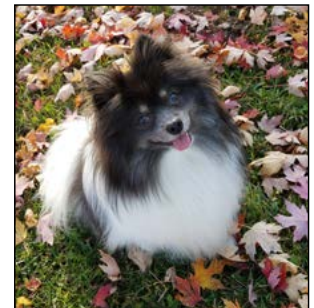
While we know how much most people love pooches and all the joy they bring, Meridian Township has ordinances against dogs being off their leash. While dogs love to run free, an encounter with an off-leash dog may not always be a positive experience.

Each year, the Township receives several complaints regarding dogs being off their leash in Meridian Township Parks. In order to ensure that everyone who visits the parks is having a safe and enjoyable time, the Meridian Police Department works cooperatively with the Parks Department to enforce Township ordinances regarding dogs on park property.

Enforcement actions from the Township Police include a civil infraction citation. Any person in violation of the Meridian Township Code of Ordinances is subject to a payment of a civil fine of \$75 and any additional costs following.

### KEEP THESE THINGS IN MIND

- Leash laws and ordinances are in place for a good reason**
- Register and take your dog to an off-leash dog park**
- Let your dog run free inside your fenced-in yard**
- Walk your dog on a leash**



Harris Nature Center

## Harris Nature Center School Programs

Harris Nature Center School Programs offer a wide variety of programs for school classes, pre-school through high school. Classes including Adapted for Survival, Balancing an Ecosystem and Home in My Habitat stimulate students by bringing classroom lessons to life through hands-on activities and nature encounters. Learn more about school programs and bus scholarships online at [meridian.mi.us](http://meridian.mi.us)

# VOTER INFORMATION FOR TUESDAY MAY 7

All eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absentee ballot without providing a reason. Three ways Meridian Township residents can request an absentee ballot:

**1**

Call the Township Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300 or send an email to [lemley@meridian.mi.us](mailto:lemley@meridian.mi.us)

**2**

Request an application in person at Ingham County Clerk's Office, any Secretary of State branch office or the Meridian Township Clerk's Office inside the Municipal Building at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. The application must be returned to the Township Clerk's Office either in person, by mail, email or fax.

**3**

Online through the State of Michigan website: [bit.ly/sosmichiganonline](http://bit.ly/sosmichiganonline). Print out the application and either mail, email or fax the form to the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

Absentee ballot applications are available in person at the Township Clerk's Office through 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 4th and a citizen can vote with their absentee ballot in the Meridian Municipal Building, or take the ballot with them. The Township Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm to register voters and issue absentee ballots; this is the last day absentee ballots can leave the building.

On Monday, May 6th, a citizen may vote via absentee ballot only at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**ALL VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE BY 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY, MAY 7TH. POLLS WILL BE OPEN ON ELECTION DAY FROM 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.**

All registered voters must be 18 years of age or older with a valid ID, a United States citizen and a resident of Meridian Township. Residents can register to vote at the Ingham County Clerk's Office, any Secretary of State branch office or the Meridian Township Clerk's Office until April 22nd. Beginning April 23rd, residents can register to vote in-person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7th.

## Okemos Ballot Proposal

On Tuesday, May 7, voters in the Okemos School District will be asked to vote yes or no on the Okemos Public Schools Bonding Proposal appearing on the ballot. This is the only item on the May 7 ballot in Meridian Township.

**THE BALLOT LANGUAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Proposal Section
<b>Local School District</b>
<b>Okemos Public Schools Bonding Proposal</b>
<p>Shall Okemos Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$24,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of:</p> <p>remodeling, equipping and re-equipping and furnishing and re-furnishing school buildings, including for school security improvements; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to Bennett Woods Elementary School; acquiring, installing and equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; purchasing school buses; and preparing, developing and improving athletic facilities and sites?</p> <p>The following is for informational purposes only:</p> <p>The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2019, under current law, is 0 mill (\$0.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is six (6) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.28 mills (\$3.28 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).</p> <p>The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$9,158,600 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$1,995,936. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 5 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.00 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.</p> <p>The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$3,249,250. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is approximately \$7,622,000.</p> <p>(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p>



## Election Inspectors Needed

The Meridian Township Clerk's Office is looking for individuals with basic computer skills, attention to detail and who enjoys working with the public. Learn about the election process, serve others in your community and earn some extra money by becoming an Election Inspector.

**Paid 2 hour training the week before an election**  
**Work up to 15 hours on election day OR work an 8 hour shift**  
**Meridian Township residency not required**

**18 years of age and a MI registered voter**  
**Under 18: contact the Clerk's Office**

**Clerk's Office Contact Information: 517.853.4300 or Clerk Brett Dreyfus at [dreyfus@meridian.mi.us](mailto:dreyfus@meridian.mi.us)**

# CHOOSE your PRIME WEDDING DESTINATION



The Meridian Historical Village is open to the public on Saturdays, May through October from 10 am - 2 pm. Come to the General Store in the Brick Building to begin your tour of eight historic buildings from the local area. Buildings include an 1849 inn and tavern, an 1850 tollgate house, an 1860's farmhouse with barn and outbuildings, an 1877 general store, an 1883 schoolhouse, an 1870's log cabin and a reconstruction of an 1870's Chapel.



For availability, to book a tour or for more information on the Meridian Historical Village visit [meridianhistoricalvillage.org](http://meridianhistoricalvillage.org) or call 517.347.7300

## #1 Wedding Destination

The Village Chapel at the Meridian Historical Village was recognized by the Lansing Bridal Association as the 2018 Best Business for Wedding Venues. The award was given based on the natural setting of the Village in Central Park. Set in picturesque Central Park North where the charm of historic buildings, the beauty of scenic pond and surrounding landscape designs beckons couples to say their vows.

Weddings are offered in the Meridian Historical Village Chapel and at the Gazebo. The Village Chapel was built in 2008 and is a replica of the 1870 Okemos Community Church. It offers seating for up to 100 people, heating for year-round weddings, a bridal changing suite, restrooms and is handicap accessible.



The Village Chapel and Gazebo are available for rent. Visit [meridianhistoricalvillage.org](http://meridianhistoricalvillage.org) for rates and availability.



## Turning Back the Pages Summer Day Camp

**MONDAY AUGUST 5 - FRIDAY AUGUST 9 | 9 AM - NOON**

**MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE**

**ALL FIVE MORNINGS: \$100 BEFORE JULY 1 / \$125 AFTER JULY 1**

**PER DAY: \$20 BEFORE JULY 1 / \$25 AFTER JULY 1**

Experience life as a pioneer child in the 1800s at the Meridian Historical Village. Summer Day Camp is for campers entering grades 3rd - 6th in the fall. Snack provided.

Register at 517.347.7300  
[meridianhistoricalvillage@gmail.com](mailto:meridianhistoricalvillage@gmail.com) or  
[www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org](http://www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org)



## Volunteer Opportunities "New Volunteer Training"

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12 | 1 PM**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 | 1 PM**

**BARNES HOUSE INN AND TAVERN, MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE**

Interested in history? The Friends of Historic Meridian invite you to join an enthusiastic group of volunteers who educate, engage and excite students visiting the Village. We hope you will consider joining our educators to make history come alive for students and community members.

RSVP at 517.347.7300  
[meridianhistoricalvillage@gmail.com](mailto:meridianhistoricalvillage@gmail.com)



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### Excellence in Financial Reporting

Meridian Township was awarded the highest level of recognition for financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) on January 18, 2019. An award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Meridian Township and Finance Director, Miriam Mattison for preparing the award-winning report.

Founded in 1906, the GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in state and local government financial management providing best practices guidance and consulting.

Local units of government, within the State of Michigan are required by law to file a financial audit report. Populations over 4,000 are required to file an audit report each year.

Local units of government contract with an independent accounting firm to determine if the financial statements prepared are fairly presented, including verifying financial transactions, tracing cash receipts, compliance with contracts and internal controls. Meridian Township contracted with Yeo and Yeo to conduct their 2017 audit report.



### HNC Design Award

Harris Nature Center (HNC) was acknowledged by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MParks) for Outstanding Park Design at the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference.

In 2012, the Harris Nature Center Foundation (HNCF) volunteer staff began creating a plan for the Nature Exploration Area (NEA). A space within Meridian Riverfront Park, next to the nature center building, the NEA is planned for unstructured, imaginative nature play for children.

Meridian Township launched the effort by hiring Viridis Group to translate their ideas into a concept drawing which the HNCF could use for fundraising and igniting community excitement for the project. Six years later, the Township has a quarter-acre nature play area that is enjoyed by 20,000 people each year.

#### Nature Exploration Area includes:

- Climbable Turtle Sculpture
- Gathering Circle, stage with seating
- Beaver Lodge
- Michigan Fossil Dig
- and several other engaging features



### MParks Fellowship Award

Congratulations to Parks and Recreation Director, LuAnn Maisner who received the (Michigan Recreation and Park Association) MParks Fellowship Award in the MParks Professional Awards category!

The MParks Fellowship Award is presented to a member who consistently demonstrates significant investment, support and guidance to fellow professionals. Honorees exemplify the highest level of professionalism in all aspects of our profession, in his or her own organization and within the membership. Nominees must be a member of MParks in good standing for a minimum of 20 years.

LuAnn has been Director of Meridian Township Parks and Recreation since 1999. She is pictured with her family at the awards presentation on January 31st in Kalamazoo during the MParks Annual Conference.

