

# PARKS AND RECREATION

# *Family Fun Guide*

2023



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*It's time to get out and play!*

**A Message from the Director**



Dear Meridian Township Residents,

Happy spring! As we look ahead in 2023, there are multiple options available for recreation, learning, socializing and volunteering here in our community to get you connected and keep you connected. No matter your age, ability or area of interest, I hope you will explore the many local attractions, programs and events that are planned for your enjoyment!

Meeting new people, learning a new skill, enjoying live music or even a leisurely walk in the woods, are all beneficial for your mental, social and physical well-being. It's time to come out and play! We look forward to seeing you soon and serving you always.

Sincerely,

LuAnn Maisner, CPRP  
Parks & Recreation Director

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# Calendar of Events



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Early Fall Nature Tots October 2  
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# LIVE Music at Marketplace on the Green Delta Dental Stage

## Summer Concert Series

Join us every Wednesday, June - September  
for FREE LIVE music from local bands.



### LIVE Music

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm



- **June 7 - Sea Cruisers**  
(50s, 60s and 70s)
- **June 14 - Don Middlebrook**  
(Trop Rock - wear your Hawaiian shirt)
- **June 21 - Showdown**  
(Michigan's Classic Rock)
- **June 28 - Shellouts**  
(Classic Rock favorites)
- **July 5 - Meridian Community Band**  
(Connecting our community through Americana music.)
- **July 12 - The Black Barn Band**  
(70s to Today's Hits)
- **July 19 - Oxymorons**  
(Eclectic list rooted in the 60s and 70s)
- **July 26 - Slick Jimmy**  
(80s Pop, Rock, Top 40, Dance, Big Hair, 70s & Country)
- **August 2 - Mike and Lisa**  
(Easy listening Jazz favorites)
- **August 9 - Garage Sale Band**  
(80s, 90s to current Pop/Rock covers)
- **August 16 - Global Village**  
(60s through present day)
- **August 23 - ABC Sisters & the Big Bang Theory**  
(40s Tribute, big bands of the past)
- **August 30 - Steve Spees**  
(Jazz, Blues, Easy Listening, Country & Classic Rock)
- **September 6 - Joe Wright**  
(Solo Country cover artist)
- **September 13 - Kanin Wren**  
(Eclectic list rooted in the 60s and 70s)
- **September 20 - Tony Thompson & Friends**  
(Soul/Funk, Motown, Dance)
- **September 27 - Deadfoot Duo**  
(Blues music)

#### Sponsored by:

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# Special Events



## Mom2Mom/Kid2Kid Sale

Sunday, May 21  
\$10/Table  
Marketplace on the Green  
Buy or sell products closely related to families; clothing, toys and sporting equipment.



## Celebrate Meridian Teen Night

Friday, June 23  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Marketplace on the Green  
Enjoy LIVE music from the local band, dogsneeze.



## Playmakers Running Club

3rd - 6th Grades  
Mon. & Wed. | May 1 - 24  
5:30 - 6:30 pm | \$50/child  
Nancy Moore Park  
Receive professional instruction on good form running, training sessions and a Fun Run Finale!



## DJ Bingo

July 27 | Teen Night  
August 17 | Adult Night  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Marketplace on the Green  
Name that tune or artist to fill your Bingo card. Feel free to sing along.



## Cops & Bobbers Fishing Derby

Sunday, June 11  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Meridian Historical Village Pond  
Join Meridian Parks & Recreation and Meridian Police for a morning of fishing (fishing poles available, first come first served).



## Halloween Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 25  
5:30 - 7:00 pm  
\$5/Child - Registration Fee  
Marketplace on the Green  
Dress for Halloween fun. Enjoy games, scavenger hunt, crafts, music & more!



## Karaoke at the Marketplace

Thursday, June 20 | Adult Night  
Thursday, August 10 | Teen Night  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Marketplace on the Green  
Sing like a rock-star on the Delta Dental Stage at Marketplace on the Green.



## Drive Thru Santa

Tuesday, December 19  
3:00 - 8:30 pm  
\$12/vehicle  
Visit with Santa from the comfort of your car.

For your convenience, you can now make your reservation online using our new registration system, RecPro. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera or visit <https://recreation.meridian.mi.us/>

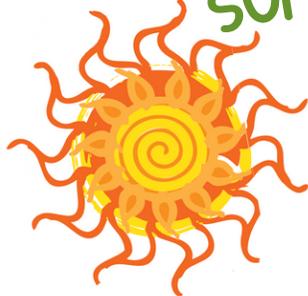


# CELEBRATE MERIDIAN FESTIVAL



SATURDAY  
**JUNE 24**  
8:00 am - 11:00 pm

CELEBRATE  
SUMMER



Farmers' Market  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



Children's Activities  
3:00 pm - 9:00pm



Nokomis Center  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Historical Village Tours  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Food Vendors  
3:00 pm - 11:00 pm



LIVE Entertainment  
3:00 pm - 11:00 pm



Beer Garden  
3:00 pm - 11:00 pm



Fireworks Finale  
10:15 pm - 10:40 pm

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

# Adult Sports

## Men's League Softball

Tuesday evenings | May 9 - June 27

Team fee: \$295, Player fee: \$20/player, Umpire Fee: \$17

## Co-ed Softball

Wednesday evenings | May 10 - June 28.

Team fee: \$295, Player Fee: \$20/player, Umpire Fee: \$17

## Co-ed Sand Volleyball - 4 vs. 4

May - June and July - September

Team fee: \$125

## Adult Co-ed Spring Kickball

May - July and August - September

Team Fee: \$200.00



## Fitness Over 50 Low-impact Exercise Program

2023 marks the 30th anniversary of our low-impact chair exercise & stretching program. Held year-round Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Drop-in Fee: \$1/per class.



## Haslett & Okemos Baseball and Softball

T-ball through U12 leagues beginning in May.

Registration fees vary based on level. \*Okemos residents are offered T-ball through their Community Education department.

## Fall/Spring Soccer - Registration Opens End of May

Practices start the week of September 5

Games - Saturdays, September 16 - October 28

Games are scheduled between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Prices vary.

# Youth Sports

## Haslett & Okemos K-7th Grade Flag Football

Practices start the week of September 5

Games - Sundays, September 17 - October 29

Prices vary.

## Haslett K-6th Grade Recreation Basketball

Clinics available for Kindergarten & 1st grade.

1st - 6th grade leagues available for Haslett residents.

December 2023 - March 2024

\*Okemos residents are offered basketball through their Community Education department.

## Sporties for Shorties

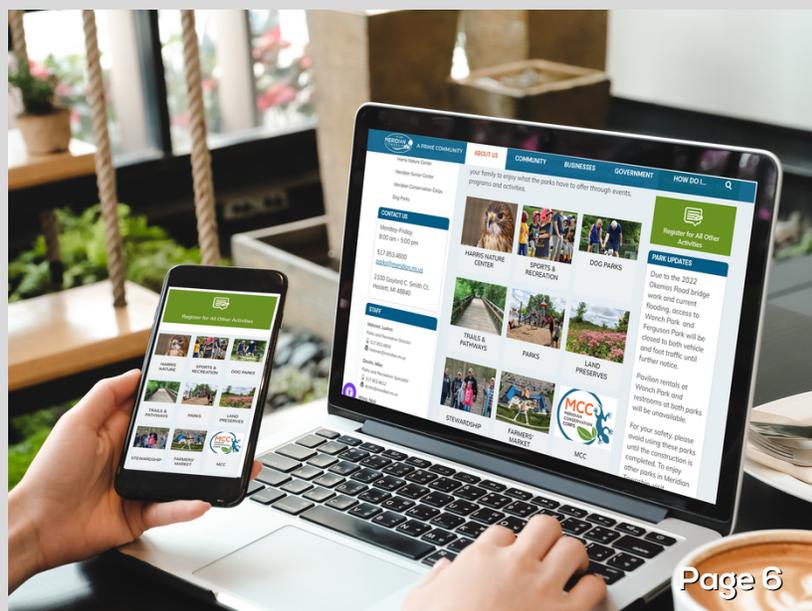
3 - 5 year old's

Check our website for upcoming sessions. Parent participation is required throughout the program.

Registration Fee: \$50

## NEW Online Registration System

It's now easier than ever to register and pay for programs and facility rentals. Scan the QR Code or visit [meridian.mi.us/ParksRecreation](http://meridian.mi.us/ParksRecreation) and click the green "Register" button to get started. Once you create an account, you can view all the program offerings and facility rental opportunities. Contact the Parks Department by phone or email with questions.



# Harris Nature Center

## 2023 Summer Day Camp June 20 - August 10



Enjoy a 1-day, 2-day or 4-day adventure at Harris Nature Center.

All day camps at the Harris Nature Center are nature themed with an emphasis on conservation. Camps are arranged and designed with age appropriate activities. Personal attention is given to each child by a dedicated Harris Nature Center Naturalist.

## Registration

For more information or to get registered, scan the QR code or visit [meridian.mi.us/HNC](http://meridian.mi.us/HNC).



## Native Plant Sale

May 6 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Deadline for preorders is Friday, April 21

"Buy local, grow local in 2023" - plant prices vary.

Enhance your garden this spring with a colorful array of native plants. There are over 80 varieties to choose from! The pre-order form is available on the Meridian Township website, [meridian.mi.us](http://meridian.mi.us) or by contacting HNC at 517.349.3866. Limited quantities of additional plants will also be available on-site for purchase.

To learn more about native plants, check out our digital guide, *Planting a Native Meridian*. Scan the QR code or visit [meridian.mi.us/MCC](http://meridian.mi.us/MCC).



### Chipmunk Storytime

Thursdays - April 13, May 18, June 8, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 & Dec. 14.  
10:00 - 11:00 am | \$5/child

Storytime comes alive as kids interact with puppets, Chicory Chipmunk & friends. Enjoy a story, nature activities and a guided walk.



### Fall Wildlife Festival

Saturday, September 23  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
\$5/person in advance  
\$8/person at the door

Celebrate wildlife and the arrival of autumn. Meet our resident wildlife, walk thru the friendly forest, enjoy nature activities & more!

### Dogs After Dark

Fridays - April 14, May 5, June 9, August 25 - 8:00 pm  
Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 & Dec. 15 - 7:00 pm.  
\$5/person

Take your dog on a walk in the nighttime woods with a Naturalist. Dogs must be on a 6 ft. non-retractable leash.



### Nature Tots

Mondays - May 1 - 22, Sept. 11 - Oct. 2 & Nov. 6 - 27.  
4-week sessions | \$60  
Visit [meridian.mi.us/HNC](http://meridian.mi.us/HNC) for session times.

Children 4 & under (adult must be present) can enjoy nature experiences, including crafts, nature walks & hands-on activities.

### Wine in the Woods

Saturdays  
April 22, October 14 & December 9.  
7:00 - 9:00 pm | \$10/person

Bring your favorite beverage & enjoy a guided walk through the woods, "unwine" by the campfire with gourmet s'mores. Register in advance.



### Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, October 7  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Plant prices vary.

Native plants such as coneflower, butterfly weed and cardinal flower can enhance your garden with color and low maintenance. Proceeds support HNC.

### Campfire Programs

Saturdays - May 20/Wild Canines, July 15/All About Bats and Sept. 9/An Evening with the Trees.  
7:00 pm | \$5/person

Join our naturalists around the campfire for a fireside chat, s'mores and a guided walk.

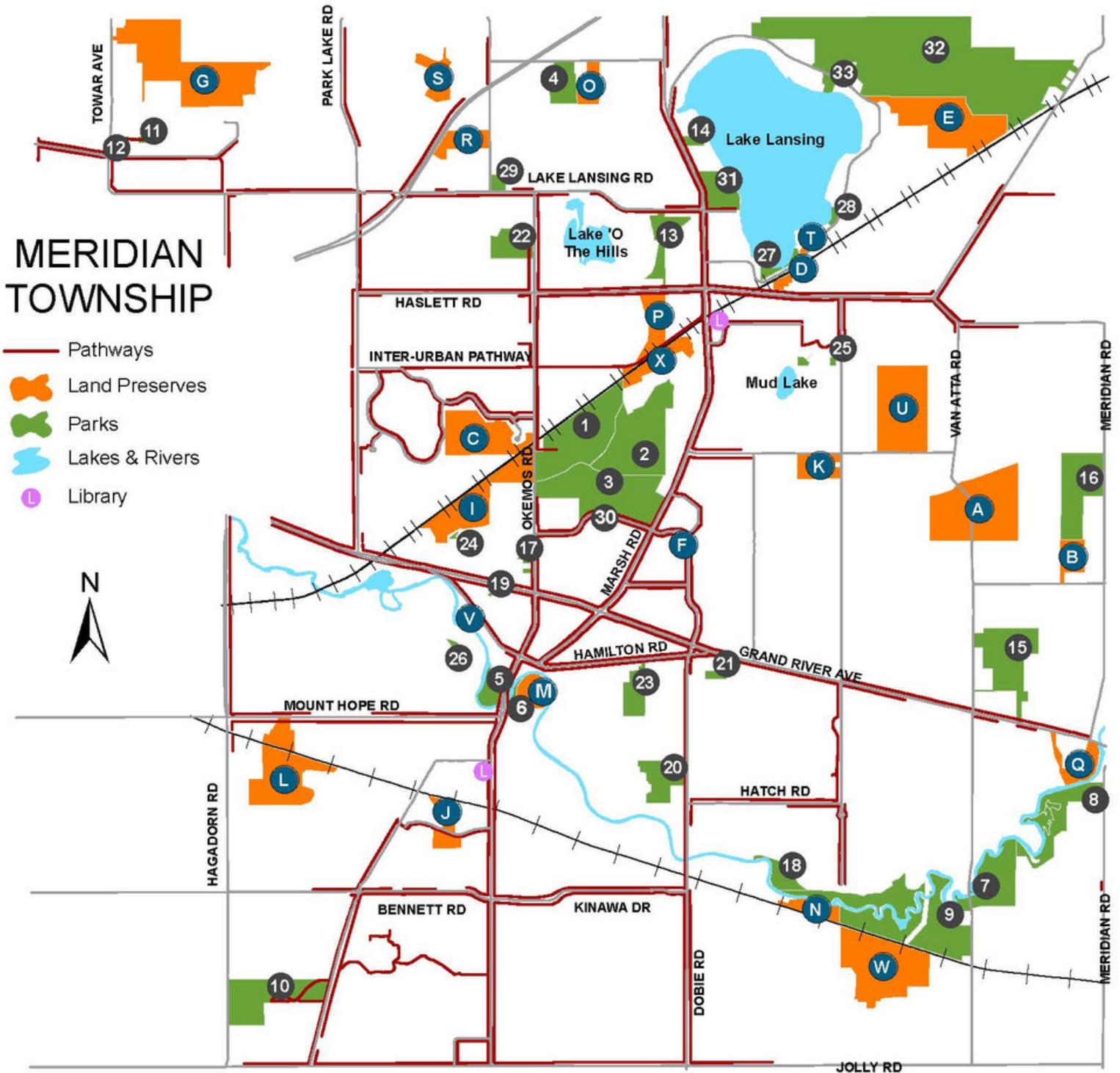


### Critter Holiday

Sunday, December 17  
1:00 pm | \$5/person

Bring your family and friends to the Harris Nature Center to create edible treats for the birds and squirrels in your back yard.

# Meridian Township Parks, Pathways & Preserves



## Meridian Township Parks

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

### Ingham County Parks

- 31 Lake Lansing Park South
- 32 Lake Lansing Park North
- 33 LL Park North - Boat Launch

## Meridian Township Land Preserves

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A Davis/Foster Preserve           | M Sumbal Preserve                   |
| B Foster-Crouse Preserve          | N Red Cedar Glen Preserve           |
| C Hubbel Preserve                 | O Towner Welland Preserve           |
| D Kuzma Preserve                  | P Meridian Central Wetland Preserve |
| E Lake Lansing North Preserve     | Q Red Cedar River East Preserve     |
| F Newman Equities Preserve        | R Forest Grove Preserve             |
| G Towar Woods Preserve            | S North Ridge Preserve              |
| H Lake Lansing South Preserve     | T Tank Wetland                      |
| I Central Meridian Uplands        | U Tihart Preserve                   |
| J Sower Woods Preserve            | V Mandenberg Woods Preserve         |
| K Tihart/Cornell Wetland Preserve | W Ponderosa Preserve                |
| L Southwest Meridian Uplands      | X Nemoke Preserve                   |

For more info: 517.853.4600  
 parks@meridian.mi.us  
 www.meridian.mi.us



# Facilities

## Rent A Pavilion

Gatherings in the parks are a special time for residents, families and community members. Eight park pavilions are available for rent.

\$80/Township resident | \$160 non-resident

Marketplace on the Green

\$300/Township resident | \$500/non-resident

Rental times:

8:00 am - 3:00 pm | 4:00 pm - dusk.

\*A \$100 deposit is required when renting a pavilion, in addition to the rental fee.



Not pictured are the Eastgate Park and Legg Park pavilions. These pavilions do not have restrooms, so they are available on a first come, first served basis at no charge.

For your convenience, you can now make your reservation online using our new reservation system, RecPro. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera or visit [recreation.meridian.mi.us](http://recreation.meridian.mi.us)



# Dog Days of Meridian



## Happy "Howl"oween!

Tuesday, October 24 - Large Dog Park  
Thursday, October 26 - Small Dog Park  
6:30 - 8:00 pm | \$5/dog

Dog "paw"rade, costume contest, find treats at the BONE-yard, play a game of musical SITS and more!  
\*Must be a Meridian Township Dog Park member.

## Yappy Hour

Meets monthly - April 17, May 12, June 20,  
July 24, August 18 and September 17  
6:30 pm | Small & Large Dog Parks

Enjoy the park and little treats at the monthly "Yappy" hours. Free to all Meridian Township Dog Park members.

## Santa Paws

Monday, December 18 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
\$5/dog | Nancy Moore Park

"Here Comes Santa Paws" walk and pet photo. Come take a stroll down "Santa Paw Lane" with your fur-baby and get a photo with Santa. Meet at Service Center.



## Dog Park Registration

\$20/Residents  
\$35/Non-residents

Dog Parks are a place for the community to come together. We hope you have a dog-gone good time! Registration and payment must be made online. Scan the QR code or for more information, visit [meridian.mi.us/DogParks](http://meridian.mi.us/DogParks).





Thomas Moore, Regional Head Librarian

# Book Sales

Get great deals on books while supporting your libraries.

### Friends of the Haslett Library On-going Sale

The Bookend, located inside the Haslett Library.  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**Thursday, 12:00 – 6:00 pm**  
**Saturday, 12:00 – 2:00 pm**

### Friends of the Okemos Library Sale

Okemos Masonic Center | 2175 Hamilton Road  
**June 3 – 4, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**September 9 – 10, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**December 2 – 3, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

### Friends of the Okemos Library Summer Outdoor Sale

Central Park Pavilion | 5151 Marsh Road  
**July 29 – 30, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**



For more information, visit [cadl.org](http://cadl.org).



# Early Literacy

Inspire a love of books and reading in your children with storytimes at both our Haslett and Okemos branches.



Days and times are available at [cadl.org/events](http://cadl.org/events).



**CADL Haslett**  
1590 Franklin Street  
Haslett  
517.339.2324

**CADL Okemos**  
4321 Okemos Road  
Okemos  
517.347.2021



**Anyone Can Paint**

1st Tuesday of Each Month | 9:30 am  
 \$30/member or \$35/non-member  
 Pre-registration & payment required.  
 All supplies provided.

**Kentucky Derby Party**

Friday, May 5 | 11:30 am  
 Deadline to register is May 1.  
 Drinks, food, games and more!

**Mother's Day Celebration**

Thursday, May 11 | 2:00 pm  
 Women - Free, Men \$5/person  
 Deadline to register is May 5.  
 Willows at Okemos

**Spring Tea**

Thursday, May 18 | 2:30 pm  
 Deadline to register is May 15.  
 Tea and Charcuterie Board.

**Expert Speaker Panel**

Friday, June 2 | 1:00 pm  
 Deadline to register is May 30.  
 Local experts in various fields present  
 and answer questions.

**Father's Day Outing**

Friday, June 16 | 11:30 am  
 Men - Free, Women \$5/person  
 Deadline to register is June 12.  
 Live music, food, beverages, dancing  
 and games!

**Volunteer Day at Horse Haven**

Friday, June 23 | 9:30 am  
 Deadline to register is June 16  
 Includes box lunch and school bus  
 transportation.

**Ice Cream Social & Hot Dog Bar**

Tuesday, July 11 | 1:30 pm  
 Deadline to register is July 6.

**DJ Bingo & Dinner**

Thursday, July 20 | 5:30 pm  
 Deadline to register is July 13.

**Murder Mystery Dinner**

Friday, August 11 | 6:00 pm  
 \$60/person + fees, Table - \$420  
 This event is a fundraiser for the  
 Senior Center.

**Tailgate Party**

Friday, September 8 | 1:00 pm  
 \$5/member or \$10/non-member  
 Deadline to register is September 5.  
 Wear your team colors and enjoy a  
 little tailgate cuisine.

**Halloween Party with Apple Bar**

Tuesday, October 31 | 12:00 pm  
 \$5/member or \$10/non-member  
 Deadline to register is October 26.  
 Costumes, Chili, Baked Potato and  
 Apple Bar.

**Veterans Day Breakfast & Assembly**

November Date TBD  
 Information - Coming Soon!

**Thanksgiving Luncheon**

November Date TBD  
 Information - Coming Soon!

**Winter Holiday Luncheon - Haslett/Okemos Rotary**

December Date TBD  
 Information - Coming Soon!



To register for programs, please contact the Meridian Senior Center by phone at 517.706.5045 or email [meridianseniorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:meridianseniorcenter@gmail.com). For additional information, visit the senior center website by scanning the QR code or visit [www.meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com](http://www.meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com).



# Meridian Historical Village



## Friends of Historic Meridian

517.347.7300 | meridianhistoricalvillage@gmail.com  
meridianhistoricalvillage.org

### Chapel & Gazebo Rentals

Rental Fees:

Chapel - \$950, includes \$150 deposit.

Gazebo - \$325, includes \$75 deposit.

Our beautiful 19th century inspired chapel is available for rent for up to 100 guests for small weddings, musical programs, memorials and other public events. Please confirm wedding date with the Village office before making an online deposit. It is our policy to meet with every potential couple prior to booking in order to answer any questions.

### Victorian Tea

Sunday, May 7 | 3:00 pm

Barnes House Inn & Tavern | \$12/person

### Celebrate Meridian Festival - Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 24 | 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Buildings open to the public.

### Turning Back the Pages - Summer Camp

August 7 - 11 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Designed for 3rd - 6th graders.

Call or email to register.

### Heritage Festival

Saturday, October 7 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

History comes alive at the Village and Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center. Enjoy vintage baseball and more!

### Friends of Historic Meridian Speaker Series

Wednesday, September 6 | 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join Michael Mumaugh in the Village Chapel - "How Outlaws Shaped America's West."

### Halloween in the Village

Saturday, October 28 | Time TBD

Families are invited to dress in costume and visit the Village for tours and trick-or-treating.

### Christmas in the Village

Sunday, December 10 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Enjoy Christmas traditions from the 1800's.



# Nokomis Cultural Center

## Craft Days

Saturdays - On-going  
Beading, Ribbon Skirt & Shirt Making, Drum Making, Quill Earring Class, Medicine Bag Making, Sweetgrass Braiding and Unconfined Painting - using grass stems, reeds, pine cones and other natural items.

## Other Events

Celebrate Meridian, Spring Craft Show - Basket Making, Copper Art and Bead Work, Heritage Festival, Holiday Craft Sale & More! For details, visit [www.nokomis.org](http://www.nokomis.org).

Contact the Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center by calling 517.349.5777 or emailing [info@nokomis.org](mailto:info@nokomis.org).  
Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center is located at 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos



# Meridian Garden Club

The Meridian Garden Club is a group of people who delight in gardening and have come together to beautify our community, learn about all things horticultural, protect the environment and to share their knowledge.

## Meridian Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 20 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road  
Get your garden started with perennials, grown by members of the club.

Contact the Garden Club by emailing [meridiangardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:meridiangardenclub@gmail.com) or visit the website, [meridiangardenclub.weebly.com](http://meridiangardenclub.weebly.com).



# Haslett Beautification Association

The Haslett Beautification Association (HBA) is dedicated to serving our community. HBA is a nonprofit civic organization, incorporated in 2005, with the single mission to improve the aesthetic appearance of Haslett's key commercial corridors.

HBA has created 27 garden plots in public spaces along Haslett and Marsh Roads, and Marsh and Lake Lansing Roads. All ages and skills are welcome. We make Haslett bloom! Join the HBA group on Facebook!



# MCC

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## Turn Intention Into Action - Connect, Learn & Conserve!

The Meridian Conservation Corps is a program devoted to increasing community involvement in our parks and preserves. It is a vehicle to grow awareness of volunteer opportunities involving the care and conservation of Meridian Township's local green spaces. These places will grow on their own, but in order to thrive we need to take care of each aspect of their health. Natural areas are important for the physical and mental well-being of human life. We need nature and nature needs us. This program aims to utilize the community's knowledge and passion and gather it into one concentrated place: the conservation corps!



### Trailside Ecology Ephemeral Discovery

Tuesday, April 25 | 5:30 pm  
Hartrick Park  
Identify local flora & fauna for April.



### Earth Day Pull-Pizza-Plant Harris Nature Center

Saturday, April 22  
9:30 - 11:30 am | 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Activities all day and pizza for lunch.



### Trailblazers Workday Foster Crouse Preserve

Saturday, May 13 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Help us blaze a better path through one of our oldest preserves.



### Stewardship Saturdays Every Other Saturday - All Year

Saturday, April 8 | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Help remove invasive species, clean up litter, collect native seeds and more.



### Wetland Walks First Wednesday of Each Month

May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2 & Sep. 6  
5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Wetland tours for wetland education.



### Weekday Warriors Every Other Thursday - All Year

1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Remove invasive species, collect native seed, plant, litter pick up & more.

## **Planting a Native Meridian**

### **Part of Stewardship Saturdays**

Saturday, June 3 | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Location TBD

Learn about native plants & restore native habitat.

## **Trailside Ecology**

### **Summer Solstice Edition - Kick off the Summer**

Wednesday, June 21 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Davis Foster Preserve

Learn how to identify Swamp Milkweed and more!

## **Invasive Species Field Training**

### **Presentation Followed by Field Session**

Saturday, September 9 | 1:30 -3:30 pm

Nancy Moore Park

Learn more about invasive species and how to identify.

## **Native Seed Collection Workshop**

### **First Day of Fall Celebration**

Saturday, September 23 | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Davis Foster Preserve

Learn how to collect native seed responsibly and more!

## **Seed Sorting Party**

### **Restoring Native Habitat**

Wednesdays, Oct. 18 & Nov. 15 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Meridian Township Service Center

Get cozy with hot cocoa, popcorn & a movie.

## **Trailside Ecology**

### **Creepy Cool Critters**

Monday, October 30 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Ted Black Woods Park

Off trail search for creepy cool insects, fungi & more!

## **Trailside Ecology**

### **Winter Solstice Edition**

Thursday, December 21 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Red Cedar Glen Preserve

Look for nocturnal animals, and enjoy hot cocoa.

## **Recruiting Crew Members**

### **Clean Up the Parks & Preserves**

Help remove items in the parks & preserves that often get dumped. Let us know what needs cleaning next.



Volunteer  
with Us!



## Discover Something New

**Friends of Historic Meridian**  
meridianhistoricalvillage.org

**Harris Nature Center Foundation**  
meridian.mi.us/HNC

**Meridian Garden Club**  
meridiangardenclub.weebly.com

**Haslett Beautification Association**

**Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club**  
haslettokemosrotary.org

**Haslett-Okemos Kiwanis Club**  
kiwanis-haslett-okemos.org

**Special Events**

**Adult & Youth Sports: Umpires/Referees**

**Youth Sports Coaching**

**Eagle Scout Projects**

**Parks & Land Preservation Stewardship**

**Meridian Conservation Corps**



WEDNESDAY  
**APRIL 19**  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**LOVE A  
PARK DAY**

Come together as a community to help clean up the parks, land preserves and other public spaces throughout the Township. Individuals and groups can sign-up for projects by scanning the QR Code or visiting, <https://signup.com/go/NUEtZid>.



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FARM  FOOD  CRAFTS

# FARMERS' MARKET

Providing local food and a sense of  
community since 1974.

Marketplace on the Green  
1995 Central Park Dr.

Saturdays | 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
May 6 - October 28, 2023

Wednesdays | 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
June 7 - October 25, 2023

[www.meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket](http://www.meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket)





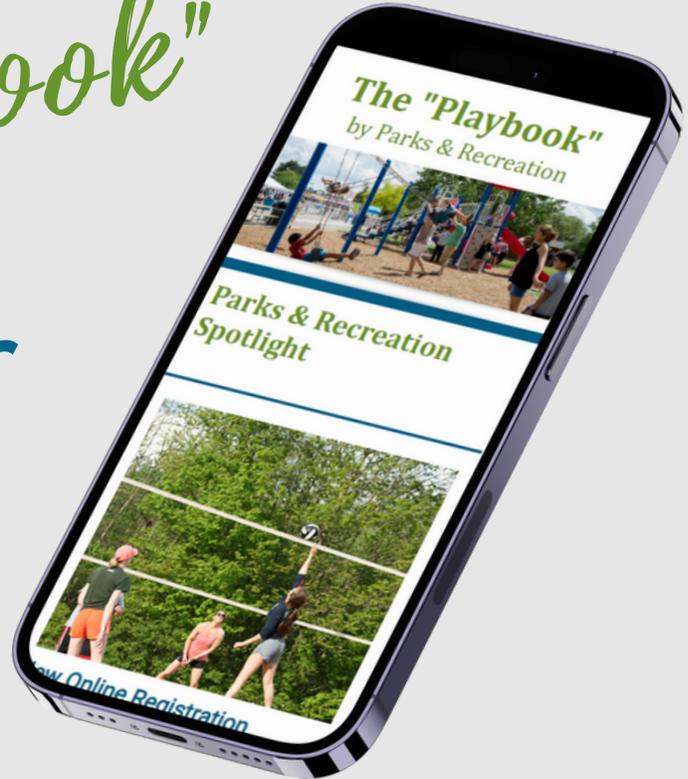
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# The "Playbook"

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