

PRIME MERIDIAN

DECEMBER 2017 - MARCH 2018
Former Meridian Monitor &
Parks & Recreation Family Fun Guide

magazine

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A TWO COMMUNITIES. ONE PRIME

Haslett and Okemos are nestled within Meridian Township, creating A Prime Community. Our residents make up a caring and supportive community who celebrate 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 40 businesses opening their doors this year alone, it is easy to see why Meridian Township is A Prime Community.

PRIME PARKS • PRIME BUSINESSES • PRIME SCHOOLS



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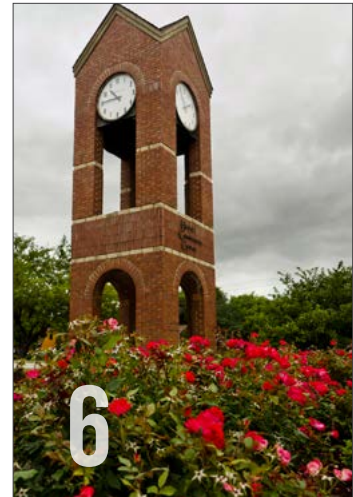
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Meridian Township Offices Will Be Closed on the Following Dates in 2018:

New Year's Holiday

Monday, January 1st & Tuesday,
January 2nd

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 15th

Presidents Day

Monday, February 19th

Good Friday (Half Day)

Closed from 12 pm – 5 pm
Friday, March 30th

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28th

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4th

Labor Day

Monday, September 3rd

Veterans Day

Observed on Monday,
November 12th

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 22nd &
Friday, November 23rd

Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 24th &
Tuesday, December 25th

Welcome to Meridian Township



We have plenty of reasons why you will find that we are A Prime Community. A destination for raising families, Meridian Township's vision is to achieve and maintain a sustainable and welcoming community with the highest quality of life for our residents.

This encompasses protecting our natural environment and our health and safety, and enhancing our prosperity, cultural heritage, diversity and recreational opportunities. **We** offer an array of quiet neighborhoods and an abundance of natural beauty with four seasons of outdoor activities.

Centrally located, Meridian Township has nestled within its borders two healthy and active communities; Haslett and Okemos. A smaller portion of East Lansing and Williamston are also within our border. Lying along the eastern border of East Lansing and MSU, we are in close proximity to the Michigan State Capitol.

Meridian Township welcomes visitors from surrounding areas to its vibrant business districts, over 1,700 acres of parks and natural land preserves and to the largest lake within 25 miles of the State Capital, Lake Lansing. We are a welcoming community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyles. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming, sustainable, prime community.

We hope you enjoy the new Prime Meridian publication which combines the Parks and Recreation Guide with the Meridian Monitor. This publication features the Towner Road Park Project, Business Revitalization Efforts in our core districts and our 2018 Prime Events.

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Commissioner Courtney Wisinski	517.410.1527

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Core Business District Revitalization Underway



Meridian Township is well aware of the need for business revitalization in three of our core business districts; Carriage Hills Shopping Center, Downtown Okemos and Haslett Village Square. Township Officials and staff have sought feedback from residents, developers and business owners to focus major business revitalization efforts and have made neighborhood/commercial space revitalization a top priority.

While the Township has experienced over \$72,000,000 in new investment from January 2017 – October 2017; and has welcomed almost 40 new businesses this year, the blight and empty storefronts in these core business districts has not gone unnoticed by the township.

Three major efforts are happening simultaneously to propel these districts in a positive direction, including adoption of an updated Master Plan that creates less roadblocks, utilize form based code which provides a guide that supports economic development and multi modes of travel, and selection of our first Economic Development Director.

The first district being focused on is Downtown Okemos. With the Tuba Museum being taken over by the bank for lack of tax payments, Douglas J purchasing the property on the northwest corner and Okemos Ace Hardware's recent announcement they are closing their doors, we thought it imperative to tag along with Economic Development Director Chris Buck on one of his business district informational meetings with concerned residents and neighborhood groups to find out what everyone wants to know so we can bring you answers to the most frequently asked questions. **Here are four of the top questions being asked. The full Q & A can be found on the township website meridian.mi.us**

Has any property in Downtown Okemos exchanged hands?

No changes in legal ownership of properties in the Downtown Okemos grid have occurred (as of the date of this article being written), but we have heard there are a lot of conversations being had, which is exciting. Fewer people owning more property means we may get larger developments and that there's a better chance for continuity vs. several people each renovating or building a new building.

When is the earliest we can expect to hear what is going to happen on these 2 blocks?

There is a chance we will hear something as early as spring 2018. Since the public knows our Master Plan is close to being ratified – which will publicly declare that we have a vision for redevelopment and will have new rules to encourage that – developers are likely waiting in the wings to present their ideas.

What has spurred development interest in the area?

The improvements in the economy has made it feasible to borrow the appropriate funds to get a development built that will result in profits for the builder. It has also made it possible for companies to spend money on new locations – Whole Foods, Chick-fil-a and Costco all moving in recently is a testament to this. Beyond that, the community has been voicing its concern and the Township is listening. The new Master Plan is declaring a different type of development which will be welcomed and attractive to builders.

Why has nothing moved on the old 'MARC' building?

We don't know for certain but are hopeful that the MARC building wasn't immediately developed after it was purchased because the builder is hoping to acquire a larger parcel. Our desire is to look up and see that something transformational was built but it took a little longer, vs. we have a new, small building surrounding by an aging infrastructure.

When we met with Director Chris Buck, we learned how a few simple questions about what is happening can easily turn into 21 questions.



Read all Q and A's on the Meridian Township's website on Meridian Township's website at meridian.mi.us or reach out to Chris for details on these projects

buck@meridian.mi.us

2018 OKEMOS ROAD AND JOLLY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Please Be Advised that the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) will be conducting major road construction on Jolly and Okemos Road starting in early spring 2018.

1. Jolly Road at Okemos Road Intersection Improvements: includes storm drain replacement, addition of right turn lanes on the northbound, southbound and eastbound approaches, signal upgrades, and concrete pavement resurfacing.

2. Jolly Road Resurfacing – Dobie Road to Meridian Road: includes addition of 4 foot wide paved shoulders through-out, drainage upgrades, pavement recycling and resurfacing.

Timeline

Fall 2017: Signal reconstruction, utility relocations and other roadway preparation work

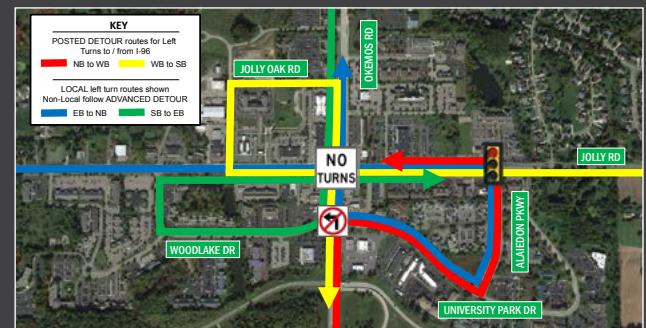
January – February 2018: Any necessary tree removal

March – April 2018: Drainage and road construction begins

Labor Day: Completion expected by Labor Day; weather permitting.

Motorists should expect multiple lane closures and traffic phasing during construction. Left turns will be prohibited at the intersection during construction so all turning traffic will be detoured.

Intersection Left Turn Routes



Details of the project as well as use of alternate routes will be posted on the ICRD website: rc.ingham.org/Home.aspx

Contact Ingham County Road Department for details at 517.676.9722.

Towner Road Park Project



The Meridian Township Park Commission approved the purchase of the former 22- acre Applegate Driving Range in 2005 located at 2055 Towner Road to accommodate a documented deficiency in athletic fields in the northern portion of the community. A preliminary site plan was developed with input from residents and stakeholders that includes a large open space for soccer, lacrosse and football; two ball diamonds for baseball, softball and kickball; six pickleball courts; 1/3 mile paved walking trail; picnic pavilion; playground; restrooms and parking.

Construction of the park began in early summer of 2017 and will be completed in the spring of 2018. The development cost of \$1.8 million dollars was funded by the Meridian Township Park Millage. The Park Commission looks forward to hosting a ribbon cutting event in September of 2018!

Follow construction updates on the township website and [facebook.com/MeridianTwpParksRec](https://www.facebook.com/MeridianTwpParksRec)

Deer Management

It is the seventh year the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is resuming efforts to remove deer on public and private lands in Meridian Township in attempt to manage chronic wasting disease (CWD) - a fatal neurological disorder that infects members of the deer family. Meridian Township's Deer Management Program runs from October 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018. Residents can help fight CWD by reporting suspicious looking deer to the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517.336.5030.

Report Road-Killed Deer

Residents in and around Meridian Township can report road-killed deer to the Michigan DNR's CWD Roadkill Hotline at 517.614.9602. Calls or texts can be placed any time of the day and staff will attempt to pick up carcasses on the next open business day.

Residents are reminded that feeding and baiting of deer is strictly prohibited by the Michigan DNR.



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of deer
harvested as of
November 15

DEER
MANAGEMENT

Trail Head Signs



There are some exciting improvements coming to the parks. We are in the process of updating all the trail systems in the parks with new trailhead and directional signage, and new maps. **In addition, you can now begin to find the trail maps online at alltrails.com or on your phone with the All Trails app.**

You can see the newest trail signs at Ted Black Woods Park, North Meridian Road Park and Hartrick Park. Connecting our community with non-motorized transportation and recreation opportunities is one of our top priorities. We are installing new trail map signs at 14 of 20 Township parks. The complex trails will receive better trail markers and signage to help residents and visitors navigate through the parks.

The project has been a vision of the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department for over 10 years. The GPS mapping for the signs began in 2016. The projected completion of trail sign installations will be at the end of 2018.

Trails in Meridian Township are multi-use and are shared by walkers, bicyclists, horses, and cross-country skiers. There are no motorized vehicles allowed on the trails. Leashed dogs are welcome in all parks.



Visit the Township Parks and trails on the Meridian Township website and look for new trail maps to be added to the site.



Dogs and Other Pets are Permitted on Township Park Property, Unless Posted Otherwise

- ▲ Any dog on park/Township property must be kept on a leash six feet or less.
- ▲ Any person having custody of a dog on park/Township property must remove all feces deposited.
- ▲ Pet waste bags are provided in parks where pets are allowed.
- ▲ Any person who is found responsible or admits responsibility shall be subject to a \$75 fine for the first infraction and increasing penalties for additional infractions.
- ▲ Ordinance § 54-37 is in place for the safety of your pet, yourself and others.



KEEP YOUR DOG
ON A LEASH



Ski & Snowshoe RENTALS

Harris Nature Center

BY THE HOUR
 \$5/ hour weekdays
 \$7/ hour weekends

BY THE DAY
 \$15/ day weekdays
 \$20/ day weekends



Trail Classes

CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLASS

Saturday at 9:30 - 11:30 am
 January 13
 February 3

SNOWSHOE CLASS

Saturday at 1 - 3 pm
 January 13
 February 3

Harris Nature Center
 3998 Van Atta Rd, Okemos

Price: \$15/ person
 \$20/ person with rental

Equipment Rental Hours

Tuesday-Saturday
 9 am - 3 pm

Sunday
 12 pm- 3 pm

During the Winter Wonderland event on January 27, 2018, , skis and snowshoes will be available for use. See page 20 for more details.

Snow Removal

- ▲ Meridian Township's snow removal ordinance requires residents to clear the snow and ice from the sidewalks along their property within 24 hours following a snow fall.
- ▲ If more than 2 inches of snow or ice remain after that first 24 hours, the owner will be notified by the Township that it must be cleared. Owners will then have an additional 24 hours to clear the snow or ice. If it is not cleared within the second 24 hour period the Township will remove it and bill the home owner. This payment must be made within 30 days of receiving the bill.
- ▲ This process is put into place to ensure that the snow (or ice) is removed and the ordinance is enforced to ensure the safety of residents.
- ▲ Residents who will be out of town are expected to make arrangements for snow removal.

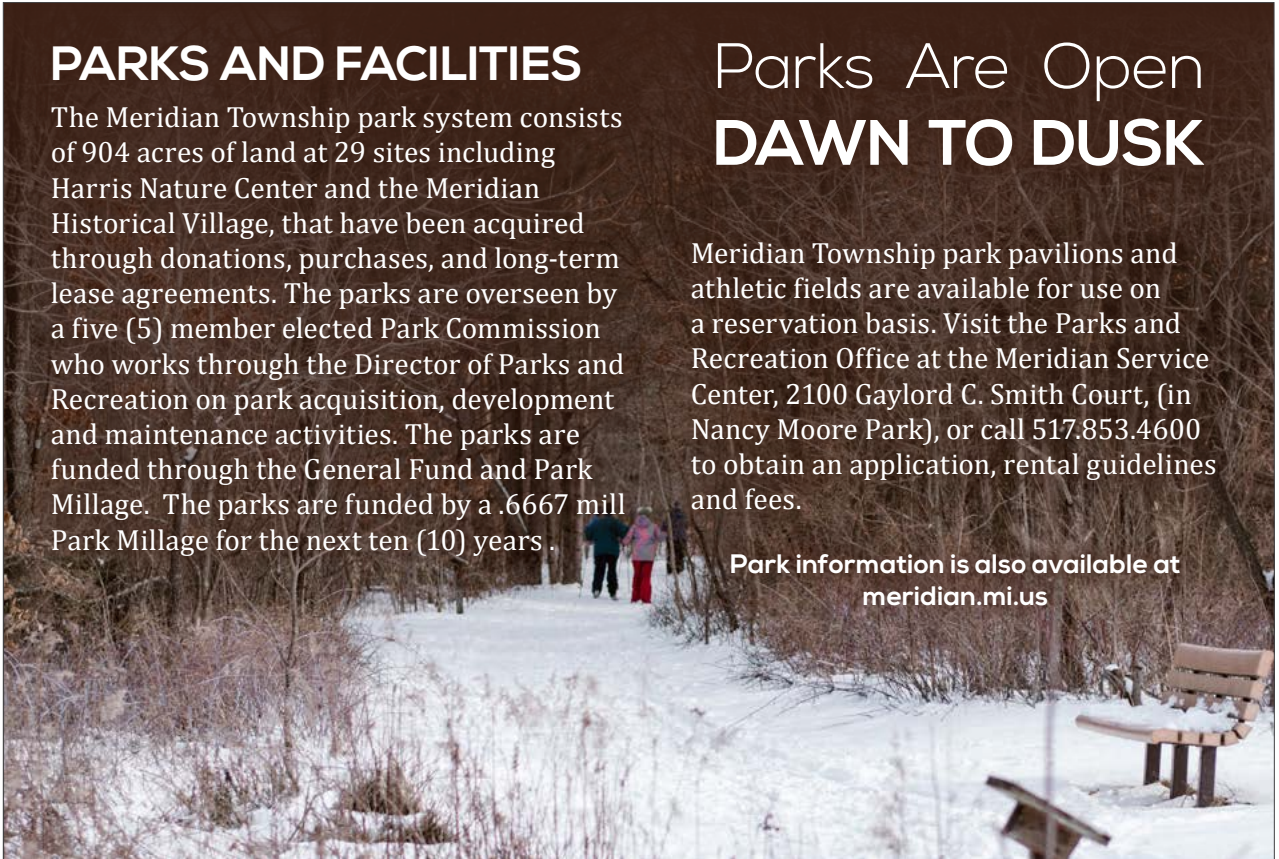
PARKS AND FACILITIES

The Meridian Township park system consists of 904 acres of land at 29 sites including Harris Nature Center and the Meridian Historical Village, that have been acquired through donations, purchases, and long-term lease agreements. The parks are overseen by a five (5) member elected Park Commission who works through the Director of Parks and Recreation on park acquisition, development and maintenance activities. The parks are funded through the General Fund and Park Millage. The parks are funded by a .6667 mill Park Millage for the next ten (10) years.

Parks Are Open DAWN TO DUSK

Meridian Township park pavilions and athletic fields are available for use on a reservation basis. Visit the Parks and Recreation Office at the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, (in Nancy Moore Park), or call 517.853.4600 to obtain an application, rental guidelines and fees.

Park information is also available at meridian.mi.us



pk.ingham.org/Parks

Ingham County Parks offer year-round activities for its visitors and residents. More than 1,200 acres of out-standing Ingham County parkland are devoted to sports and recreation. Most Ingham County Parks remain open year-round call 517.676.2233 for winter hours. Your Ingham County Parks can make any day of the year a play day!

Cross Country Ski Rentals at Lake Lansing Park North

Cross country ski through the majestic, snow capped forests at Lake Lansing Park North.

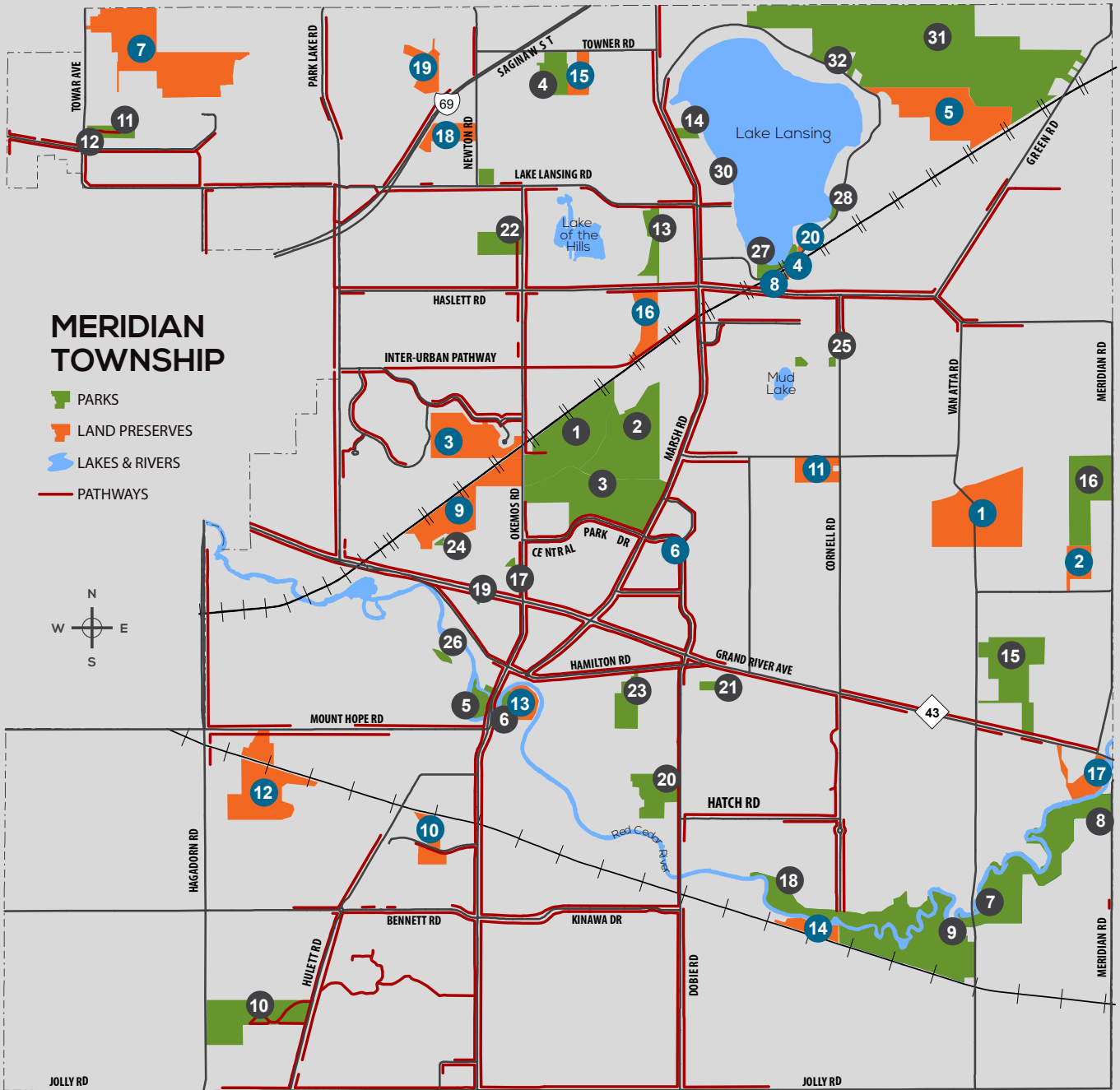
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
10am - last rental 1 hour before
sunset
\$7/hour for adults
\$5/hour Children 12 and under

(Please note the trails at Lake Lansing Park North are not groomed or illuminated)

Annual Pass

Annual passes, for Ingham County residents are \$30, and are available at all gatehouses. Daily per vehicle entrance fee year-round is \$3 for Ingham County residents and \$5 for non-residents at Burchfield Park, Hawk Island, Lake Lansing Park-North, and Lake Lansing Park-South. No vehicle entrance fees will be collected one hour prior to the Friday night Band Shell concert at Lake Lansing Park-South. Ingham County welcomes everyone to our parks. If paying the vehicle entrance fee would be a hardship, please ask the attendant to waive the fee with a hardship pass.





LAND PRESERVES



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

PARKS & AMENITIES



For reservations and park information:

517.853.4600
meridian.mi.us



	Acreage	Basketball Court	Softball Baseball Fields	Lake Pond River Drain	Fishing Access	Canoe Boat Launch	Picnic Area & Grills	Play Equipment	Restrooms	Building or Pavilion	Soccer Fields	Pickle Court Tennis Court	Trails	Sand Volleyball Court	Open Space	Sledding Pump Track
1 Nancy Moore Park 1960 Gaylord C. Smith Ct	40	x	x				x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
Parks & Recreation Office																
2 Central Park 5151 Marsh Rd	197			P	x		x	x	x	x	x		x			
Townhall Bldg/Public Safety Bldg																
Meridian Historical Village																
Nokomis Learning Center																
Farmers' Market Pavilion																
3 Central Park South 1990 Central Park Dr	15			P	x		x						x			
4 Towner Road Park 2055 Towner Rd	22		x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
5 Wonch Park 4555 Okemos Rd	15			R			x	x	x	x			x	x	x	
6 Ferguson Park 4540 Okemos Rd	5.7			R	x	x	x	x	x							x
7 Harris Nature Center 3998 Van Atta Rd	48.4			R	x	x	x			Bldg			x			x
8 Eastgate Park 4203 S. Meridian Rd	53.1			R			x			x			x			x
9 Legg Park 3891 Van Atta Rd	103			R	x					x			x			x
10 Hartrick Park 3685 Hulett Rd	60.7		x	P			x	x	x	x	x		x			x
11 Snell-Towar Recreation Center 6146 Porter Ave																
12 Towar Park 6166 Pollard Ave																
13 Hillbrook Park 1747 Lake Lansing Rd	16.4	x	x	D			x	x				x	x			x
14 Marshall Park 6105 Marsh Rd	5	x					x	x								x
15 Ted Black Woods 540 Grand River Ave	74						x						x			
16 North Meridian Road Park 5191 N. Meridian Rd	60						x	x	x		x		x	x		SH
17 Ottawa Hills Park 4980 Hillcrest Ave	3	x		D			x	x								
18 Red Cedar Natural Area 1455 Oscoda Rd	56			R												x
19 Cedar Bend Hgths Nghbrhd Prk 2280 Kenmore Dr	0.33						x	x								x
20 Sander Farm Preserved Natural Area 4344 Dobie Rd	34			D									x			
21 Forest Hills Natural Area 4625 Northview Dr	4												x			x
22 Brattin Woods 5851 Okemos Rd	20												x			
23 Tacoma Hills Park 1815 Hamilton Rd	22												x			
24 Schriener Greenspace 5039 Algonquin Way	1															x
25 Orlando Park 1275 Orlando Dr	1.3						x	x					x			
26 Indian Hills Greenspace 4730 Nakoma Dr	3															x
27 Lake Lansing Marsh 1430 Lake Dr	46			L												x
28 Spengler Marsh 5929 Lake Dr	3.3			L												x
29 Newton Road Park East Lansing	5															x
30 Lake Lansing Park South (Ingham County)	30			L	x	x	x	x	x	x				x		x
31 Lake Lansing Park North (Ingham County)	530	x	x	L			x	x	x	x			x			x
32 Lake Lansing Park Boat Launch (Ingham County)				L	x	x	x		x							



HARRIS NATURE CENTER

517.349.3866

[facebook.com/harrisnaturecenter](https://www.facebook.com/harrisnaturecenter)
3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The Harris Nature Center hosts various activities and programs all year long. Each program is designed to provide people of all ages with an educational experience, while engaging them with the natural habitats in their own backyard. Register on the Township website meridian.mi.us.

Date	Activity	Time	Cost
December 1	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk
7	Preschool Science Exploration - Life in an Evergreen	1 - 2:30 pm	\$4/child/class
14	Chipmunk Story Time - Curious Critters	10 - 11 am	\$3/child/session
January 5	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk
11	Preschool Science Exploration - Rocks Rock	1 - 2:30 pm	\$4/child/class
13	Cross Country Ski Class	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$15/person, \$20/person with rental
13	Snowshoe Class	1 - 3 pm	\$15/person, \$20/person with rental
18	Chipmunk Story Time - Polar Bear Night	10 - 11 am	\$3/child/session
20	Moonlight Ski and Shoe	6 - 9 pm	\$10/person with rental (includes headlamp) \$3/person without (\$2 headlamps)
22, 29	Timber Tots: Nature for Preschoolers*	9 - 10 am	\$35/6-week session only
22, 29	My Cub and I: Nature for Toddlers*	10:30 - 11:30 am	\$35/6-week session only
27	Winter Wonderland at HNC	10 am - 3 pm	FREE
February 1	Preschool Science Exploration - Outstanding Owls	1 - 2:30 pm	\$4/child/class
2	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk
3	Cross Country Ski Class	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$15/person, \$20/person with rental
3	Snowshoe Class	1 - 3 pm	\$15/person, \$20/person with rental
4	Cabin Fever Reliever	2 pm	\$3/person or \$7/family
5, 12, 26	Timber Tots: Nature for Preschoolers*	9 - 10 am	\$35/6-week session only
5, 12, 26	My Cub and I: Nature for Toddlers*	10:30 - 11:30 am	\$35/6-week session only
7, 10 (2-4pm), 14, 21	Photography Class with Ron St. Germain	6:30 - 9 pm	\$60/4-day session
10	Moonlight Ski and Shoe	6 - 9 pm	\$10/person with rental (includes headlamp) \$3/person without (\$2 headlamps)
15	Chipmunk Story Time - Snowy Valentine	10 - 11 am	\$3/child/session
24	Family Special: Talented Tails	2 pm	\$3/person or \$7/family
24	Moonlight Ski and Shoe	6 - 9 pm	\$10/person with rental (includes headlamp) \$3/person without (\$2 headlamps)
March 1	Preschool Science Exploration - A Raindrop Adventure	1 - 2:30 pm	\$4/child/class
2	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk
4	Looking for Spring: Guided Walk	2 pm	\$3/person or \$7/family
5	Timber Tots: Nature for Preschoolers*	9 - 10 am	\$35/6-week session only
5	My Cub and I: Nature for Toddlers*	10:30 - 11:30 am	\$35/6-week session only
15	Chipmunk Story Time - Leprechaun Hunt	10 - 11 am	\$3/child/session
17	Leprechaun Campfire	7 pm	\$3/person or \$7/family
27	Gardening with Native Plants	7 - 9 pm	\$15/person

Give the Gift of Nature

Looking for a great gift? Did you know you can give the gift of nature to your nature loving friends and family by adopting an animal? This is a great way to support the nature center's live animal educational programs. The Harris Nature Center houses several species of animals that are permanently injured or unable to return to the wild for another reason. Your support will help to ensure that these animals receive the proper care and nutrition they need to remain healthy and give you the satisfaction of knowing you are helping all animals flourish at the nature center.

Adoption gifts support the care for our animals. These animals give us the ability to provide inspirational programs for everyone! Each adoption is for one year and you will receive: An Adoption certificate, color photo of the adopted animal, biography of the adopted animal, recognition on the "Frame of Fame"

Adoption Fees:

Red-tailed Hawk	\$150	Eastern Milk Snake	\$75
Eastern Screech Owl	\$125	Eastern Box Turtle	\$50
Wood Turtle	\$100	Aquatic Turtle	\$50



Contact the Harris Nature Center at 517.349.3866 to give the gift of nature this holiday season!

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE AND ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Sunday December 10
2 - 4 pm

Get in the Holiday spirit with Christmas in the Village at the Meridian Historical Village. Experience Christmas traditions from the past at this family-friendly event. Join Santa and the Friends of Historic Meridian for a holiday celebration from the Victorian era. Browse the charming historic buildings, enjoy fun and engaging kid's crafts and watch vibrant musical performances in the Village Chapel. **Free parking and admission**

**The Annual Christmas
Tree Lighting
will take place at 4 pm**

Holiday Gift Sale

Nokimos Learning Center
5153 Marsh Rd, Okemos
10 am - 4 pm



517.347.7300

 [facebook.com/meridianhistoricalvillage](https://www.facebook.com/meridianhistoricalvillage)
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE

meridian.mi.us 15 A

YOUTH SPORTS



517.853.4600

 facebook.com/MeridianTwpParksRec

Details available at bitly.com/meridianregister

GET ACTIVE

Fun recreational programs welcome young people of all ages and backgrounds encouraging self-esteem growth, teamwork, and a healthy and active lifestyle.

Register through activenet at bit.ly/mtpronline



OKEMOS

Activity	Ages	Season	Cost	Deadline to Register
4v4 Boys & Girls Instructional Soccer	Kindergarten	April 9 - May 19	\$50 (\$70 after 2/16)	February 16
4v4 Boys & Girls Instructional Soccer	1st Grade	April 9 - May 19	\$50 (\$55 after 2/16)	February 16
Boys & Girls Spring Soccer	2nd - 8th Grade	April 9 - May 19	\$55 (\$75 after 2/16)	February 16
Baseball	1st & 2nd Grade	May 8 - July 3	\$60 (\$80 after 3/2)	March 2
Baseball	3rd & 4th Grade	May 7 - July 2	\$70 (\$90 after 3/2)	March 2
U12 Baseball	12 or under as of April 30, 2018	April 9 - July 6	\$130 (\$150 after 3/2)	March 2
U14 Baseball	14 or under as of April 30, 2018	April 9 - July 6	\$140 (\$160 after 3/2)	March 2
Softball	1st & 2nd Grade	May 7 - July 2	\$60 (\$80 after 3/2)	March 2
U10 Softball	10 or under as of January 1, 2018	May 8 - July 5	\$70 (\$90 after 3/2)	March 2
U12 Softball	12 or under as January 1, 2018	May 1 - mid-July	\$130 (\$150 after 3/2)	March 2
U14 Softball	14 or under as of April 30, 2018	May 1 - mid-July	\$140 (\$160 after 3/2)	March 2

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Activity	Ages	Season	Cost	Deadline to Register
HYRA Boys & Girls Basketball	Kindergarten & 1st Grade	January 13 - February 10	\$55 / player (\$75 after 12/7)	Check for Availability
HYRA Boys & Girls Basketball	2nd & 3rd Grade	January 8 - March 10	\$55 / player (\$75 after 12/7)	Check for Availability
T-Ball League	Kindergarten	April 9 - May 23	\$40 (\$60 after 3/2)	March 2
Baseball	1st & 2nd Grade	May 8 - July 3	\$60 (\$80 after 3/2)	March 2
Baseball	3rd & 4th Grade	May 7 - July 2	\$70 (\$90 after 3/2)	March 2
U12 Baseball	12 or under as of April 30, 2018	April 9 - July 6	\$130 (\$150 after 3/2)	March 2
U14 Baseball	14 or under as of April 30, 2018	April 9 - July 6	\$140 (\$160 after 3/2)	March 2
Softball	1st & 2nd Grade	May 7 - July 2	\$60 (\$80 after 3/2)	March 2
U10 Softball	10 or under as of January 1, 2018	May 8 - July 5	\$70 (\$90 after 3/2)	March 2

ADULT & FAMILY



517.853.4600

 facebook.com/MeridianTwpParksRec
Details available at meridian.mi.us

FAMILY CENTRIC FUN & ACTIVITIES

Meridian Township offers a variety of programs and activities appealing to families and adults who want to have fun, and stay physically and socially active. Enjoy these exceptional events throughout the Meridian Township Park System and local sport venues.



Date	Activity	Time	Cost	Location
December 1	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk	Harris Nature Center
10	Christmas in the Village	2 - 4 pm	Free	Historical Village
January 5	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk	Harris Nature Center
6	Meridian Skates	6:30 - 8 pm	Free	Suburban Ice, East Lansing
13	Cross Country Ski Class	9:30 am - 11:30 am	\$15/person, \$20/person with rental	Harris Nature Center
13	Snowshoe Class	1 - 3 pm	\$15/person, \$20/person with rental	Harris Nature Center
20	Meridian Skates	3:30 - 5 pm, 8 - 9:30 pm	Free/ \$2 skate rental	Suburban Ice, East Lansing
20	Moonlight Ski and Shoe	6 - 9 pm	\$3/person, \$10/person with rental (includes headlamp)	Harris Nature Center
27	Winter Wonderland	10 am - 3 pm	Free	Harris Nature Center
27	Meridian Moonlight Sledding	6 - 8:30 pm	Free	North Meridian Road Park
28	Polar Bear 5K Run/Walk	9 am	\$20/\$25	Meridian Municipal Complex
February 2	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk	Harris Nature Center
3	Cross Country Ski Class	9:30 am - 11:30 am	\$15/person, \$20/person rental	Harris Nature Center
3	Snowshoe Class	1 - 3 pm	\$15/person, \$20/person with rental	Harris Nature Center
10	Moonlight Ski and Shoe	6 - 9 pm	\$3/person, \$10/person with rental (includes headlamp)	Harris Nature Center
17	Meridian Ice Fishing Derby	9 am - 12 pm	Free	Central Park Pond
18	Chinese New Year Celebration	1 - 3 pm	Free	Meridian Mall
24	Moonlight Ski and Shoe	6 - 9 pm	\$3/person, \$10/person with rental (includes headlamp)	Harris Nature Center
24	Meridian Moonlight Sledding	6 - 8:30 pm	Free	North Meridian Road Park
28	Meridian Swims at MAC	6:30 - 8 pm	Free	MAC
March 2	Howl at the Moon	7 pm	\$3/person/walk	Harris Nature Center
4	Looking for Spring: Guided Walk	2 pm	\$3/person or \$7/family	Harris Nature Center

SENIOR CENTER

MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER



517.706.5045

facebook.com/meridianseniorcenter

4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864

Open Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com

Meridian Township helps continue active lifestyles through retirement years by providing outstanding programs designed to help the well-being of the Senior Community. Located in the east wing of Chippewa Middle School, the Meridian Senior Center has been a social hub for adults age 55 and older since 1995. Whether you're looking to learn line dancing, new computer skills or improve your flexibility, skilled instructors are available who provide classes designed for active older adults. Check the website for the latest class offerings. **Please call 517.706.5045 to register for programs.**

Date	Activity	Time	Cost
December 5	Consumers Energy: Lunch and Learn	12 pm	\$3 members / \$5 non-members
20	Winter Holiday Lunch at the Willows of Okemos	TBD	\$5 members / \$10 non-members
12	Haslett - Okemos Rotary Annual Holiday Luncheon	12 pm	\$4 members / \$6 non-members
January 12	Winter Maintenance/10 Point Car Inspections Anyone Can Do	11:30 am	Free
17	Organizing your Life Documents	2:30 am	Free
31	Inspire your Heart with Art	1:30 pm	Free
February 5	Pension Rights: Lunch and Learn	12 pm	Free
9, 23	Tax Assistance Appointments	9 am - 3 pm	Free
14	Valentine's Day: Dueling Pianos, Dinner and Dancing	TBD	\$10 single / \$15 couple members \$18 single / \$23 couple non-members
23	Estate Planning and Trusts	1:30 pm	Free
5	Smartphone Photography iPhone 7 or newer	2 pm	\$3 members / \$5 non-members
March 9, 23	Tax Assistance Appointments	9 am - 3 pm	Free
16	St Patrick's Celebration	TBD	\$5 members / \$10 non-members
21	Volunteer Expo	1 pm	Free
30	Blue Birds at My Window and Make & Take Bird Houses	11:30 am	\$3 members / \$8 non-members



THE SENIOR CENTER IS A PUBLIC SERVICE OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP AND OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

50 Plus Fitness WORKOUT

Meridian Mall Food Court
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30 - 9:30 am
\$1 per class, Sign up on-site



meridian50plus.com

Keeping our bodies flexible and strong are key components to healthier, happier retirement living. The 50 Plus Fitness Workout program engages approximately 50 people each program day of varying ages from 50-94 for hour-long balance and stretching activities. Participants work at their own pace. Not only will your body be happier, but you will enjoy the many social benefits as well!

For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department 517.853.4600



POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

Find out what it's like to be a Police Officer by enrolling in the Meridian Township Youth Citizens' Academy. This program is designed to inform teens and young people about the police department and build positive relationships between officers and students. The Youth Citizen's Academy runs Thursdays from February 8, 2018 to March 22, 2018. Classes are held at the Public Safety Building from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

THURSDAYS
February 8 - March 22
2018

Students will receive instruction in areas such as:

- Use of Force
- Crime Scene Investigation
- K-9 Operations
- Traffic Enforcement
- Alcohol Enforcement

For more questions or to enroll contact
Sergeant Scott Dawson 517.853.4800

 facebook.com/MeridianTwpPD
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policeacademy@meridian.mi.us

PRIME EVENTS



WINTER WONDERLAND

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 10 AM – 3 PM

HARRIS NATURE CENTER
FREE DONATIONS TO HNC APPRECIATED

Embrace Winter!

Enjoy a winter hike or try out snowshoeing and cross-country skiing and get active on the trails of Meridian Riverfront Park at the Harris Nature Center. Bring your own equipment if you can. If you don't have equipment, we have cross country skis and snowshoes available to use. Recreational dog sledgers will be on hand to demonstrate dog sledding and introduce their dogs while you warm up by the campfire. Children will have fun playing games in the Kids Outdoor Activity Area. Don't forget to stop in the building to meet children's book author Ron St. Germain and look for something special at the HNC Foundation Silent Auction and Sale. **The event will continue with or without snow.**

POLAR BEAR 5K

JANUARY 28, 2018

MUNICIPAL BUILDING THROUGH NANCY MOORE/CENTRAL PARK

Join us for the annual favorite! Walk or run through snowy Central Park on our certified 5k course. Awards will be presented in numerous age divisions from 8-under to 75-older.

Deadline: January 12 (to receive race give away)

Cost: Walkers and runners
Pre-registration - \$20
Day of event - \$25



2018 SAVE THE DATE FOR PRIME TOWNSHIP EVENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

MERIDIAN MALL



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18
2018

Meridian Township will celebrate the Chinese New Year with a parade, music, dancing, singing, games and more. Chinese New Year, also called Spring Festival, has more than 4,000 years of history. It is the grandest and most celebrated festival of the Chinese tradition. People born in the Year of the Dog (1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006 and 2018) are known to be independent, sincere, loyal and decisive. This free event is hosted by Greater Lansing Chinese Association.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

JUNE 30, 2018

MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Enjoy a day of pioneer food, entertainment, demonstrations, games, exhibits and activities for all ages.



SATURDAY JUNE 30
2018

CELEBRATE MERIDIAN

JUNE 30, 2018

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, CENTRAL PARK AND
MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE

All roads lead to Meridian Township for our annual Independence Day Celebration.

- ▲ Food Truck Rally
- ▲ Fireworks Light Up the Sky
- ▲ Car Show Cruise
- ▲ Heritage Festival
- ▲ Beer & Wine Tent
- ▲ Kids Games & Carnival Rides
- ▲ Musical Performances



SATURDAY JUNE 30
2018

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

JUNE 30, 2018

MERIDIAN MALL PARKING LOT

Get ready for Meridian Township's 2nd Annual Food Truck Rally bringing the Best Gourmet Food Trucks Michigan has to offer to the Meridian Mall Parking Lot. Around 50 food trucks will be joined by live music, beer and wine tent and family fun festival. Come taste amazing food all in one location from trucks all over the state.



SATURDAY OCTOBER 27
2018

HALLOWEEN ADVENTURES

OCTOBER 27, 2018

HARRIS NATURE CENTER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Halloween Adventures offers a Halloween thrill without the blood and gore. At the Harris Nature Center, kids will squeal with delight at the Halloween Fun House, hay ride, games, crafts, decorating pumpkins, and roasting marshmallows. Enter Studio Fun House at HOMTV Studios, the police department has treats and tours, and the Historical Village are open as well.






TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

Meridian Township Commits to 100% Renewable Energy by 2035

The Meridian Township Board approved a Climate Sustainability Plan that provides a framework to improve sustainability and reduce climate change. Under the plan, the Township will boost investments in energy efficiency.

The Township's Climate Sustainability Plan includes these objectives:

-  Achieve significant energy and water cost savings in Township facilities and the Township's vehicle fleet.
-  Obtain 50% of electricity used for Township operations from renewable energy sources by 2025, and 100% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2035.
-  Reduce the amount of materials sent to landfills by 10% over five years.

Meridian Township joins a growing list of Michigan cities and towns that are passing resolutions and plans to reduce pollution and obtain 100% of their electricity from renewable sources.

Please contact Recycling Coordinator LeRoy Harvey for more information on the Climate Sustainability Plan 517.853.4466 or harvey@meridian.mi.us

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Nancy Moore Park Parking Lot
1960 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett

Trees should be free of wire, metal bracing or nails, and must not be in a plastic bag. Please, no wreaths.

**DECEMBER 26 -
JANUARY 31**

For more information, please call 517.853.4440.

You may also take your trees to the Meridian Recycling Center at 5976 E Lake Drive, Haslett. \$5/tree

For more information on the Center, visit reclaimedbydesign.com

Meridian Recycling Center

A large variety of recyclables are accepted including all paper/books, Styrofoam, glass (sorted by color), plastics, metal, electronics (fee), household batteries (fee), and more. Compactable, non-compactable, and yard waste are accepted for a fee.

The Meridian Recycling Center and transfer station is located at 5976 E. Lake Dr. in Haslett.

Winter (December 1 – March 31)

Mon & Fri 2 pm - 5 pm
T, W, Th 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm



New Website Offers eNotifications

The Meridian Township website offers exciting new features right at your fingertips making planning your day much easier.



▲ Sign up for email notifications and know when the next restaurant opens, receive construction project updates, know when the next meeting is happening and more!

▲ A new intuitive calendar narrows down which events and meetings you want to know about.

▲ Registration for HNC programs is now available!

Sign Up Here!

Almost 5,000 people in Meridian Township live below the poverty level, which is around 13% of Township residents. The Meridian Cares Team helps individuals and families with emergency needs services. We need your helping hand to do this.

The emergency needs fund helps families and seniors stay warm and keep them their home. For the past 5 years, Meridian Cares has helped about 500 households per year. Please consider helping to keep our residents warm today.

MERIDIAN
Cares

DONATE NOW
bit.ly/meridianpaypal

Check to: Meridian Township c/o
Meridian Cares
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos MI 48864

Winter Farmers' Market



Come in from the cold to enjoy the Meridian Township Farmers' Market all winter long at the Meridian Mall in the JC Penney Corridor. Approximately 25-30 vendors participate each market day providing a variety of home grown and homemade goods.

DECEMBER 2, 16
FEBRUARY 3, 17
APRIL 7, 21

JANUARY 6, 20
MARCH 3, 17

HOMTV Studio Tours



Get the inside scoop! HOMTV Studio Tours are a great way to learn how TV News is operated and what goes on behind the camera. Since 1984 HOMTV has been televising local news and information to the residents of Haslett, Okemos and East Lansing.

Access your government and community.
Contact HOMTV@meridian.mi.us for your group tour today.



5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864



THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING 175 YEARS!

We could not have asked for a better community to celebrate our 175th Anniversary Year than the organizations, non-profits, volunteers, businesses and residents of Meridian Township. More than 95,000 people attended over 30 events. Over 200 area businesses generously contributed over \$92,000 sponsoring the Food Truck Rally, Enactment Day, Senior Lunch Tribute, Fun in the Sun Day, Gus Macker, movie night at Studio C! and many more. Thank you for showing why we are

A Prime Community

