



**AGENDA**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 5, 2019 6:00 PM

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC REMARKS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting DRAFT Minutes
6. COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT
7. COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A. Chair's Report
  - B. Township Board Liaison's Report
8. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Recommended Budget 2020
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - A. Community Needs Assessment
10. COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. Compliments/Complaints
11. REPORTS
  - A. VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER (S) – Comcast Customer Updates
  - B. PROGRAMMING
    1. HOMTV Online Programming Analytics
    2. HOMTV Program Log
    3. HOMTV Program Schedule
  - C. WEBSITE ANALYTICS – YTD
    1. Website Visits
    2. Visitor Source
    3. Click-through to Website
  - D. PROMOTIONS/PUBLICATIONS
    1. HOMTV Media Camp for Kids
    2. Prime Meridian Magazine
    3. HOMTV Scoop
  - E. FINANCE
    1. Additional Revenues
  - F. HOMTV INTERNSHIP/ALUMNI
13. PUBLIC REMARKS
14. ADJOURNMENT

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All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained from the Commission Chair.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Communications Department; Communications Director, Deborah Guthrie, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4830 - Ten Day Notice is Required.  
Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Administrative Conference Room



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING **DRAFT** MINUTES  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Administrative Conference Room  
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Chair, Walter Benenson; Commissioner, Leslie Charles; Commissioner, Brian Seipel; Commissioner, Mike Nevells; Alternate Commissioner, Reti Adhi  
ABSENT: Vice Chair, Tunga Kiyak; Alternate Commissioner, Kevin Thatcher  
STAFF: Brandie Yates, Executive Producer  
TOWNSHIP: None  
COMCAST: Director of External Affairs, John Gardner

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Benenson called the meeting to order at **6:00 pm**.

2. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

4. **HOMTV STUDIO TOUR**

Chair Benenson moved **TO APPROVE POSTPONING THE STUDIO TOUR WHEN MORE COMMISSIONERS ARE IN ATTENDANCE**. Seconded by Commissioner Charles

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Seipel moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Charles

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Charles moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**. Seconded by Commissioner Seipel.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT**

Discussion about continuing projects from last year; Alumni Giving program and Program Sponsorships. Looking for additional ideas and input to generate additional revenue. Staff attended workshops about reinventing the HOMTV Channel and the offerings.

8B. **TOWNSHIP BOARD LIAISON'S REPORT**

Nothing to report – Township Board liaison absent

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**11A. SUMMER MEDIA KIDS CAMP**

A spin off from our SRTV partnership with CADL last year. Trying to fill a void for technology and media training with kids in the community. Planning to make a special feature program from the camp. For ages 9-13 based on experience from the SRTV program.

**11B. COMPLAINTS**

Discussion about adding a section to the complaint form for follow up or additional actions taken. What was the final outcome?

**12A. VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER**

Hand out provided by Comcast about free access to movies. Will be included in the June 2019 packet.

**12B. PROGRAMMING**

Discussion about how many programs are live from the total. Additional discussion about adding a Community Needs Assessment to the agenda for the next meeting.

**12F. ALUMNI GIVING PROGRAM**

Share link with the commission.

Chair Benenson moved **TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO POSTPONE THE STUDIO TOUR**. Seconded by Commissioner Charles

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned for the Studio Tour. Chair Benenson moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Seconded by Commissioner Charles.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Chair Benenson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.



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# Action Items



**To: Communications Commission**  
**From: Deborah Guthrie, Communications Director**  
**Date: May 30, 2019**  
**Re: 2020 Equipment Budget Recommendation**

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The projected 2019 total revenue budget is \$763,000. Of the total revenue received, \$620,000 is expected from Franchise Fees and \$142,000 is expected from PEG Fees. At the time of this memo, the 2020 Cable TV Fund Summary has not been created. Meridian Township receives quarterly payments for Franchise Fees and PEG Fees. The total 2019 first quarter Franchise Fees and PEG Fees received is \$191,850. Last year's first quarter fees received was \$207,367.

Based on the projections, staff has refrained from purchasing the Studio and Video Production Equipment expenditures approved for 2019. The Studio Production Monitors Replacements budgeted for 2019 is of top priority to replace this year due to their failing condition. All other equipment purchases are being requested to carry over to 2020. Also, approximately \$25,000 is estimated to be added as Miscellaneous Revenue. Please see Additional Revenue Sources Chart (Agenda Item 11. E1).

With revenues from Franchise Fees and PEG Fees expected to continue to decline, staff has proposed a lean 2020 Equipment/Software Budget proposal which only includes replacements of necessary equipment.

**2020 HOMTV Studio and Video Production Equipment Replacement Expenses:**

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$9,200.00</b>
P2 Small Camera System Replacement (1)		\$4,000.00
MAC Editing Computer Replacement (1)		\$4,000.00
Hardware Encoder Replacements (2)		\$1,200.00

The proposed 2020 budget is part of the Communications Department's formal equipment replacement plan which strives to maintain a cycle of upgrading, migrating, salvaging, donating and/or replacing HOMTV Field/Editing Equipment and HOMTV Control Room Equipment.

The Communications Commission moves to **MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP BOARD TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL ITEM EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FOR THE 2020 CABLE TV FUND.**



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# Discussion Items



**To: Communications Commission**  
**From: Brandie Yates, Executive Producer and Internship Coordinator**  
**Date: May 30, 2019**  
**Re: Community Needs Assessment**

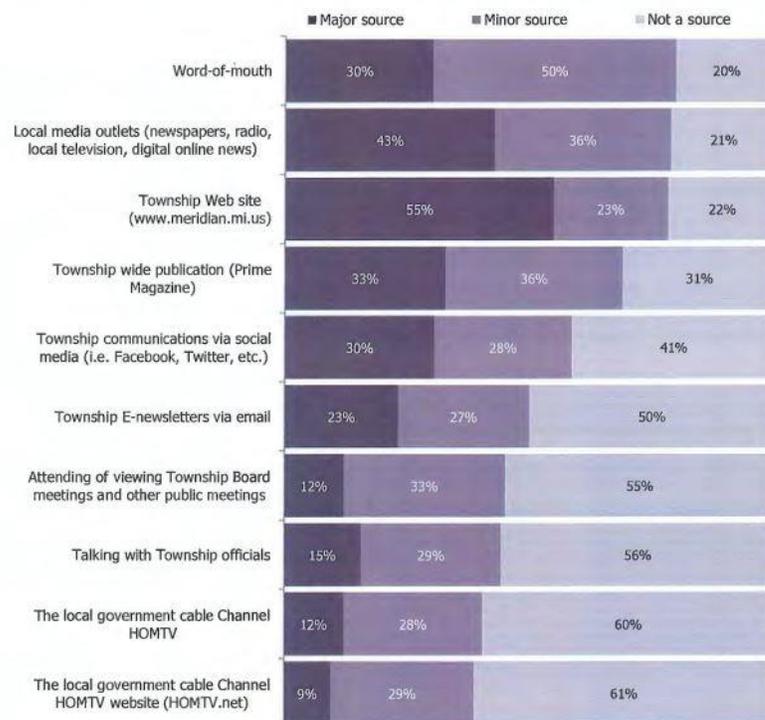
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At the April 10, 2019 Communications Commission meeting, the Commission mentioned wanting to revisit conducting a Community Needs Assessment.

In February 2019, the results from the Meridian Township 2018 National Citizen Survey (NCS) were released. In that survey, one of the three Special Topic Questions was about Communications and/or HOMTV:

“When asked about sources used for obtaining information about Meridian Township, at least 4 in 10 residents said they used each source as a major or minor source of information. Word-of-mouth, local media outlets and the Township website received the highest ratings, while the local government cable Channel HOMTV and the HOMTV website received the lowest ratings.”

Figure 6: Township Sources of Information  
Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the Township government and its activities, events and services:



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**May 30, 2019**  
**Re: Community Needs Assessment**  
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The National Citizen Survey (NCS) was mailed to 1,600 residents evenly, and randomly dispersed across the Township. Of those, 345 (23%) residents completed the survey.

In order to meet the goals of the Commission in regards to conducting a Community Needs Assessment, staff is requesting to know what data beyond the National Citizen Survey (NCS) results relating to the services provided by the Communication Department is the Commission looking to receive.



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# **Communications/ Announcements**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 6, 2019

**Media Contact:** Brandie Yates  
Executive Producer  
[yates@meridian.mi.us](mailto:yates@meridian.mi.us)  
517.853.4208

**HOMTV Offers Summer Media Camp**  
*Kids Given Opportunity to Explore Different Aspects of Television*

**OKEMOS, MI** – This summer, kids ages 9-13 can learn how to operate television equipment and even get a chance to be in front of the camera during HOMTV’s Summer Media Camp for Kids.

The 2-Day Camp will run Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The \$50 fee includes lunch as well as a t-shirt. Campers will learn how to run a studio camera, audio board, teleprompter, graphics system and even be a TV studio host.

“We are very excited to offer a kids camp this summer! This is not only a great opportunity to connect with the younger generations and encourage them to pursue careers in the media industry, but also a way to expand the services HOMTV offers to the community,” said Brandie Yates, HOMTV Executive Producer.

A showcase event for parents and sponsors will be held to allow students to show what they worked on during camp.

To register your child for camp or to be a sponsor, please contact HOMTV Executive Producer Brandie Yates. More information can also be found at [www.homtv.net](http://www.homtv.net).

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HOMTV is Meridian Township’s award-winning Government Access Channel televising exclusive gavel-to-gavel coverage of Township meetings, community news and original programming.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Lansing 5:01 Media Team  
([contact@Lansing501.com](mailto:contact@Lansing501.com))

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

**Lansing 5:01 launches event series to showcase the best of Lansing to Lansing's future**

*The non-profit aims to retain and attract emerging professionals to the Lansing region*

**Lansing, Mich.** -- "Contrary to what some believe, Lansing is full of life. A vibrant, thriving community of art, culture, craft cocktails, coffee, donuts and music keep the city bustling. I love being part of #LoveLansing, and I want other emerging professionals to see what the city and surrounding region has to offer," said Alyssa Peter, a member of the Lansing 5:01 planning committee.

For Lansing 5:01, keeping emerging professionals, like Alyssa, in Lansing is the key to the future. Building on their efforts over the past four years to retain and attract talent, Lansing 5:01 announced today their summer line-up of events to showcase the best of Lansing to Lansing's future. The volunteer-based, non-profit organization partners with local employers and organizations to highlight the city by hosting four public events aiming to retain and attract talent to the area.

Lansing 5:01 events allow emerging professionals and community members to explore the unique experiences that make Lansing an appealing city to call home. Events for the 2019 summer season include a music festival featuring 15 musicians and spanning nearly two miles along the Grand River, volunteer opportunities alongside the region's top CEOs and leaders, a philanthro-pub style event to toast to local nonprofits, and exploring the outdoor recreational and healthy living opportunities available to our community.

"Lansing has a vibrant community after 5:00 p.m. – which is why our organization is named Lansing 5:01. As our community grows leaps and bounds, we're committed to rolling out the red carpet to illustrate why Lansing is a dynamic post-graduation destination city, not only during the day, but starting at 5:01 p.m, too," said executive director and founder of Lansing 5:01, Christopher Sell.

Programing for Lansing 5:01 is made possible by our generous employer partners, including Arts Council of Greater Lansing, Auto-Owners Insurance, Capital Area Transportation Authority, Dart Bank, Dart Container Corporation, Davenport University, Delta Dental, Emergent BioSolutions, Gillespie Group, Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau, HOMTV, Jackson National Life, Lansing Board of Water & Light, Lansing Brewing Company, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Lansing State Journal, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, McLaren Greater Lansing, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, Michigan State University, Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies, MSU Federal Credit Union, Niowave, Potter Park Zoo, River Town Adventures, Sparrow Health, Spartan Motors, TechSmith, The George F. Eyde Family, LLC, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and Two Men and A Truck.

“MSUFCU is thrilled to once again support Lansing 5:01 as a 2019 Presenting Sponsor. Our investment in Lansing 5:01 reflects our organization’s commitment to attracting and retaining world-class talent, and ensures that our workforce at MSUFCU gets to experience many of our community’s top amenities that make the Lansing region a top talent destination. As we focus on developing and investing in our employees, showcasing the many unique places of our community demonstrates how working and living in the Lansing region is a great option for all our college interns and young professionals,” said April Clobes, President and CEO of MSU Federal Credit Union.

Lansing 5:01 events are free and all community members are welcome. While registration is not required, it is strongly encouraged before events. Sign up online today to experience these one-of-a-kind events: <https://www.lansing501.com/events.html>

*Lansing 5:01 is an initiative designed to showcase the best of Lansing to Lansing’s future. By bringing together college talent, young professionals, leaders in the community, and highlighting important amenities like opportunities for the arts, recreation, nightlife, and urban residential living, we aim to retain top talent in the region.*

## **EVENT DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Dam Jam**

*Thursday, June 6th*

The Dam Jam is rising tides along the riverfront in Downtown Lansing. Stretching over a mile of the Lansing River Trail, this music festival features a lineup of over 15 Michigan bands with a headlining performance in-the-round at the Brenke Fish Ladder. Beginning at the Cherry Hill Boat Launch, each band’s set opens progressively as you cruise down the trail using multi-modes of transportation, while exploring more than 12 stages as part of the festival, an artisan village and so much more.

### **CEO Safari**

*Thursday, June 20th*

Give back to the community at one of Lansing’s most unique and thrilling sites, Potter Park Zoo! Prepare for a wild day as teams of volunteers are paired with a local CEO to volunteer and compete for a grand prize. Then celebrate the evening at an interactive festival, where participants can refuel and meet representatives from local non-profit organizations. All event proceeds will be going to Potter Park Zoo. Employed with one of Lansing 5:01’s sponsors? Be one of the first 100 attendees and receive a behind the scenes Rhino Encounter!

### **Alley Affair**

*Thursday, July 11th*

Do you have a favorite charity you like to support? Come experience Lansing’s philathro-pub style event in this alley activation in the heart of downtown. Whether you raise your glass for a beer from Lansing Brewing Company, a cocktail or mocktail from American Fifth Spirits, or food from a local eatery, your \$5 purchase goes to the non-profit of your choosing! Enjoy an evening of giving back to the Lansing community with music, immersive art and more.

**Lansing Flow**

*Wednesday, July 24*

Community members are invited to hustle for some new muscles at Lansing Flow! Explore the active lifestyle that Lansing offers and meet with local organizations who cater to health and wellness gurus. Hosted at Lake Lansing, this unique lakeside experience will also offer opportunities to explore local eateries, rooftop bars, and will seal the evening with a sweet treat.

**The Art of Etiquette**

*Wednesday, August 7*

Offered exclusively to interns of Lansing 5:01's sponsors, attendees will partake in a one-of-a-kind dining experience at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts. While enjoying a plated dinner on the main stage - where performances such as Wicked and Hamilton have graced the stage - guests will learn the art of etiquette from etiquette expert Rachel Bartels. Bartels will guide emerging professionals through dinner to prepare them to wow their future (and current!) bosses. The event serves as the standing ovation for the Lansing 5:01 summer event series and the summer intern program for sponsoring employers.



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# Compliments/ Complaints

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**From:** Ken Phinney  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 6:39 PM  
**To:** Brandie Yates <yates@meridian.mi.us>  
**Subject:** Re: High Angle Rescue Training Video

Brandie and the HOMTV crew

“Wow” a phenomenal job on the video. Your crew did a great job and the member that you sent out was outstanding. The interviews can be done at the station I can send you the dates that our rope techs or on and we can make it happen. As far as the presentation for the metro group let me get with Steve Alvarado from East Lansing and find out just what he is looking for. Again great job by your entire crew.

On Apr 25, 2019, at 17:56, Brandie Yates <[yates@meridian.mi.us](mailto:yates@meridian.mi.us)> wrote:

Hello Chief Hamel and Battalion Chief Phinney,  
I wanted to share a video that one of our Creative Production Interns put together from the High Angle Rescue Training we recorded last week. We were planning on sharing this on the Meridian Township Fire Department social media accounts tomorrow, but wanted to share with you first.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIbBV2cKPN8&t=33s>

We are also planning on using the footage to create an in-depth story for our HOMTV Beyond the Badge program, however some of the interviews recorded on site didn't have great lighting and/or audio. Would it be possible to come to the station next week to record new interviews to go with the amazing footage we captured at the training?

Ken, you also mentioned needing footage for a presentation you are doing for public officials. Is there a specific format you need that footage for the presentation? We have quite a bit of footage, so do you have anything specific you are looking for?

Please let me know.

Thank you,



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# Video Service Provider



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TELEVISION

# Comcast Gives Viewers Free Access To Thousands Of Movies And Shows

Apr 02, 2019

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Xfinity's annual Watchathon Week includes free access to every episode of every season of more than 200 shows and includes more than 70 networks and streaming services.
- 2 Xfinity TV customers can watch any and every episode of HBO's Game of Thrones leading up to the season eight premiere on April 14th.
- 3 A selection of programming will be available for Internet-only customers to sample on the Xfinity Stream app and Xfinity Flex.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**

**Comcast today announced the seventh annual Xfinity Watchathon Week taking place from April 8 - 14 will offer thousands of free movies and shows including more than 200 complete series.**

Xfinity TV customers can watch any and every episode of HBO's *Game of Thrones* leading up to the season eight premiere on April 14<sup>th</sup> plus catch up on other fan-favorite series such as A&E's *60 Days In*, Acorn TV's *Manhunt*, EPIX's *Punk*, HBO's *Veep*, MTV's *The Hills*, NBC's *This Is Us*, and SHOWTIME®'s *Billions* from start to finish.

In total, thousands of TV and movie choices will be available during the weeklong free event, which has driven more than 340 million hours of on demand viewing over the last six years, and includes more than 70 networks and subscription video on demand (SVOD) services such as A&E, ABC, Acorn TV, Adult Swim, AMC Premiere, BET, Cartoon Network, CNN, Comedy Central, EPIX, FOX, Hallmark Movies Now, HBO, HGTV, HISTORY Vault, Lifetime Movie Club, Paramount Network, SHOWTIME, TBS, TLC, TNT, truTV, True Royalty TV, Urban Movie Channel and VH1. Additionally, a selection of programming from networks and SVODs will be available for Internet-only customers to sample on the Xfinity Stream app and [Xfinity](#)

Flex <https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/comcast-launch-xfinity-flex-xfinity-internet-customers>.

“Last year, our highest day of on demand viewing happened during Xfinity Watchathon Week and we are excited to once again offer this event to our customers with more great content to enjoy across networks, studios and streaming partners,” said Daniel Spinosa, Vice President, Video Entertainment Services, Comcast Cable. “As we continue to bring more of the entertainment our customers love to Xfinity TV platforms including X1, Watchathon Week is more exciting every year for both our customers and partners and its continued success is a testament to X1’s ability to make search and discovery of content fast and easy—all customers have to do is get to watching.”



We are excited to once again offer this event to our customers with more great content to enjoy across networks, studios and streaming partners.

**DANIEL SPINOSA**

Vice President, Video Entertainment Services, Comcast Cable

This year, customers tuning in on X1 can make their Watchathon experience better than ever by:

- Turning on the “auto play” functionality within Comcast Labs to automatically start the next episode of a series once the former one ends
- Saying the voice command “Xfinity Home Watchathon” to prep the room for a viewing session by dimming all connected lights and locking connected doors if they have an Xfinity Home subscription and compatible devices
- Saying “Watchathon” to explore a personalized curated destination highlighting content recommended just for them throughout the week
- Picking up where they left off on a show or movie more quickly by saying “Continue watching Billions”
- Rewatching the most memorable moments from a series by saying for example, “Show me the episode of Curb Your Enthusiasm about Namaste”

During Watchathon Week Xfinity TV customers can:

- Get in on buzzworthy shows such as Bravo’s *Southern Charm*, EPIX’s *Deep State*, HBO’s *Big Little Lies* and *Deadwood*, TBS’s *Search Party* and from SHOWTIME

*Ray Donovan* and *The Affair* by watching the full series before they return to TV

- Catch up on popular movies across genres such as *Deadpool 2*, *Jurassic World Fallen Kingdom*, and *Mamma Mia Here We Go Again* on HBO; *A Quiet Place* and *Spy Who Dumped Me* on EPIX; and *I Feel Pretty* and *The Dark Tower* on SHOWTIME
- Explore almost two dozen SVODs - no sign in required- including world class mysteries, dramas, and comedies from Britain and beyond from Acorn TV; award-winning documentaries from CuriosityStream on science, history, wildlife, adventure, travel and more; Lifetime movie favorites of all genres from Lifetime Movie Club; PlayKids's cartoons, games, books, and activities for kids aged two to eight; Stingray Qello's full-length concerts and music documentaries; and True Royalty's original shows and documentaries about the British Royal Family and monarchies around the world

Xfinity TV customers can enjoy Watchathon Week across devices using the Xfinity Stream app and web portal.

For more information on Watchathon Week, visit

<https://watchathon.xfinity.com/> <https://watchathon.xfinity.com/> or

join the conversation on Twitter and Instagram by using

#XfinityWatchathon and following @Xfinity. Content availability could vary across Xfinity TV platforms (X1, XfinityTV.com and the Xfinity Stream app). Of note, the full SHOWTIME service will be available on Xfinity on Demand and the Xfinity Stream app and portal for only a portion of the event - April 11 - 14.

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May 23, 2019

Ms. Deborah Guthrie, Communications Director  
Meridian Township  
5151 Marsh Road  
Okemos, MI 48864

Re: Changes to Premier Package

Dear Ms. Guthrie:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note that as of July 17, 2019, customers who subscribe to the *Premier Package* will receive Hitz, a new service that will include more than 200 movie titles selected from a variety of top studios. As of that date, Cinemax will no longer be available with the *Premier Package*. For more information about this change, please visit <http://xfinity.com/hitz>. We are notifying customers who subscribe to the *Premier Package* of these changes.

Cinemax will still be available to purchase separately. Customers who currently subscribe to Cinemax outside of the *Premier Package* will continue to receive the channel. For those customers, we note that as of July 10, 2019, More Max, Action Max, Thriller Max, 5Star Max, MovieMax, OuterMax, and Cinemáx, where carried, will only be available on channels 1822-1835. We are notifying customers who currently subscribe to these channels through bill messages.

Please feel free to contact me at 517-334-5686 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John P. Gardner  
Director, External Affairs  
Comcast, Heartland Region  
1401 E. Miller Rd.  
Lansing, MI 48911



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# Programming



**To: Communications Commission**  
**From: Ben Makulski, Video Programmer**  
**Date: May 30, 2019**  
**Re: HOMTV and CAMTV Programming Data**

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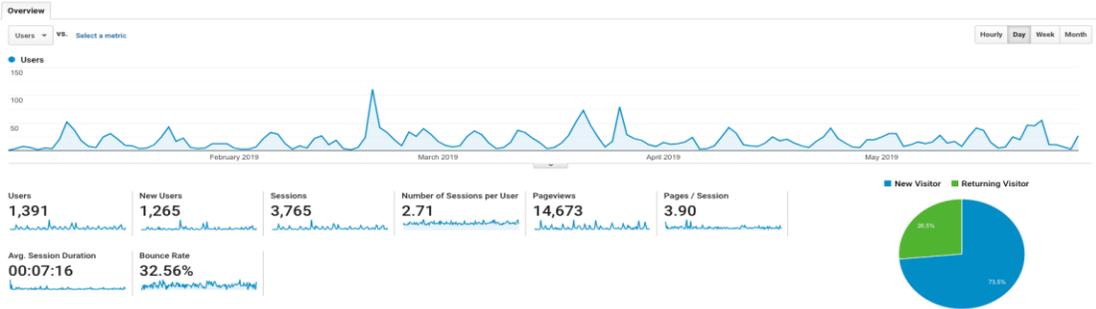
HOMTV and CAMTV Program Logs are in use to track programs, social videos and promos produced and aired. The logs also help manage staff tasks, time and prevent communication errors during the pre-production, production and post-production processes. Studio Production Manager, Roy Kellerman, has created a new program that will run in Google Cloud and allow the existing Program Log Excel Spreadsheets to connect to the newly installed archive server. Staff will now have the ability to insert the show information and Meta data tags (talent, crew members, topics, dates, times, etc.) into the archive system. The archive system will send that information over to the Cloud allowing staff to log it simultaneously. This new efficient process will provide a more accurate count of programs, contain all information associated to the program in multiple places, eliminate redundancies and reduce staff time. As of May, the main HOMTV Program Log is now connected to the archive system, the HOMTV Live Meeting Log and CAMTV Program Log will be connected in June.

HOMTV online programming, on-demand, provided by Swagit received 14,673 page views with 1,265 new visitors. The new visitors accounted for 73.5% of the traffic showing new people are discovering the on-demand service to view all of our programs (Please see Attachment A, Chart 1). The 41.05% of visitors come from Windows PC, 33.07% coming from iOS and 13.44% from Android (Please see Attachment A, Chart 2). Most page views are direct from the Swagit site itself at 912, the next is referrals from [www.homtv.net](http://www.homtv.net) and other websites accounting for 345, social media at 156 and organic search of 35. This shows when people visit the site they stay awhile and click on different links (Please see Attachment A, Chart 3).



HOMTV & CAMTV  
Program Logs

Chart 1:



Posted:  
March  
6, 2017

Chart 2:

Operating System	Users	% Users
1. Windows	571	41.05%
2. iOS	460	33.07%
3. Android	187	13.44%
4. Macintosh	162	11.65%
5. Chrome OS	6	0.43%
6. Linux	4	0.29%
7. Tizen	1	0.07%

Chart 3:

	Acquisition			Behavior		
	Users	New Users	Sessions	Bounce Rate	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration
	1,391	1,265	3,765	32.56%	3.90	00:07:16
1 Direct	912			23.95%		
2 Referral	345			52.37%		
3 Social	156			42.74%		
4 Organic Search	35			42.47%		



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Program Logs - YTD 2019

2019 Programs											
<b>TOTALS</b>											
Programs	Hours	Promos	Hours	Social Videos	Hours	Live Programs	Hours	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Quarter 1	139	6	0:03:56	Quarter 1	15	56	13:56:50	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Quarter 2	71	7	0:03:45	Quarter 2	8	31	7:49:02	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Quarter 3				Quarter 3				Quarter 3	Quarter 4		
Quarter 4				Quarter 4				Quarter 4			
January	23	0	0	January	1	14	3:36:23	January	February	March	April
February	51	6	0:03:56	February	6	22	5:55:37	February	March	April	May
March	65	3	0:01:30	March	8	20	5:48:18	March	April	May	June
April	49	8	0:04:00	April	6	23	5:19:28	April	May	June	July
May	22	1	0:01:00	May	2	10	2:29:34	May	June	July	August
June				June				June	July	August	September
July				July				July	August	September	October
August				August				August	September	October	November
September				September				September	October	November	December
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November				November				November	December		
December				December				December			
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0:07:41</b>	<b>Year Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>21:45:52</b>	<b>Year Total</b>			





Programming Schedule for HOMTV - For More Information Visit HOMTV.NET

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
12:00 AM	HOM Entertainment	Special Feature	HOM Entertainment	Special Feature	HOM Entertainment	Special Feature	HOM Entertainment	
12:30 AM	Meridian Up Close	Relections	Meridian Up Close	Relections	Meridian Up Close	Relections	Meridian Up Close	
1:00 AM	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	
1:30 AM	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	
2:00 AM	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	
2:30 AM	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	
3:00 AM	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	
3:30 AM	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	
4:00 AM	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	
4:30 AM	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
5:00 AM	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	
5:30 AM	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Meridian Live - Township Board REPLAY	Special Report	
6:00 AM	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian Live - Township Board Meeting REPLAY	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now		Meridian News Now	
6:30 AM	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge		Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge		Beyond The Badge	
7:00 AM	Meridian Live - Zoning Board of Appeals REPLAY	Meridian Live - Planning Commission REPLAY		Meridian Live - Environmental Commission REPLAY	Meridian Live - Park Commission REPLAY		Meridian Live - Planning Commission REPLAY	
8:00 AM				Meridian Live - Zoning Board of Appeals REPLAY	Meridian Live - Environmental Commission REPLAY			
9:00 AM								
10:00 AM	Who's Who	Who's Who	Who's Who	Meridian Live - Zoning Board of Appeals REPLAY	Who's Who	Who's Who		
10:30 AM	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living		Senior Living	Senior Living		
11:00 AM	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	
11:30 AM	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	
12:00 PM	HOM Entertainment	Special Feature	HOM Entertainment	Special Feature	Open Line	Open Line	Open Line	
12:30 PM	Meridian Up Close	Relections	Meridian Up Close	Relections				
1:00 PM	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	
1:30 PM	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	
2:00 PM	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	
2:30 PM	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	All Access Sports	
3:00 PM	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	Inside Okemos Athletics	
3:30 PM	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	
4:00 PM	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	
4:30 PM	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
5:00 PM	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	Senior Living	
5:30 PM	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	
6:00 PM	Meridian News Now	Meridian Live - Township Board or Park Commission LIVE or REPLAY	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	
6:30 PM	Beyond The Badge		Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	
7:00 PM	Meridian Live - Planning Commission LIVE or REPLAY		Meridian Live - Environmental Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals LIVE or REPLAY	Meridian Live - Environmental Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals LIVE or REPLAY	Open Line	Open Line	Open Line	Open Line
7:30 PM					Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday	Throwback Thursday
8:00 PM		Community Connection			Community Connection	Community Connection	Community Connection	
8:30 PM		Special Feature			HOM Entertainment	Special Feature	HOM Entertainment	
9:00 PM		Meridian Up Close			Reflections	Meridian Up Close	Reflections	Meridian Up Close
9:30 PM	Who's Who	Who's Who	Who's Who	Who's Who	Who's Who	Who's Who		
10:00 PM	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report	Special Report		
10:30 PM	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now	Meridian News Now		
11:00 PM	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge		
11:30 PM	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge	Beyond The Badge		

All programs subject to change. LIVE meeting coverage may pre-empt other programs.

Meetings	Talk Shows	News	Sports	Special Programs
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Communications  
Commission

# **Analytics**



**To: Communications Commission**  
**From: Ben Makulski, Video Programmer**  
**Date: May 30, 2019**  
**Re: Meridian Township & HOMTV Website Analytics**

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The Meridian Township website, meridian.mi.us, received 286,014 page-views year-to-date from 70,493 viewers. The percentage of new visitors is 54.2% and 45.8% are from returning visitors (Please refer to Attachment B, Chart 1). The highest percentage of visitors to the Township website is from a Windows PC at 37.47% and from iOS devices with 34% (Please refer to Attachment B, Chart 2). A heavy portion of visitors came from a search engine with 62,306, the next highest is from direct visits to meridian.mi.us with 33,295, followed by a social click-through and/or referrals (Please refer to Attachment B, Chart 3).

The HOMTV website, www.homtv.net, received 33,803 page-views year-to-date from 10,978 visitors to the site. The percentage of new visitors is 62.03% (Please see Attachment C, Chart 1). Visits to the HOMTV website are mainly the result of a search containing the name of a news story that was written, key word searches containing - Okemos, Haslett, etc. or local news topics leading the search to www.homtv.net. The next highest visit is from a social media click-through directing to the HOMTV website. The least amount of traffic to the HOMTV website is coming from a referral site, like clicking-through from another website such as Meridian Township's website (Please see Attachment C, Chart 2).

Traffic to the HOMTV website is primarily from mobile users on iOS with 38% of the traffic, followed by a Windows PC with 30% of the traffic (Please see Attachment C, Chart 3).



## Meridian Township Website Analytics

Chart 1:

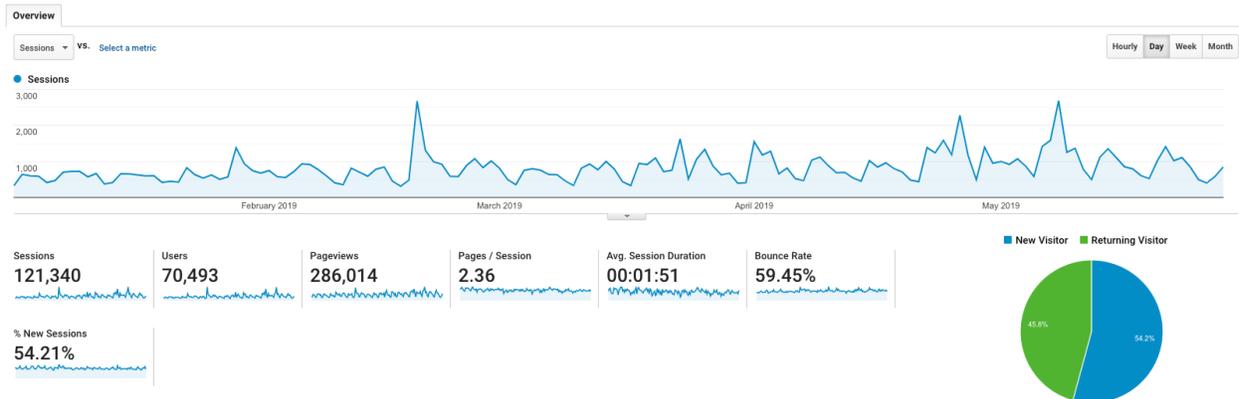


Chart 2:

Operating System	Sessions	% Sessions
1. Windows	45,470	37.47%
2. iOS	41,345	34.07%
3. Android	22,271	18.35%
4. Macintosh	9,603	7.91%
5. Linux	1,028	0.85%
6. (not set)	984	0.81%
7. Chrome OS	624	0.51%
8. BlackBerry	8	0.01%
9. Windows Phone	4	0.00%
10. BeOS	1	0.00%

Chart 3:

	Acquisition			Behavior		
	Sessions	% New Sessions	New Users	Bounce Rate	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration
	121,340	54.21%	65,775	59.45%	2.36	00:01:51
1 Organic Search	62,306			46.77%		
2 Direct	33,295			66.46%		
3 Social	22,303			83.44%		
4 Referral	3,419			65.66%		
5 Email	14			92.86%		
6 (Other)	3			0.00%		



## HOMTV Website Analytics

Chart 1:

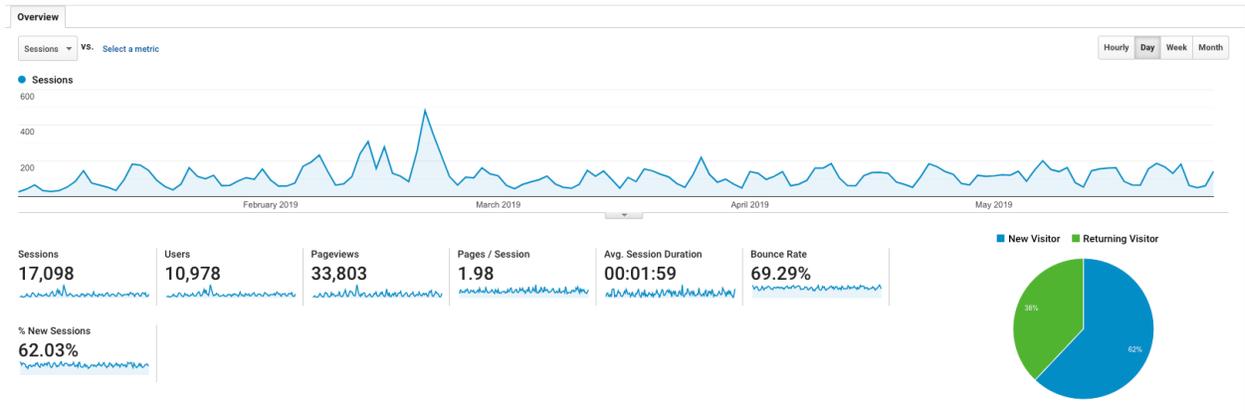


Chart 2:

	Acquisition			Behavior		
	Sessions	% New Sessions	New Users	Bounce Rate	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration
	17,098	62.03%	10,606	69.29%	1.98	00:01:59
1 Organic Search	7,259			64.38%		
2 Social	5,214			85.04%		
3 Direct	3,355			64.08%		
4 Referral	1,270			46.54%		

Chart 3:

Operating System	Sessions	% Sessions
1. iOS	6,502	38.03%
2. Windows	5,187	30.34%
3. Android	2,873	16.80%
4. Macintosh	2,226	13.02%
5. (not set)	103	0.60%
6. Chrome OS	103	0.60%
7. Linux	89	0.52%
8. OS/2	6	0.04%
9. Tizen	4	0.02%
10. Windows Phone	2	0.01%



Communications  
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# **Publications/ Promotions**

# 2-DAY SUMMER MEDIA KIDS CAMP



**\$50** LUNCH PROVIDED

**HOM TV**  
Hasslett • Okemos • Meridian

**JUNE 19 - 20**

**10 AM - 3 PM**

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.

For more information or to register, visit [www.homtv.net](http://www.homtv.net) or call 517.853.4370

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# PRIME MERIDIAN

magazine

MAY - AUGUST 2019

## 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Deschaine".

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

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

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

# 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



## 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



## 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

# 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

## HASLETT/HYRA 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

## 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/mtponline](http://bit.ly/mtponline)

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

### ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUES

FRIDAY EVENINGS	TEAM: \$220
MAY 10 - JULY 12	
DEADLINE:	APRIL 26
MONDAY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY	TEAM: \$125
JULY 15 - SEPTEMBER 20	
DEADLINE:	JULY 12



### CO-ED 4 V 4 ADULT SAND VOLLEYBALL

MONDAYS/TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS	
SESSION I: MAY 6 - JULY 18	TEAM: \$125
DEADLINE:	APRIL 26
SESSION II: JULY 22 - SEPTEMBER 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" FOR NEW GOLFERS	6 PM - 7 PM
Includes beverages and snacks	\$129
"ON MY WAY" SOME GOLF EXPERIENCE	7 PM - 8 PM
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)



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

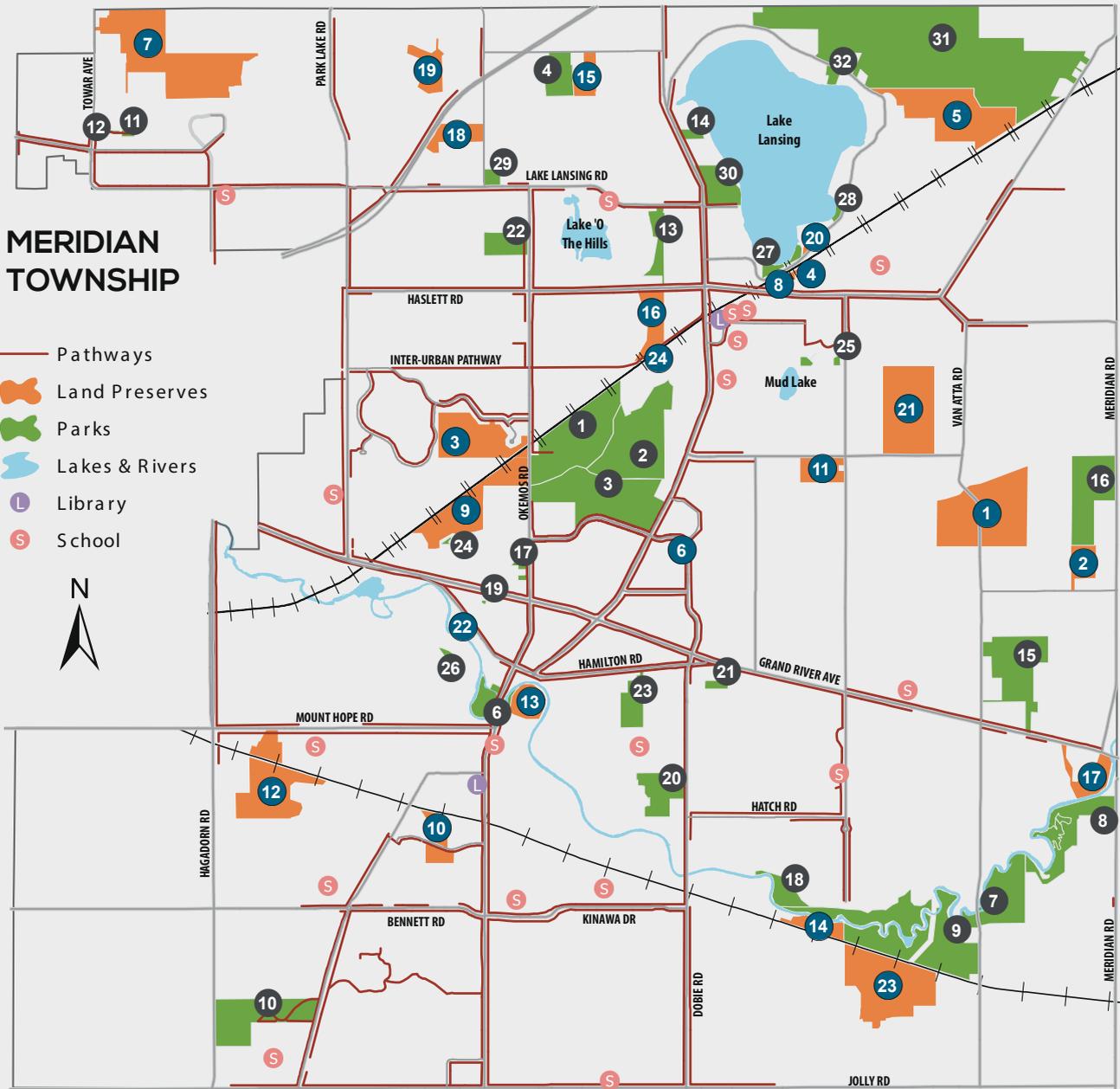
Does your child want to be on TV? Or learn how to make TV come to life? Kids ages 9 - 13 can explore different aspects of television through HOMTV's 2-Day Media Camp this summer! Learn how to run a studio camera, audio board, teleprompter, graphics system and even be a TV studio host.

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

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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	Stedding 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								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	
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													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/TWP2018AnnualReport](http://bit.ly/TWP2018AnnualReport)



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**  
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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.



## 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.



## SMALL DOG P A R K

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.



## LARGE DOG P A R K

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. ”

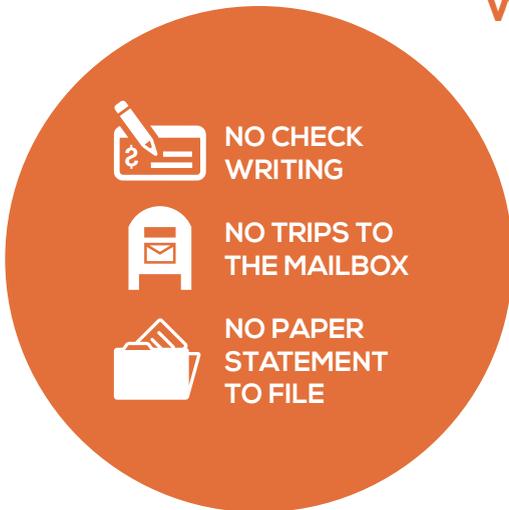
“ ...to reduce the 23 million fecal bacteria in 1 gram of feces that can be washed into our storm drains, rivers, streams, and lakes. ”

“ **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!



We are implementing an exciting new service that will allow you to:

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Contact Station 91 at  
517.853.4791

[www.facebook.com/  
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

[www.facebook.com/  
MeridianTwpPD](http://www.facebook.com/MeridianTwpPD)

## 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 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/hnc](http://meridian.mi.us/hnc).

## 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/stateofmichiganonline](http://bit.ly/stateofmichiganonline). 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
Local School District
Okemos Public Schools Bonding Proposal
<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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## ECRWSS CAR-SORT POSTAL CUSTOMER



### 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.





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# HOM TV

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Spring 2019

## HOMTV Airs Newscast in Mandarin



The Mandarin version of Meridian News Now aired for the first time during the week-long observation of the Chinese New Year. HOMTV is incorporating this bilingual programming to better serve the diverse cultures in the community.

HOMTV Alum **Lingfanglu Han (18)** is currently producing, translating, writing and anchoring the weekly show.

“Thank you for HOMTV that gives me an opportunity to anchor in my native language. I hope it would impact local Chinese community to learn the news around them and encourage them to be involved in the community.” 感谢 HOMTV 给了我这个宝贵的机会让我能用我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。

Watch on HOMTV's YouTube Channel and Facebook page.



or at the following link <http://bit.ly/HOMie4life>.

Reflect on your own connection and experience with HOMTV and remember that your donation will equip future “HOMies” with the tools for success and help get their “Start” in the industry.

## Media Camp for Kids to Launch This Summer

Kids ages 9-13 will have an opportunity to explore different aspects of television during HOMTV's 2-Day Media Kids Camp on June 19 & 20! Campers will learn how to run a studio camera, audio board, teleprompter, graphics system and even be a TV studio host.



A showcase event for parents and sponsors will be held to allow students to show what they worked on during camp. For more information or how to register visit [www.homtv.net](http://www.homtv.net).

## Studio Tours During “Be A Tourist In Your Own Town”



HOMTV is one of over 100 local attractions participating in this year's Great Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau's “Be A Tourist In Your Own Town” event on Saturday, June 1.

From 10 am - 5 pm, visitors will get a behind-the-scenes look at the magic of television during HOMTV's studio tours.

## HOM Is Where the Start Is Alumni Encouraged to “Give Back” to Internship

Many alumni members have credited the HOMTV Internship Program to helping them begin their career in the television, communications and film industries.

This year, HOMTV is introducing an Alumni Giving Program called “HOM Is Where the Start Is” to assist interns financially with costs associated with participating in the unpaid internship. Through the Alumni Giving Program, HOMTV's Alumni Network can offer assistance to current interns for commuting, housing and professional clothing costs, as well as career development opportunities.

Donations can be made on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HOMTV>

## Hard Work Recognized at Golden Tape Awards Ceremony

The commitment, dedication and hard work of the 2017-2018 HOMTV Interns was celebrated at this year's annual Intern Appreciation Event and Golden Tape Awards Ceremony at Studio C! on January 24.

For the first time, the event was also open to the community to show their support and honor the interns as they showcased their best work. Twenty-one interns submitted 55 entries in 12 different categories during this year's competition. Congratulations to our winners and a special thank you to our alumni members for being judges and guest speakers at the ceremony!

**Photos:** <http://bit.ly/GTAPhotos1-24-19>

**Awards Ceremony:** <http://bit.ly/GTACeremony1-24-19>



# FEATURED ALUMNI

## Alum, Alexandra Ilitch (14), Creates Investigative News Outlet by Kayleigh Garrison (18) Social Media & Promotion Junior Intern

You might not see her anchor the news for WLNS anymore, but HOMTV alum **Alexandra Ilitch (14)** is still an investigative reporter and she's on a new mission. She recently appeared on HOMTV's program "Meridian Up Close" and talked about all things journalism, including the criticism, the triumphs, the advice she would give younger journalists and her new company, Veracity News.



"Veracity strives to deliver fair and balanced news that makes a difference. It's about holding powerful people, politicians, and institutions accountable. It's about making sure all voices are heard. It's about helping the public make informed decisions for themselves and their families. News and information published on Veracity will reflect these sentiments."

Ilitch launched Veracity shortly after resigning from her position at WLNS. "When I left WLNS, I was thinking, 'Okay, I want to keep investigating these stories,'" Ilitch said. "I want to be able to devote my time to them. I have so many stories to tell and I want to be able to tell them and give a voice to people who haven't had a voice yet. So, I just said, 'What the heck? Why don't I just launch it, see what happens, continue to do the stories [and] continue to devote my time to investigating them so that they're thorough and accurate?'"



Ilitch plans to investigate a variety of topics, including the Larry Nassar scandal and sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Church throughout Michigan. "Anything is possible if you put your mind to it," Ilitch said. "If you're passionate about something, you'll make it happen."

## Cruising Along the Seas with A Camera

Editorial by **Eric Ripper (14)** Senior Video Producer



"Ever since working for Princess Cruises my life has changed for the better. I have seen many beautiful places and have met so many interesting people. When you work onboard a cruise ship you work every single day; you don't have weekends. In fact, you are completely unaware what day of the week it is.

My job is to film the excursions and put videos together for a souvenir DVD called Reflections. I've experienced so much from snorkeling with Stingrays and Sharks in Bora Bora to dog sledding in Alaska to running around Hobbiton in New Zealand. Some tours last all day while others can last a few hours.

At the end of the day, even though I'm exhausted from sitting on a bus and lugging around heavy equipment, I still have to open up Adobe Premiere and put together a nice video. I have complete creative freedom when it comes to the videos. For example, when I went to Hawaii & French Polynesia I put a 20 min documentary together about the ambassadors on board, which included interviews with the duo, interviews with guests and shots from ukulele and hula class. My creativity came alive.

I've been able to use the skills I've learned from all my past job experiences. Part of the job requires me to interview people and to just be personable in general. I have to interview tour guides, as well as officers, cruise directors, the ambassadors and even the guests on board. In a way you can interpret the videos I make, in news terms, as packages.

This job can be very tiring but also extremely rewarding. You obtain connections all over the world and create experiences that will change you.

I'm not sure how long I will continue working his job, but I am definitely enjoying being paid to see all these beautiful places."



**Alysia Burgio (15)** is a Reporter at FOX66 and NBC25 in Flint, MI.

**Roya Burton(16)** is a Producers Intern for NFL Films Producers Department in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

**Isaac Constans (16)** is a Staff Writer at GovLoop in Washington, D.C.

**Audrey Dahlgren (11)** is a Sports Anchor/Reporter at WLNS-TV 6 in Lansing, MI.

**Julie Dunmire (15)** is a Multimedia Journalist at FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, MI.

**Brittany Flowers (16)** is a Reporter at WLNS-TV 6 in Lansing, MI.

**Gabriella Galloway (16)** is a Reporter at 9&10 News in Cadillac, MI.

**Kayleigh Garrison (18)** is a Social Media Intern at Jackson Public Schools in Jackson, MI & a Digital Marketing Intern at Lansing Ignite Soccer in Lansing, MI.

**Raquel Harrington (16)** is a Reporter at KY3 News in Springfield, MO.

**Chloe Hill (12)** is now the Nightside Executive Producer at 40/29 News in Fort Smith & Fayetteville, AK.

**Kayla Hinton (17)** is a Morning News Producer at WILX-TV 10 in Lansing, MI.

**Hannah (Saunders) Jewell (11)** is a Reporter at FOX6 News in Milwaukee, WI.

**Brett Kast (14)** is a Reporter at FOX59 News in Indianapolis, IN.

**Samantha Kruse (13)** is now the Producer at DP+ in Farmington Hills, MI.

**Devan Pennington (18)** is a Social Media Coordinator for General Motors in Detroit, MI.

**Treasure Roberts (06)** is a Multimedia Journalist at WMBD/WYZZ in Peoria, IL.

**Beth Waldon (13)** is now a Managing Editor & Reporter/Anchor/Producer at KTVO in Ottumwa, IA.

**Jasmine Watts (16)** is the Marketing Communications Specialist for General Motors in Detroit, MI.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**Tony Black (18)** was recognised for Outstanding Achievement in Journalism by the Michigan State University School Journalism Faculty.

**Bilal Kurdi (00)** received the 2018 Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) Broadcast Excellence Award: Best Photojournalist in the Commercial TV Market 2 Category.

**Brian Town (95)** received the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award at the 2019 Greater Lansing Entrepreneurial Awards.

2018 MAB Student Broadcast Awards: **Kendall Ashman (17), Samantha Basirico (18), Tony Black (18) & Kendall Westfield (17).**

2018 Society for Professional Journalists (SPJ) Mark of Excellence Awards: **Ruta Ulcinaite (18) & Tierra Riddick (18)** for TV In-Depth Reporting.

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**Twin HOMies!**  
Congratulations to Social Media Specialist, Erin Cornett and her husband Marshall. Welcome twin baby girls, Olivia and Eliza!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW...



Communications  
Commission

# Finance



**To: Communications Commission**  
**From: Brandie Yates, Executive Producer and Internship Coordinator**  
**Date: May 30, 2019**  
**Re: Communications Department/HOMTV 2019 Additional Revenue**

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Staff continues to research and implement ways to secure additional revenue sources to help financially support operations in the forms of donations, sponsorships, fundraisers, grants, training opportunities, etc. As revenues from Franchise Fees and PEG Fees continue to decline, staff put together “forecasted” and “received” charts of approximately \$25,000 in estimated Miscellaneous Revenue for 2019. (Please refer to 11. E2)

Currently, a total of \$5,433.75 were received through the HOMTV Alumni Giving Program, Production Services, Dub Requests, Kids Summer Media Camp and CAMTV Memberships.

Other opportunities developed for additional revenue sources in 2019 include, but are not limited to Studio Rentals, a Visitor Guide Publication, an On the Job Training Program and Workshops.



Communications Department/HOMTV  
2019 Additional Revenue

