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Letter From the Township Supervisor

Dear Meridian Township Residents,

It is my distinct honor to serve as your Township Supervisor. There is so much to be proud of in this community and we thrive because of the people who choose to live, work, and play here.

2026 is an exciting year for us in Meridian, as we hope to see major improvements: reconstructed neighborhood roads, development in Downtown Haslett, and new businesses coming soon!

This year will also offer another opportunity to enjoy our amenities, but especially our world-class parks and trails. This year, I charge our residents to get out and explore our 30 parks and our vast trail system, taking time to appreciate the natural beauty that Meridian has to offer right here in our own town. From wildlife to recreation, our parks have a little bit of everything and are part of what makes us a Prime Community.

If I can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to stop by a Meridian Township board meeting or send an email. I am here to serve you!

Scott Hendrickson

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Township Board

From left to right: Treasurer Linda Burghardt, Supervisor Scott Hendrickson, Clerk Angela Demas, Trustee Kathy Ann Sundland, Trustee Nickolas Lentz, Trustee Marna Wilson, and Trustee Peter Trezise.

2026 Township Board Listening Sessions

Tuesday, May 12 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
2|42 Community Center
2630 Bennett Road, Okemos

Tuesday, July 28 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Central Park Pavilion
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos

Tuesday, October 27 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
St. Luke Lutheran Church
5589 Van Atta Road, Haslett

Scan the QR code to learn more and to view past Listening Session Summaries.



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Stay Informed by Tuning in to HOMTV!

Meridian Township's government access channel, HOMTV, broadcasts meetings of the Meridian Township Board, Planning Commission, and more!

Watch live or view recordings at:

- Comcast Channel 21
- youtube.com/user/21HOMTV
- meridianmi.swagit.com/live



Using QR Codes

To use the QR Codes in this magazine, open your smartphone camera (if available), point your camera at the QR code so that the QR code is clear and fully visible on your screen, and tap the link that appears. This link will take you to our Township website.

Contact Us

Meridian Township is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Our Municipal Building is located at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864. Questions? Call us at 517.853.4000 or email webmaster@meridian.mi.us.



Special Events



Meridian Pride - June 6

Celebrate Pride Month at our fourth annual pride event that unites LGBTQ+ residents, allies, and organizations. Join us on Saturday, June 6, at Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos) from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm for a night of celebrations, activities, and more!



Juneteenth Celebration - June 12

The Meridian Township Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Friday, June 12, at Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos) from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The celebration will be a lively community gathering with jazz music, face paint, food trucks, and more.



Celebrate Meridian Festival - July 24 & 25

Make the most of your summer with live music, food, children's activities, and more! Teen Night will be held on Friday, July 24, with our main event on Saturday, July 25. Head out to Marketplace on the Green and Central Park to celebrate with friends and family at our biggest event of the year!

Other Events and Programs*

Spring

- Spring Recycling Event
- Farmers' Market
- Meridian Garden Club Plant Sale
- Harris Nature Center Wildflower Walk
- Harris Nature Center Native Plant Sale
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Victorian Tea in the Village

Summer

- Summer Concert Series
- Harris Nature Center Summer Day Camps
- Farmers' Market
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby
- Children's Concert Series
- Karaoke at the Marketplace

Autumn

- Fall Electronics Recycling Event
- Halloween Spooktacular
- Farmers' Market
- Heritage Festival
- Harris Nature Center Wine in the Woods
- Harris Nature Center Native Plant Sale
- Police Halloween Open House

Winter

- Ice Skating Party
- Indoor Farmers' Market
- Here Comes Santa Paws
- Grinchmas
- Harris Nature Center Critter Holiday
- Meridian Senior Center Cupid's Bingo
- Nokomis Holiday Art Market

*The list of events provided is not exhaustive and events may be added, modified, or removed as planning continues. For an active listing of Township events, visit our website at www.meridian.mi.us/Calendar.



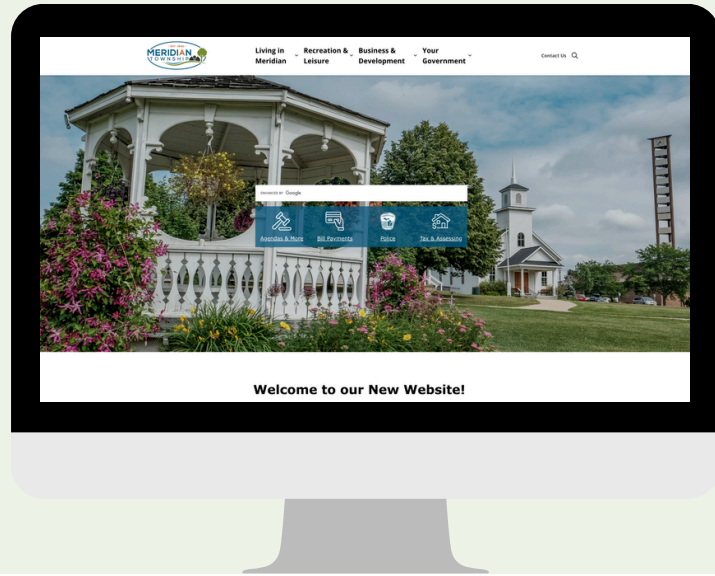
Communications

New Website Launched March 3!

Meridian Township's new website is officially live. The Communications Department oversaw a complete redesign of the Township website to make it more user-friendly and accessible to everyone.

If you need help navigating the new site or have any questions, please contact the Communications Department at 517.853.4370 or communications@meridian.mi.us.

Scan the QR code for more information about social media, newsletters, and alerts!



New Resident Information

Welcome to Meridian Township!

We hope the information provided will assist you in making your move to Meridian Township. The information below covers Township services that residents may find useful when moving to our region. Scan the QR Code to visit our New Resident webpage.



Bill Payments

Residents and business owners in Meridian Township can pay their bills in a variety of ways. Visit the Bill Payments webpage for more information.



Schools

Within Meridian Township's borders are four prime school districts: Okemos, Haslett, and East Lansing Public Schools, and Williamston Community Schools.



Water/Sewer Service

Set up your water/sewer service by filling out the Start Water/Sewer Service Form on our website or calling the Utility Billing Department at 517.853.4120.



Township Projects

Haslett Road Corridor Study & Pathway Projects

The Township is funding a Haslett Road Corridor Study to determine if it is feasible for the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) to implement a road diet on Haslett Road from Park Lake Road to Marsh Road. This study includes preparing a federal grant application to fund the implementation of a road diet.

The corridor study will also examine various infrastructure that could be constructed along the Haslett Road corridor from Park Lake Road to Copper Creek Drive/Bird Farm Lane to enhance pedestrian safety. This will include examining the feasibility of constructing new pedestrian crosswalks at Westminster Way, the Parkwood YMCA, Boise Ile Drive, Bayonne Avenue, Benson Drive, Green Road, and Copper Creek Drive/Bird Farm Lane.

The study will explore the feasibility of enhancing pedestrian safety by adding refuge islands, flashing beacons, hawk signals, and/or other infrastructure at new and existing crosswalks along Haslett Road.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Haslett Road Corridor Study & Pathway Projects.



Local Roads Program

In order to establish a reliable revenue source for reconstructing and maintaining Meridian Township's 153-mile network of local roads, the Township voters approved a road millage bond on the August 2019 ballot.

The millage bond will invest \$35.25 million in the Township's Local Roads Program by the end of 2028. The Ingham County Road Department also invests \$335,000 annually.

In 2025, the Township Completed:

- Resurfacing/reconstruction of 5.7 miles of roads.
- Improvement of the gravel portion of Tihart Road, from Twinging Drive to Cornell Road, with an asphalt stabilization and double chip seal treatment.
- Overlay paving and a double chip seal treatment on Cornell Road, from Grand River Avenue to Haslett Road.
- 14.6 miles of newly resurfaced roads were treated with asphalt rejuvenator.



Scan the QR code for more information about the Local Roads Program.



Developments



Facade Improvement Program Recipients

Congratulations to Playmakers and Mid-Michigan Academy of Martial Arts for being selected by the Meridian Township Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) as the first recipients of the Facade Improvement Program (FIP) grants. The Facade Improvement Program reimburses approved applicants who invest in exterior site enhancements to their business. These improvements must go beyond general maintenance and provide a true visual or structural enhancement to the site.



Playmakers applied to the CIA in support of the "Shopping Cart Lady – Glow Up." Peg, as many call her, had been damaged by a fire years ago. Playmakers initiated her refurbishment as part of their broader rebranding effort.



Mid-Michigan Academy of Martial Arts (MMAMA) relocated into the CIA corridor last year.

MMAMA planned a series of interior and exterior improvements, including updated signage.

Projects in Motion

In 2026, residents may notice new developments at the following properties in Meridian Township:

1655 Haslett Road

Potential new coffee shop in the existing building, currently under construction.

4990 Marsh Road

Panda Express is pending construction.

4880 Marsh Road

Mister Carwash is under construction.

2655 E Grand River Avenue

Terra Firma Gym is under review and is soon to be under construction.

Are You a Local Business Owner?

The Meridian Area Business Association (MABA) is the professional small-business association of our region. For questions, contact Amber Clark at 517.853.4568 or clark@meridian.mi.us.

Financial Assistance Programs

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) offer financial assistance programs that support business investment and site improvements within their respective districts.



Elections

Contact the Clerk's Office

If you have any questions, contact Clerk Angela Demas at demas@meridian.mi.us or the Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300.

2026 Election Dates:

Special Election

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Primary Election

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Precinct Changes

Meridian Township has reduced and reorganized precincts from 22 to 14. Some voters may see changes to their polling locations or precinct numbers. Updated information is available at www.meridian.mi.us/Elections.

Voting Options

Option 1: Vote In-Person on Election Day

Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day. Be sure to vote at your assigned precinct's polling location, which can be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Option 2: Vote Early In-Person

Vote early at the Meridian Township Municipal Building on the following days:

May 5 Special Election: May 1-3

Aug. 4 Primary Election: Jul. 25-31 & Aug. 1-2

Nov. 3 General Election: Oct. 24-31 & Nov. 1

Option 3: Vote Absentee

To request an absentee ballot, submit an absent voter ballot application, which are available at the Clerk's office and at www.mi.gov/vote. Voters can also sign up for the Permanent Mail Ballot List to automatically receive a ballot for each election.

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Meridian Township Municipal Building

5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, 48864

**Indoor and outdoor drop boxes available*

Haslett Library

1590 Franklin Street, Haslett, 48840

Okemos Library

4321 Okemos Road, Okemos, 48864

Drop boxes will close at 8:00 pm on election days.



Taxes, Utility Bills & Payments

Summer Taxes Due September 14, 2026

The Treasurer's Office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, except for major holidays. You can drop off payments 24/7 in the white drop box in front of the Meridian Township Municipal Building (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos). For questions, please call 517.853.4140.

Pay Bills Online

You can pay your tax or utility bill online with no fees using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) draws from your bank account on our website. From the Bill Payments page, log in to an existing account, create a new account, or make a one-time payment. Tax accounts can be linked to utility billing accounts using the "Manage My Accounts" link from your home screen after logging in. Scan the QR code or visit www.meridian.mi.us/BillPayments for more information.



Assessing Department

Annual Reinspection Program

This summer, the Assessing Department will conduct its annual Reinspection Program, which began in 2012. Part-time interns conduct site visits to designated neighborhoods to take updated property photos.

If you have made recent improvements to your home, it is customary that Meridian Township Assessing Department staff may be driving by to update your record card photo. Staff will be in a marked Township vehicle with Township identification.

Summer 2026 Township neighborhoods have not yet been determined. Affected property owners will be contacted by letter and asked to complete a brief questionnaire as to property specifics. Resident participation in the Reinspection Program is voluntary. For questions, call the Assessing Department at 517.853.4400.



Community Planning & Development

Rental Inspections

Meridian Township licenses all rental properties in the Township, from small short-term rentals to hundred-unit apartment complexes. As part of that licensure, an annual inspection is done on every licensed property in the Township.

The Township currently utilizes the most recent version of the International Property Maintenance Code as our standard for inspecting a rental property. Notable items in every inspection include smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, operable windows, and general exterior upkeep.

Landlords are expected to maintain their property in conformance with the Township's standards. Tenants with any concerns can contact the Community Development Department at 517.853.4560 to discuss filing a complaint.



Farmers' Market

2026 Farmers' Market Schedule

Saturday Outdoor Market

Every Saturday from May until November 21

8:00 am* to 2:00 pm (10:00 am* in November)

Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos)

Wednesday Outdoor Market

Every Wednesday from June to October

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos)

Saturday Indoor Market

Every Saturday from November 28 until December 19

1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays, January through April

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

JCPenney to High Caliber Karting Wing of the Meridian Mall

For more information, visit

www.meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket



Miss our outdoor Farmers' Market? On **Saturday, May 2**, we reopen at Marketplace on the Green.

See you there!

We Accept Food Assistance Programs!

We want our market to be accessible to everyone, regardless of financial need. Anyone using the following food assistance programs can shop with us for eligible products:

- SNAP (tokens)
- Double Up Food Bucks (tokens)
- Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH (card only)

And possibly the *WIC Project Fresh Card*, depending on vendor participation.

Shop Market Gifts!

The Meridian Township Farmers' Market offers gift certificates (\$25 each) and tote bags (\$15 each).

Learn more about merchandise and gifts at the market website.



MERIDIAN Cares

Making a Difference

Meridian Cares provides Meridian Township residents facing emergency financial need with assistance from a human services specialist. The Emergency Needs Fund is also available to support residents at risk of losing their shelter or facing a utility shutoff.

How Does Meridian Cares Work?

Meridian Township residents facing emergency financial need (relating to shelter or utilities) contact the Human Services Specialist.

Resident's need is determined after a confidential intake assessment.

Federal, state, and local resources are considered for financial aid. When no aid or not enough aid is available, Meridian Cares may use its donation-based Emergency Needs Fund to financially assist the resident.

Financial assistance recommendations are made by the Human Services Specialist to the Township's Community Resources Commission for approval.

Approved financial assistance is given directly to the utility company or landlord seeking payment.

Resident remains in their home with working utilities.

2025 Numbers

- 111 Families Supported
- \$47,255.40 Donation-Based Funds Distributed

"Thank you greatly. I had nowhere else to turn to keep the lights and heat on for my family."

- Recipient of Meridian Cares Services

Need Help?

Contact Meridian Township's Human Services Specialist, Katie Love, at 517.853.4204 for a confidential call and intake assessment to determine options for your situation.

If you need assistance outside of our business hours, contact Michigan 211 by calling or texting 2-1-1.

Donate Today!

Your donation of any size helps neighbors in need. To donate, scan the QR Code to give to the Meridian Cares Emergency Needs Fund via PayPal. Thank you!



Public Safety



Prioritizing Safety on Our Roadways

At the Meridian Township Police Department (MTPD), we hear your concerns regarding traffic safety. As we near full staffing, our ability to proactively protect our streets grows.

By using a data-driven approach, we ensure our roadways remain safe for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

High-Tech Solutions for Safer Streets

In 2025, MTPD invested in advanced traffic data collection equipment. This technology allows us to conduct passive speed and traffic count studies, recording the speed of every vehicle that passes. We analyze data trends and deploy our officers to specific areas at the times when speeding is most likely to occur. This ensures our enforcement efforts are as efficient and effective as possible.

Focusing on Schools and Other Hot Spots

We have assigned Officer Larry Vandermolten as our Traffic Officer. This means you'll frequently see him in school zones during drop-off and pick-up, ensuring students are safe from speeding and reckless drivers. Using insights from our new data collectors, he will patrol areas where it's most needed. As we move toward full staffing, we look forward to expanding this team.

If you have a specific traffic safety concern in your neighborhood, please let us know. Visit our website at meridian.mi.us/Police and fill out the Traffic Concern Form.



A Milestone Achievement

Following a rigorous assessment by Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) officials in late 2025, we are proud to announce that the Meridian Township Police Department was found to be in full compliance.

On February 3, 2026, we were officially honored with our second reaccreditation award.

Of the more than 400 law enforcement agencies in Michigan, only about 100 are accredited, and fewer than 20 have successfully completed the reaccreditation process twice.





Fire Department 2025 Operations

We had a busy year at the Meridian Township Fire Department!

In 2025, we saw:

- **444** more emergency calls
 - (6,361 in 2024 to 6,805 in 2025)
- **Two** new fire engines purchased
 - Built over a two-year period to replace an 18-year-old and a 25-year-old engine. We are now sustainable with engines until 2036.
- **Four** new firefighters sworn in
- **Seven** firefighters promoted to officer positions

Training for Community Safety

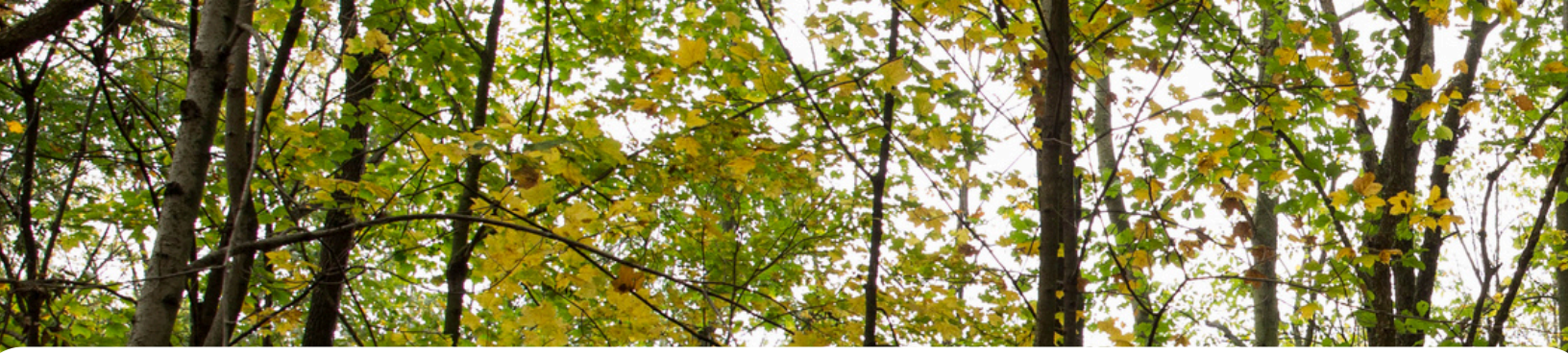
In 2025, our training division kept busy with over 3,800 hours of training. We also launched new professional development and tactical operations programs for our young officers.

Our annual training plan is built around departmental needs. As a young department, we want to ensure that all our firefighters expand their knowledge and have the tools and resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively.

Each year, we evaluate our training plan to enhance the level of training our firefighter/paramedics receive. On a daily basis, we work to develop new skills in emergency medical services, fire equipment operation, specialty rescues, officer training, and more.

For more information about the Meridian Township Fire Department, scan the QR code or visit www.meridian.mi.us/Fire.





Parks and Recreation

The Meridian Township parks system consists of over 900 acres of parks, over 900 acres of land preserves, and nearly 20 miles of trails. The Parks and Recreation Department also offers numerous opportunities for you and your family to enjoy the parks through events, programs, and activities.

We offer recreation leagues that provide a fun, welcoming environment for both youth and adults to stay active and enjoy the game.

For more information about our programs, call us at 517.853.4600 or email parks@meridian.mi.us.

Youth Sports

We offer youth leagues in soccer, flag football, baseball, softball, T-ball, basketball, Sporties for Shorties, Playmakers Running Clubs, and a rugby camp.

Adult Sports

We have adult leagues for co-ed sand volleyball, men's softball, kickball, and whiffle ball.

Register Today!

Scan the QR Code for more information and to register.



Sign up for our Newsletter!

Don't miss out on our events and programs! Subscribe to our monthly eNewsletter, The "Playbook."

Subscribe by scanning the QR code or head to www.meridian.mi.us/StayInformed so you can stay up to date on all that we have to offer!





Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for our most popular events:

- **June 6** - Meridian Pride
- **June 12** - Juneteenth Celebration
- **July 24 & 25** - Teen Night & Celebrate Meridian

Stay up to date by visiting our website calendar at www.meridian.mi.us/Calendar.



Summer Concert Series

Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 pm from June through September at Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos) for free live music from local bands.

Visit www.meridian.mi.us/SCS or scan the QR code to view the 2026 lineup!



Winter Recreation

Even throughout the winter season, there is plenty to do in Meridian Township:

- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Snowshoeing

Scan the QR code to see our various winter offerings!



Dog Parks

Join a Dog Park Community! Our off-leash dog parks provide the perfect opportunity for your pups to hang out!

- **Large Dog Park (30 lbs & up)**
1990 Central Park Drive, Okemos
- **Small Dog Park (30 lbs & under)**
1960 Gaylord C. Smith Ct, Haslett

To view the registration fees and to learn more, visit www.meridian.mi.us/DogParks or scan the QR code.



Facility Rentals

Make new memories by hosting an event at one of our parks!

We offer eight different rental pavilions at \$100 for residents and \$200 for non-residents (excluding Marketplace on the Green, which has higher rates).

Rental time blocks include 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm (dusk).

Scan the QR code to find our selection of pavilions, usage fees, and park amenities.



Smart 911

Ingham County's Emergency Alert System

Meridian Township has partnered with Ingham County to bring residents the RAVE Smart911 mass notification system. Subscribing to Smart911 is free and completely customizable.

When you sign up with Smart911, you choose what types of alerts you would like to receive, and in what areas. You will be notified via text message, phone call, and/or email of important, critical information such as unexpected road closures, missing persons, serious incidents, severe weather, boil water advisories, and many other emergencies.

How to Sign Up:

1. Visit Smart911.com and hit the green "Sign Up" button in the top right corner of the page
2. Create an account
3. Choose which alerts you would like to receive through email, text message, or both



Scan the QR Code for more information and to sign up!



Smart911[®]

LEARN. IMAGINE. CONNECT.

**Come visit us at CADL
Meridian Libraries**

CADL Okemos
4321 Okemos Road
517.347.2021

CADL Haslett
1590 Franklin Street
517.339.2324



**Capital Area
District Libraries**
cadl.org



Find Your Community

Many Meridian Township residents give back to the community by volunteering their time to a cause that matters to them. With a wide range of opportunities available, every resident can find a place to be heard, share their passions, build new connections, and create positive change in the community. Three volunteer opportunities are highlighted below.



Volunteer Organizations

Meridian Township offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for residents looking to make a positive impact in the community. Whether you're interested in protecting the environment with the Meridian Conservation Corps or preserving local history with the Friends of Historic Meridian, there's a volunteer group that's right for you!

Learn more by scanning the QR code.



Community Events

Residents and local businesses play a vital role in supporting community events throughout the year. Signature celebrations like Celebrate Meridian and Meridian Pride are made possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteers!

Contact the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department at 517.853.4600 or parks@meridian.mi.us to learn about volunteer opportunities.



Boards & Commissions

Meridian Township residents have the opportunity to serve on a board or commission. Whether your interests include parks, business, planning, or other community priorities, there is likely a board that aligns with your passion.

Scan the QR code to view the Public Service Application Form.

Meridian Conservation Corps

Sign up Today!

MCC is always welcoming new volunteers! Find the sign-up form and learn more about us at www.meridian.mi.us/MCC.



In all four seasons, the Meridian Conservation Corps (MCC) is out in the community caring for our 1,700 acres of parks and preserves.

MCC volunteers, most of whom are Meridian Township residents, remove invasive species, pick up litter, collect and sow native seeds, and transplant native species back into our parks and preserves.

The MCC also leads educational programs on local flora and fauna, as well as conservation.

2025 in Review:

Stewardship Success

- 622 hours of stewardship
- 415 total Corps members, with 67 new signups
- 10 educational events
- 36 species of invasive plants managed
- 51 native plant species seeded and transplanted

Invasive Species Strike Team

- 28 workdays & events devoted to invasive removal & training
- 19 species of herbaceous invasives managed
- 17 species of woody invasives managed
- 15 preserves & 15 parks managed for invasive species

Visit our website at www.meridian.mi.us/Calendar for dates and times of MCC's stewardship events.



Stewardship Saturdays

Stewardship Saturdays occur every other Saturday from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at different locations. Help the MCC restore habitat across our parks and preserves!

Weekday Warriors

Weekday Warriors meet every other Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at various locations. This small but mighty group often works on sensitive stewardship projects.

Green Meridian

Paths Towards a Greener 2026

Recycle

For items not accepted curbside, Meridian Township has a recycling center operated by Reclaimed by Design (5976 E. Lake Drive, Haslett). The Green Team also hosts two large recycling events each year.

Shop Local

Choosing locally grown foods promotes sustainable farming and reduces emissions.

Mind the Waterways

Keep an eye on the storm drains in your roadways. If they are clogged with leaves or debris, water can flood and collect pollutants.

Food Scrap Recycling

The Green Meridian Team and Meridian Township Farmers' Market have partnered to provide food scrap recycling at the Market. The program is open to all Meridian Township residents, market patrons, and market vendors.

How it Works:

1. Payments are accepted quarterly (\$15) or annually (\$50) by credit card online or by check via mail or in person (2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct, Haslett).
2. Once payment is submitted, visit the Market and empty your container (limit 2 gallons/week) of food waste into the green cart near the restroom building.

Visit www.meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket for more information. Scan the QR Code to sign up and pay the fee.



2026 Green Events

April 25

- Spring Recycling Day

May 16

- Plant Native Meridian

June 20

- Energy Fair

July 18

- Green Fair

August 15

- Green Commuting

September 26

- Fall Electronics Recycling Day

Scan the QR code for more information about Green Meridian events and how to get involved.



Harris Nature Center



Summer Day Camps

Enjoy a 1-day, 2-day, or 4-day adventure at HNC! All camps are nature-themed with an emphasis on conservation.

Scan the QR Code to view the 2026 Day Camp Guide.



Native Plant Sales

Enhance your gardens by shopping at our native plant sales on May 2 and October 3!

Scan the QR Code to learn more about HNC's events and programs!



Surrounded by 200 acres of forest and meadows, the Harris Nature Center (HNC) is set on the banks of the Red Cedar River. This setting provides opportunities for people of all ages to explore trails, discover wildlife, and enjoy the wondrous colors of nature each season.

To find and register for our programs, visit our website at www.meridian.mi.us/HNC.

2026 Events & Programs

Dogs and Coffee

Enjoy a guided morning walk in the woods with your two best friends, dogs and coffee!

Campfire Programs

Join the Harris Nature Center Naturalists around the campfire for a fireside chat, s'mores, and a guided walk.

Night out in Nature for Kids

Send your kids to HNC for a fun night of exploring trails, enjoying nature activities, and meeting live animals.

Chipmunk Story Time

Story time comes alive at the Harris Nature Center with puppets Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends.

Gardening with Native Plants Classes

Make gardening easier with native plants! Learn how at one of our classes.



Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center

5153 Marsh Road, Okemos

The Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center is an organization dedicated to preserving the history, arts, culture, and language of the Anishinaabe people – the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations. The center fulfills this mission by hosting various programs, exhibitions, and special events.

Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center is open to the public:

- Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Learn more at www.nokomis.org or call 517.349.5777.



Meridian Historical Village

5151 Marsh Road, Okemos

The Friends of Historic Meridian was established in 1974 to create and sustain an active appreciation of local history. A variety of community outreach and educational programs are available off-site, on-site, and through in-class programs designed to make history come alive.

Visit the picturesque village at Central Park, where historic buildings are carefully restored, and enjoy the village grounds and surrounding trails year-round.

To learn more or to contact the Friends of Historic Meridian, visit www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org or call 517.347.7300.



Meridian Senior Center

4000 North Okemos Road, Okemos

The Meridian Senior Center was created to provide a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for those aged 55 and over to gather and engage in programs and social activities.

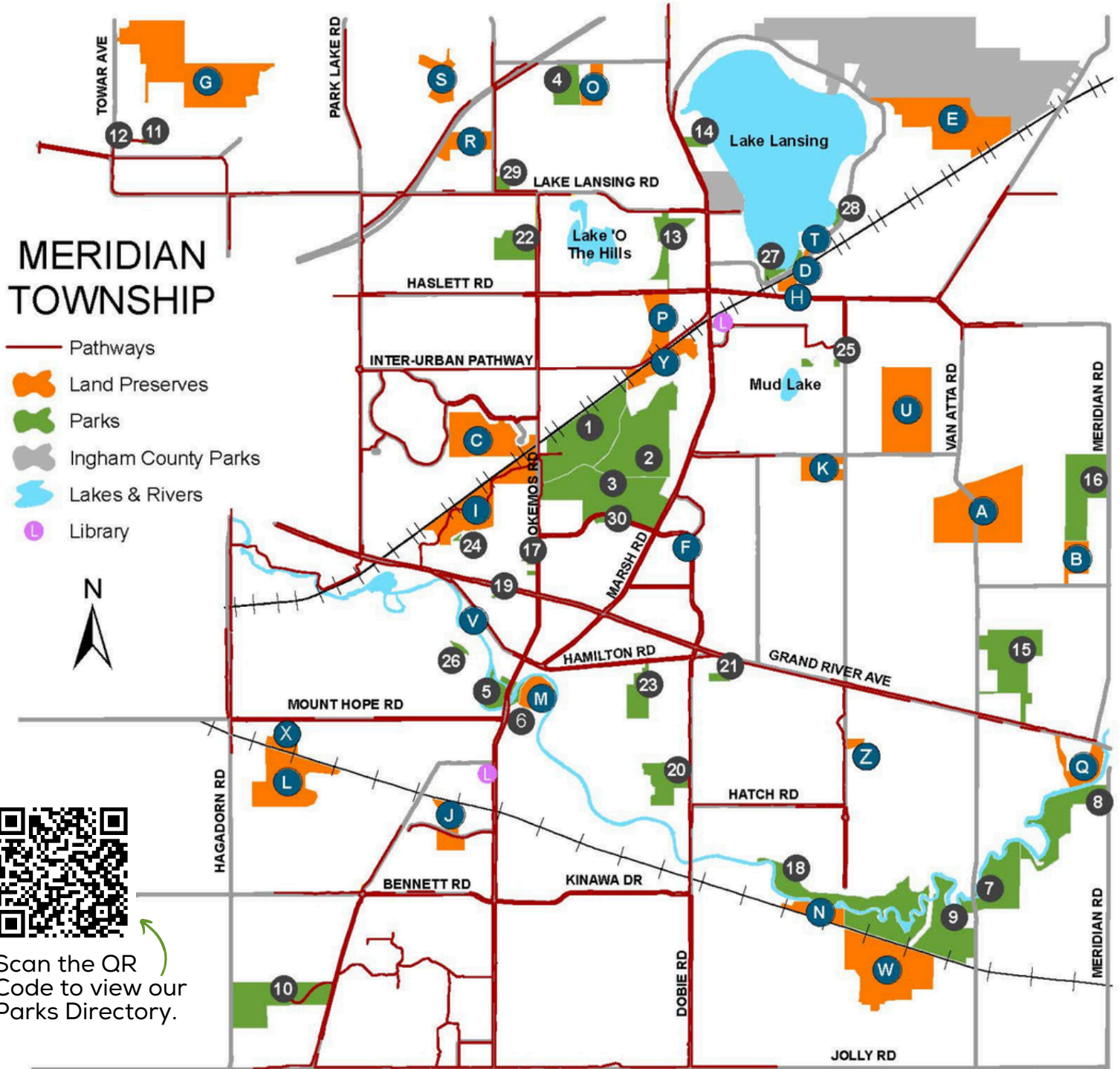
The Senior Center works to provide relevant programs and services to meet the ever-changing lifestyle needs of older persons throughout the community.

To learn more about upcoming events and current programs, visit www.meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com or call the Senior Center at 517.706.5045.



Discover New Places

At One of Our 50 Parks and Land Preserves



Scan the QR Code to view our Parks Directory.

Meridian Township Parks

- 1. Nancy Moore Park
- 2. Central Park
- 3. Central Park South
- 4. Towner Road Park
- 5. Wonch Park
- 6. Ferguson Park
- 7. Harris Nature Center
- 8. Eastgate Park
- 9. Legg Park
- 10. Hartrick Park
- 11. Towar Park
- 12. Snell-Towar Rec Center
- 13. Hillbrook Park
- 14. Marshall Park
- 15. Ted Black Woods
- 16. North Meridian Road Park
- 17. Ottawa Hills Park
- 18. Red Cedar Natural Area
- 19. Cedar Bend Heights
- 20. Sander Farm Natural Area
- 21. Forest Hills Park
- 22. Brattin Woods Park
- 23. Tacoma Hills Park
- 24. Schriener Park
- 25. Orlando Park
- 26. Indian Hills Park
- 27. Lake Lansing Marsh
- 28. Spengler Marsh
- 29. Newton Road Park
- 30. Marketplace on the Green

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- A. Davis/Foster Preserve
- B. Foster-Crouse Preserve
- C. Hubbel Preserve
- D. Kuzma Preserve
- E. Lake Lansing North Preserve
- F. Newman Equities Preserve
- G. Towar Woods Preserve
- H. Pike Crossing Preserve
- I. Okemos Road Preserve
- J. Sower Woods Preserve
- K. Cornell Wetland Preserve
- L. Heron Creek Preserve
- M. Sumbal Preserve
- N. Red Cedar Glen Preserve
- O. Towner Wetland Preserve
- P. Inter-Urban Wetland Preserve
- Q. Red Cedar River East Preserve
- R. Forest Grove Preserve
- S. Glacial Ridge Preserve
- T. Tank Wetland
- U. Tihart Preserve
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- X. Serafine Preserve
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