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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Merriam Residents,

Greetings again from your Mayor! I hope you all had a safe and fun summer. As usual, the past few months in Merriam were a whirlwind of festivities, outdoor activities, and community gatherings — all in the setting of our vibrant community.

Merriam really shines in the summer and fall. Sometimes it happens naturally, yet many of the things that makes our city so attractive this time of year — and all year long — are the results of intentional planning and hard work.

For example, thanks to Public Works Director Kevin Bruemmer's team, the city once again enjoyed another year of beautiful flower baskets hanging from light posts. It might seem like a small thing that adds a nice splash of color to our streets, but behind the scenes it's a lot of work. Those flowers require months of special care before they look so good — and the baskets are heavy, each weighing in at approximately 60 pounds! But isn't it a part of what makes our city "Just Right?"

You might have noticed the striking new sculpture that was recently unveiled at the corner of Johnson and Merriam Drives. Now, I'm not what you'd call an "artsy" guy, but I think it's pretty great that our city (thanks to leadership provided by former City Councilmember Todd Boyer) decided to move forward with a "placemaking" initiative that will add five large pieces of public art to the Merriam landscape over the course of a five-year span. "Still Time" is the first installation in this beautification effort (learn more on page 10).

Flags 4 Freedom is another program that enhances our community's appearance. Each year, Downtown Merriam and the surrounding area are adorned with more than 1,600 United States flags to honor our nation and those who tirelessly fight (and have fought) for our freedom. While the city provides some support, Flags 4 Freedom is a major undertaking and a massive source of civic pride that would not be possible without the tireless work of many dedicated volunteers. (www.flags4freedom.org)

And then there are the individuals and neighborhood groups who invest great amounts of time and energy in keeping our residential areas well-maintained and desirable places to live. In many cases, neighbors work side-by-side on organized projects to keep public areas (like landscaped islands) clean and looking good, or add value by simply helping a neighbor. Now this might also sound like a minor activity, but as you'll read on page 6, just communicating and coordinating neighborhood groups can be a mighty task.

Thanks to everyone who works to make our city a great and beautiful place to live!

Sincerely,

Mayor Ken Sissom



Group rate available for residential curbside leaf removal

The City of Merriam has arranged for Benjamin Lawn & Landscape to offer a special group rate to provide curbside leaf removal for residents. This is a voluntary program with the following pickup options:

DATES	COST
PICKUP #1: Tues., Nov. 1, 2016	\$38
PICKUP #2: Tues., Nov. 29, 2016	\$49
Discounted cost for both pickups	\$66

Guidelines

- Prepare leaves for pickup by 8 a.m., Sunday morning.
- Pickup may occur anytime on Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon.
- Benjamin Lawn & Landscape trucks are equipped with a side mount vacuum designed to pick up a long row of leaves. Rake leaves into a long and narrow pile along the curb (edge of the lawn).
- Machines can reach six feet from the curb into the yard. Piles of leaves that extend deeper than six feet into yards may not be removed.
- Do not rake leaves into the street or gutters and do not block sidewalks.
- Only leaves will be collected — please remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris.
- Do not block the leaf row with vehicles on collection day.

Register online for this optional program by visiting www.BenjaminLawn.com (go to "Curbside Leaf Removal"), or call 913.499.6013 for additional information about registration and payments.

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Merriam's fall large-item pickup service is scheduled for October 17–21

Twice each year, the City of Merriam conducts a large-item pickup campaign for residents. The Merriam Public Works Department provides this service during the third full weeks of April and October. This year's spring pickup is scheduled for October 17–21, 2016. Some restrictions apply regarding the types of accepted items and materials.

For additional information, a complete schedule of the spring pickup, and a list of accepted items, please visit www.merriam.org, or call the Merriam Public Works Department at 913.322.5570.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

North of 75th St., south of 67th St., east of Switzer, and west of Antioch.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

North of 67th St., south of Johnson Dr., east of Switzer, and west of Antioch.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

North of 67th St., south of 54th Terr., east of Antioch, and west of Lowell.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

North of Johnson Dr., south of 53rd St., west of Antioch, and east of Switzer.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

North of 53rd St., south of 47th St., west of Antioch, and east of Switzer.



What to do with fallen leaves

Cooler weather and the changing of the seasons means the falling of leaves and fall yard work. Most residents spend time raking in the fall. To help keep our community looking its best during this time, here are some important reminders about how to store and dispose of yard waste.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH YARD WASTE?

- If you choose to bag yard waste for collection by your trash provider, bags of yard waste should be treated the same as normal household trash. Trash bags and containers may be stored outside if located behind the front building line of the property. Bags may be placed in front of the house for collection on your regular trash collection day.
- The City of Merriam does allow the burning of yard waste. However, a burn permit is required. Burn permits may be obtained from the Overland Park Fire Department. The fire department will let you know the rules and in what atmospheric conditions to safely burn. Please visit www.merriam.org to apply for a burn permit.
- Residents interested in a more “green” solution can compost waste materials from their yards. To comply with city regulations, composted materials must be placed in a container. Since compost materials are combustible they must be stored the same as firewood. Bins must be located behind the front building line of the property (preferably in the rear yard) and not within three feet of any property line.

HOW NOT TO DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE

- Raking or blowing leaves into the street violates city ordinances and creates traffic hazards.
- Leaves and other yard waste must not be placed in ditches, streams or other drainage systems. This can compromise the system’s ability to properly carry water and may cause flooding.

Please help us keep Merriam beautiful during the changing of seasons by properly disposing of yard waste.

Retiring City Administrator Phil Lammers reflects on his time with Merriam

City Administrator Phil Lammers will retire after 35 years in city government, the last eight of which were in Merriam. He was also a city administrator in Cameron and Albany, Mo., as well as a program manager for Kansas City, Kan.



Lammers has a master’s degree in public administration from UMKC and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and has been active in city management and municipal associations.

Here are some thoughts Lammers shared about his time in Merriam:

What do you see as the biggest accomplishment of the last eight years?

Working with Overland Park to merge our two fire departments was pretty significant. It was sort of an unusual event, but I’ve always been a believer in regional collaboration and think that leveraging economies of scale is a good thing.

How has the organization changed since you started working here?

I hope the organization has a stronger workforce than it did before. We’re also better funded, and have an excellent senior staff and employees. We work hard, but also try to have fun.

What was the most pressing issue you faced?

It was challenging to pursue economic development projects during the recession, but we somehow made it work.

What’s been your favorite part of this job?

The city council gave me a lot of latitude and respect as far as making decisions. Plus, my wife and I really like Merriam, Kansas City and the local urban areas.

Do you have any plans for your retirement?

I need to do a bunch of upgrades around the house, but also look forward to fishing, golfing and traveling. I might do a little consulting here and there.

Renovated Community Training Room available for use by neighborhood organizations

The recently updated Community Training Room in City Hall is now available to host Merriam neighborhood and community groups for meetings and other gatherings — for free. As part of the city’s continued efforts to support strong neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations, residents are encouraged to call City Hall at 913.322.5500 to reserve the space (at least two weeks in advance of your event). City staff is also available to attend community meetings, if requested.



During winter 2016 the Community Training Room got a fresh coat of paint, new A/V system, furniture, food preparation area, and small refrigerator to store beverages. There were also several structural improvements to the space that holds 112 people. It’s looking good and ready to serve the needs of your group!



Location, Location, Location!

How did Merriam become a thriving conduit of commerce?

“Everything goes through Merriam,” City Administrator Phil Lammers said. “It has since the beginning, and our location continues to play a role in development and the local economy.”

Considering Merriam’s residential population is 11,356, our traffic counts are staggering — on average, approximately 186,000 automobiles pass through the I-35 and Shawnee Mission Parkway intersection each day. And that’s just one of our many busy intersections!

Merriam’s been a prime location for livability, commerce and recreation since way before President Eisenhower inked the Federal Highway Act in 1956. Natural resources, migration routes, and other key transportation decisions contributed to Merriam’s current position as one of the region’s busiest activity hubs.

The first major draw was Turkey Creek, the Kansas River tributary that runs south-north through town. Shawnee tribe members settled along its banks between 1826 and 1833, followed by explorers and pioneers traveling west on nearby trails.

One of these settlers was David Campbell, who arrived in 1864 and created a town named Campbellton with approximately 20 homes and a few businesses at first.

Transportation systems were the engine that powered most of Merriam’s transformation with early trails and covered wagons, soon followed by railroads, a trolley line, automobiles and roadways.

When the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad arrived in 1868, things really started to click. Early town boosters lobbied for a depot, betting that rail traffic would lead to economic prosperity. A station was built in 1870, and by 1880 the town was renamed “Merriam” in honor of Charles Merriam, a one-time secretary and treasurer of the railway.

Development began to grow around the railroad station, which included a blacksmith shop, a general store and other businesses. The first hotel built to accommodate visitors to Merriam was located at the corner of what is now Johnson Drive and Kessler. (As you’ll read on page 9, we now have five hotels and 514 total rooms.)

With Kansas City’s population exceeding 75,000, it became a focal point of trade, communication and transportation in the Midwest, and Merriam played a sizeable role in supporting this growing market. Railroad executives saw the need for a large, well-planned amusement park and purchased 40 acres in Merriam because of the country atmosphere and quick means of transportation. Merriam Park opened in 1880 and was a popular attraction drawing thousands of visitors per day.



Taken at 62nd. & Kessler

The construction of Interstate-35 at 62nd and Kessler, 1958. Photo courtesy of Johnson County Museum.

Another mode of getting around the wider region, the Hocker Grove Trolley Line (formally known as the Kansas City Electric Railroad), ran from 1907-1930 from Kansas City, Mo., through Rosedale, Merriam, Shawnee, Lenexa, and Pleasant View. The powerhouse was in Merriam, just west of Turkey Creek. When the trolley came through Merriam and made it possible for people to commute both ways — to work, play and shop — the town’s profile and activity were greatly elevated.

Merriam became one of the biggest towns in Northeast Kansas around 1930. The big city amenities included four grocery stores, two hardware stores, four gas stations, three drug stores, three restaurants, a bank, two barber shops, feed and coal yards, two taverns, a lumber yard, two churches, and a grade school.

Merriam owes much of its economic success to the visionary entrepreneurs who recognized the benefits of the city’s location. From the trading post that was set up in 1861 to sell western travelers provisions (at Johnson Drive and Slater), to the Fortune 500 companies and small niche businesses, all have played a part in the economic growth of this community.

As a bridge between Kansas City and Johnson County, Merriam has often pioneered amenities and became a conduit for services in underdeveloped areas to the south and west. Merriam was the site of the first Bell Telephone office in the county in 1908; the county’s first public library and public park (Antioch) in 1956; the area’s first full-service hospital, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, in 1962; and Johnson County Community College’s first home from 1969-1972.

Merriam’s rich history is filled with numerous examples of how its location has provided fortunate opportunities to build the strong economy and community we enjoy today. Merriam is in a prime spot to enjoy its status as a prosperous small town.



Small Enhancement = Big Improvement

We've all heard the statement "you never know until you ask." But have we ever taken the challenge and actually asked?

After enjoying a beautiful spring day at Brown Park and the Streamway Trail, two residents did exactly that — they asked if the city could do something to improve the community.

As avid dog people, both Merriam residents use the trails in both locations for exercise. After several trail excursions, they wondered if additional dog waste stations would make the experience more enjoyable.

So they contacted the city, made a request, and within a few days staff began exploring the areas of concern and evaluating possible solutions to address the suggestion. We are pleased to report that two new pet waste disposal stations were installed thanks to these proactive, vocal residents.

Do you find yourself using an amenity and wondering "if only...?" Just take a minute to contact the city at 913.322.5500, or email annas@merriam.org if it's a Parks & Recreation concern, like this one. We'll be happy to check it out and determine if the suggestion can be implemented to improve the quality of life for Merriam residents.



Did You Know?
Pet waste stations are now available at all Merriam parks.

Resident Profile

Name:

Jean Teel



As secretary of the Antioch Hills Homes Association (AHHA), Jean Teel works tirelessly to improve communications among the 106 households that make up the tightly-knit community located west of Antioch Road in the southeast part of Merriam. She writes and distributes The Chatterly e-newsletter, organizes a team of "Chatterly Walkers" to hand-deliver hardcopies of the newsletter to those without computers or Internet access, and recently led an effort to revive the neighborhood directory by tracking down residents' email addresses and phone numbers.

"Jean is the main force behind getting the neighborhood back on track with better communications," said Connie Allen, AHHA president. "She helps keep us organized and wants people to get to know each other."

An Antioch Hills resident since 1969, Jean is a retired French teacher and international language specialist for the Shawnee Mission School District. She's also a passionate advocate for creating and maintaining vibrant, connected neighborhoods.

Why do you feel compelled to be so involved in your neighborhood?
I thought the neighborhood needed to improve communications. Many said they wanted information about what's going on and know more neighbors. A lot of us are getting older and will sell our homes one day. If you build a strong neighborhood, property values will benefit.

What's been the biggest challenge to improving communications in Antioch Hills?
People seem to be so busy these days and you have to reach them on their terms, like by email, and one of our members started a Facebook page. We updated the directory for the first time since 2006, which was a heck of a lot of work. We knocked on doors and looked people up online, but now we have everyone's email addresses.

Have you seen improvements from these efforts?
We know each other better. And if people have a problem or question, there are more resources to help. We have information in The Chatterly and the directory about codes, services that neighbors provide, utilities, city and county resources, and more.

Why do you enjoy living in Antioch Hills?
The people and the firm friendships. We bring people food when they're sick and help each other out when they're in need.

What do you like best about living in Merriam?
Merriam takes care of itself. We have good snow removal, trees are well-maintained, it keeps infrastructure up-to-date, and attracts good businesses. When I call the city about codes issues or other questions, they are very responsive and come right out.



Space study looks to provide greater efficiency and facilities for Merriam Police Department

Last winter the Police Department contracted with Hofer Wysocki Architecture to conduct a space needs study of the Merriam Police Station facility, built in 2004. The study was intended to identify current space usage and deficiencies; assess future space requirements; and make space usage recommendations based on results of the study.

These are some of the reported findings:

- Due to modifications made during the building’s initial construction, the HVAC system is greatly oversized, causing discomfort and inefficiency that results in high utility costs.
- The close proximity of the diesel backup generator to the building ventilation causes exhaust to enter the building.
- Ventilation in the evidence room is insufficient to exchange the air between the property room and outside air in a manner that manages strong odors produced by today’s high potency marijuana.
- Since 2004 the number of total sworn officers has increased, as well as the number of female officers. The current space dedicated to male and female locker rooms does not accommodate the department’s current gender makeup.

Hofer Wysocki identified several solutions to these issues, and city council will work with staff to discuss the most appropriate path forward. Thanks to this study, the city is one step closer to ensuring that the police department is best equipped to provide the world-class service residents have come to expect.

Merriam Aquatic Center / Irene B. French Community Center Master Plan update

Merriam City Council approved recommendations of the Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee at its April 11, 2016 meeting, entering into an agreement with Pros Consulting. The city sought proposals from experienced firms to develop a comprehensive facilities master plan for the city-owned Irene B. French Community Center (IBFCC) and the Merriam Aquatic Center.

The plan will create a roadmap for pursuing an appropriate balance of facilities and amenities throughout the community — now and into the future. This system-wide approach will evaluate current recreational facilities and amenities to develop goals, policies, program pricing methodology and guidelines to develop achievable strategies.

The effort’s resulting master plan will guide future development and/or redevelopment of the city’s existing facilities over the next five years.

Project Objectives:

1. Engage the community
2. Include a wide variety of data sources and best practices
3. Determine unique level of service standards
4. Shape financial and operational preparedness
5. Develop a dynamic and realistic strategic action plan



Target Project Dates

AUGUST 9

Public forum
IBFCC, 5701 Merriam Drive, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 10

Steering Committee meeting
IBFCC, 5701 Merriam Drive, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21–22

Project team work sessions

DECEMBER 12

Steering Committee meeting
City Hall Training Room, 5:30 p.m.

Presentation to Merriam City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

Public presentation
IBFCC, 5701 Merriam Drive, 7 p.m.



Yard of the Week program recognizes residents who help make Merriam a beautiful place to live

When you're driving – or walking or biking – around town, do you notice attractive yards?

This summer, you might see “Yard of the Week” signs in some yards while traveling around. The city will recognize one well-maintained yard per week through Labor Day, all in a mix of different neighborhoods. That's 16 yards, so don't worry if your yard doesn't get picked this summer; keep up the good yardwork and you might be recognized next year.

Lynn and Barbara Coffman's home in the Old Hocker Grove neighborhood was chosen as this year's first Yard of the Week. They've lived in their home for 44 years and take great pride in maintaining their yard, which includes features such as unique, decorative terracing designed to improve water flow. Their landscaping is also inspired by the area's history.

“People used to take the train here from Kansas City, Mo., then ride the trolley to Hocker Grove for picnics in the park,” Barbara Coffman said. “We've tried to keep our yard park-like in honor of that time.”

Merriam's Community Development staff, including Neighborhood Services Manager David Easley (featured below), spend most days working in Merriam's neighborhoods and often notice residential properties that stand out for how they enhance the character and beauty of the surroundings. Maybe it's a sprawling expanse of neatly manicured grass that could pass for a golf course, or a yard exploding with beds of colorful blooms. Perhaps it's a small yard with potted flowers and unique landscaping features. It doesn't have to be showy or large in size for city staff to think your property should be considered a Yard of the Week.

Winners are announced each Friday in the e-Merriam electronic newsletter, and all winners will be featured in the Winter 2016 issue of Highlights. Visit merriam.org and click on “Notify Me” to sign up for e-Merriam if you're not already a subscriber.



Staff Profile

Employee Name: David Easley Title: Neighborhood Services Manager Department: Community Development



To some residents and business owners, David Easley might not be the most popular Merriam employee. But he is one of the reasons that private properties in the city are beautiful and well-maintained — and he's the guy to contact with any questions related to codes, ordinances or neighborhood issues.

Easley came to the City of Merriam 16 years ago after serving as a codes officer for Kansas City, Mo. In addition to ensuring that Merriam's municipal codes and ordinances are in compliance, he also works with neighborhood groups and representatives to maintain communications with residents, and develop stronger relationships in the local community.

What do you like most about working for Merriam?

I enjoy my interactions with businesses, residents, elected officials and staff.

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

Seeing improvements to properties. I like it when a property that might have been deemed an “eye sore” turns around and becomes a more vibrant asset to the community.

What's the most challenging part of your job?

While 99 percent of the time things go great, there's the explaining to people that even though it's their property, there are still requirements that must be met to comply with city ordinances.

In your efforts to communicate with property owners, what are the main things you try to get across?

I try to help them understand that the condition and appearance of their property also impacts the value of those around them. Also, that we merely enforce codes enacted by the city's elected officials. Residents have the ability to change or modify codes by attending city council meetings or getting in touch with elected officials.

For more information about Merriam codes and ordinances, contact David by email at davide@merriam.org, or call 913.322.5520.



Merriam Visitors Bureau boosts economic impact of local tourism during 10 years at Historic Plaza

While Merriam Historic Plaza, located at Eby and East Frontage Road, turns 10 this year, it's also a good time to celebrate the economic impact that visitors and tourism have on the city.

Two full-time city staff members operate the Merriam Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) — a full-service destination marketing department — out of the iconic building at Merriam Historic Plaza. The CVB has become an economic engine that consistently brings new people and dollars to town, proving that tourism is big business in Merriam.

The CVB specializes in promoting and marketing Merriam's hotels, attractions, shopping, dining, meeting spaces and group tours. Staff also provides a host of other services for local businesses and visitors related to meeting and event planning, tour coordination, community presentations, regional marketing initiatives, and development and distribution of information for visitors (including maps, publications, website, social media, and other resources).

All this work is funded through the Transient Guest Tax paid by visitors staying at Merriam hotels — there are five of them with a total of 514 rooms. And local hotel managers are big fans of the CVB's efforts to maintain high occupancy rates.

At Merriam's Drury Inn, a recent bus tour generated 120 room nights and \$13,000 in revenue during a four-day excursion. Additionally, that group toured seven locations in Merriam, racking up purchases and increasing sales in and around the metro region.

"They're awesome at bringing in new business for hotels," Jessica Arenholz, Drury Inn's general manager said. "They do all the legwork for tour groups and are like a one-stop shop for visitors."



No residential tax dollars fund the operation; its entire budget is approximately \$280,000 — far less than what is brought in by visitor spending each year. However, visitors do shop, eat and fuel up at Merriam businesses, greatly impacting the local economy with more than just lodging.

In the past five years, guest tax collections have generated \$2,231,961, money used to fund jobs, host special community events, market our community, and assist in basic infrastructure improvements throughout the city. Speaking of numbers, tourism activity in Kansas creates nearly 92,000 jobs and adds approximately \$570 million to state and local economies. If not for visitor spending, each household in Kansas would have to pay \$511 to generate this revenue.

Learn more about the Merriam Visitors Bureau and local tourism at Merriam Historic Plaza's tenth anniversary open house on Thursday, September 22 from 1-4 p.m., or visit www.exploremerriam.com.

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—Jessica Arenholz, Drury Inn's general manager



MHP has welcomed 5,962 walk-in visitors since 2006



The bear sculpture is called "Motherhood" by artist Kwan Wu



Most requested brochure is the Kansas Map



There are 12 outdoor historic signage stations at MHP

MERRIAM FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market at Merriam Marketplace
5740 Merriam Drive

2016 SATURDAYS May 7th – October 8th 7 a.m.–1 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS June 1st – August 31st 4 p.m.–7 p.m.

2017 SATURDAYS May 6th – October 14th 7 a.m.–1 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS June 7th – August 30th 4 p.m.–7 p.m.

On Saturday, September 10, the Farmers' Market will relocate to the Community Center parking lot during the Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle show.

Featuring the finest homegrown and local produce!

Fall is the perfect time of year to visit the market. From fresh squash, pumpkins, and Indian corn there is no better way to support local farmers! The fruits and vegetables are grown locally and picked when perfectly ripened which enhances the taste, texture and aroma.

The Merriam Farmers' Market offers one of the most beautiful covered facilities in the metropolitan area. Visitors enjoy:

- Beautiful park-like environment with access to Turkey Creek Streamway Trail and Werner Park
- FREE live entertainment each Saturday—visit www.merriam.org/park for a full schedule or visit the information booth at the Farmers' Market
- Live chef demonstration Saturday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m.
- Convenient paved parking
- Restroom facilities
- Convenient access from I-35, Johnson and Merriam Drives

For more information about the Farmers' Market, including vendor information, call Merriam Parks & Recreation at 913.322.5550 or send an email to daves@merriam.org.

Vendor applications for the 2017 Farmers' Market will be available in January.

Merriam receives two new public art creations

If you've driven through downtown Merriam during the past few months, or attended an event at the Marketplace recently, you probably noticed a couple of striking new works of art.

"Still Time," a new multi-sensorial sculpture installed at the corner of Merriam and Johnson Drives, is the first of five new placemaking projects that will adorn Merriam's landscape over the next five years. "Still Time" was created by DRAW Architecture + Urban Design, in collaboration with sound artist Paul Rudy. It features a 16-foot limestone tower, which houses a large-scale wind chime. The tower and surrounding park creates a new gathering space for Merriam residents and visitors.

Down the street at the Marketplace, you might have seen another curious artistic creation. Pianos on Parade is back! Now through September, you can visit and play the Kansas City Royals-themed piano designed by artists Anita Rhnea Sisk and Michael Schliefske. Play a tune or step into the batter's box and snap a selfie. Don't forget to share your Merriam piano pics on social media using #pianosonparade and #merriamks.

Entertainment Schedule

Date	Performer
Wed. August 3	Saxes Plus
Sat. August 6	Chef Mark
Wed. August 10	Mark Montgomery
Sat. August 13	Music House School of Music
Wed. August 17	Dan Bliss
Sat. August 20	Peggy Chilson
Wed. August 24	Good Sam Club Duo
Sat. August 27	Ronni Ward
Wed. August 31	Prairie Country Band
Sat. September 3	David Smart
Sat. September 10	Car Show
Sat. September 17	Timberfall
Sat. September 24	Saxes Plus
Sat. October 1	Ronni Ward
Sat. October 8	Last Day of Market





16TH ANNUAL TURKEY CREEK CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW



Held annually on the second Saturday in September, Merriam's Turkey Creek Car & Motorcycle Show features all classes of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Enjoy prizes, music by DJ Rick Frederick, great local food vendors and 250+ entries on display.

Saturday, September 10
10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. *Rain or shine!*

Merriam Marketplace
5740 Merriam Drive

Schedule

7:30 a.m. Parking lot opens
8 a.m. Pre-registration packet pick-up
8 a.m. Event registration
3:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Lodging

Need a hotel room? Contact the Merriam Visitors Bureau at 913.403.8999 or visit www.exploremerriam.com.

More information: merriam.org/events

Registration

Registration can be completed at www.merriam.org/park or a printed entry form can be mailed to:

Turkey Creek Car & Motorcycle Show
5701 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS 66203

Checks should be made payable to the City of Merriam.

All registered participants will receive:

- 2016/2017 Calendar featuring 2015 Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Calendar Award Winners
- Custom designed t-shirt with show logo
- Custom designed dash plaque
- Entry to win Grand Prize of \$4,000 to be spent at any GOLD SPONSOR

Entry Fee

Pre-Registration	\$20
Event Day (<i>space available</i>)	\$30
Additional Calendars	\$5
Additional T-Shirts	\$15
	(\$17 for XXL)

OVER 50 AWARDS!

Top 20 Cars • Top 5 Motorcycles • Choice Awards • Special Awards • Calendar Award
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EVENTS

Fall 2016



Pooch Paddle

Tuesday, September 6 // 6:30–7:45 p.m.

Merriam Aquatic Center // 6040 Slater

Howling and barking to all pooches and dogs — all shapes and sizes are invited for one last big splash of the year. The MAC is closing down for the season so our furry friends can enjoy a summer-ending dip. Dogs and owners both look forward to this annual tradition. Dog(s) must be on a leash until they enter the water. **Proof of vaccinations required. No exceptions.**

\$5 // pooch in advance through September 5 Event # 240105A3

\$6 // pooch on day of the event



Yoga in the Gallery

Saturday, October 8 // 10–11 a.m.

Irene B. French Community Center // 5701 Merriam Drive

Tim Murphy Art Gallery

Experience something new on a Saturday morning.

Yoga synchronizes breath with movement while building strength, flexibility, and concentration. Cleanse the body, calm the mind and take in art featured in the Tim Murphy Art Gallery. The gallery offers monthly exhibits featuring contemporary artwork by local and regional artists. Please bring a yoga mat and bottled water. Pre-registration required.

\$5 // person **Instructor:** Reed Event # 320803P5



Funday Sunday

Sunday, September 18 // 4–7 p.m.

Merriam Marketplace // 5740 Merriam Drive

Kitchen is closed, weather is nice and the family is hungry!

Dine with us and local food trucks at the conveniently located Merriam Marketplace. Enjoy games for the family, an inflatable bounce house and music from Kim and the Gasmen. Food vendors accept cash or debit/credit cards. Event is free with the exception of food purchased from trucks.

A portion of the proceeds from food purchases will be donated to support Flags4Freedom.



Merriam Historic Plaza Open House

Thursday, September 22 // 1–4 p.m.

Merriam Historic Plaza // 6304 E. Frontage Road

Come celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Merriam Historic Plaza at an open house on Thursday, September 22 from 1–4 p.m. Sign the guest book, nosh on party snacks, watch a throw-back video of MHP, play the 10 & Win game and grab a party hat for a selfie with the bears! All ages welcome.

All ages **FREE**



Halloween Happening

Saturday, October 29 // 2–3:30 p.m.

Merriam Marketplace // 5740 Merriam Drive

"Halloween is coming, I like it the most. I'll be a goblin, you can be a ghost."

When we get all dressed up, we will say, "Boo! It's trick or treat day!" Join us for a Halloween party complete with games, inflatables, costume contest, storytelling with the Johnson County Library and more.

Ages 2-9 **FREE**



Super Hero Family Party

Friday, November 11 // 6–8 p.m.

Irene B. French Community Center // 5701 Merriam Drive

Spend Friday night dressing up as super heroes with members of your family. Looking for Ms. Marvel, X-Men, Captain America, Superwoman, and YOU. There will be goofy games to play, family challenges, door prizes and more. Dinner served at 6 p.m.

\$6 // person **Registration deadline: Thursday, November 10. Min/Max: 35/75**

Event # 340201A1

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3 // 10–11:15 a.m.

Irene B. French Community Center // 5701 Merriam Drive

"Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose, some might even say it glows."

Join all the other reindeer as we laugh and play reindeer games. Breakfast with Santa has become a popular special event here in Merriam. No crowds to fight at the mall, plus a morning packed with face painting, a craft, breakfast and story time with our friends from the Johnson County Library; plus, the added bonus of some one-on-one time with Santa.

All ages **\$5 // adult**
Children **FREE** with paying adult; parents must be in attendance.
Registration deadline: Friday, December 2. Min/Max: 24/75

Event # 340205B2



Sundown with Santa/Mayor's Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 3 // 5:30 p.m.

Merriam Marketplace // 5740 Merriam Drive

"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?"

In the lane snow is glistening, a beautiful sight, we're happy tonight here in Merriam. Get in the holiday spirit with Santa and the Mayor. Join us for this annual tradition of good cheer, games, music, hot cocoa, time to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree.

All ages **FREE**

Call for Musicians/Bands

Music sets the tone for special events. During the summer months the Merriam Parks & Recreation Department plays host to several special events such as the Turkey Creek Festival, Party in YOUR Parks at three locations, Summer Sundays in Merriam with Food Trucks, Cruise Night, and the ever-popular Merriam Farmers' Market.

Applications for the 2017 special event season will be available starting September 12, 2016, by visiting www.merriam.org/events. For more information, contact Sara Thompson at 913.322.5550.

Submission deadline: Wednesday, December 14, 2016



IRENE B. FRENCH COMMUNITY CENTER

The mission of the Merriam Parks and Recreation Department is to provide first class facilities and parks, and enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors through educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities.

Meet our Team

Facility Staff

- Anna Slocum**, Director
- Dave Smothers**, Assistant Director
- Sara Thompson**, Recreation Supervisor
- Ingrid Berg**, Assistant Recreation Coordinator
- Lisa Naughton**, Administrative Assistant
- Dan Whitmill**, Maintenance Worker II
- Steve Derendinger**, Maintenance Worker I
- Tom Gist**, Farmers' Market Coordinator
- Diane Monroe**, Farmers' Market Supervisor
- Jennifer Reed**, Fitness Specialist
- Amy McClure**, Aquatic Center Manager

Facility Supervisors

Diane • Shellie • Rose • Joe • Michelle • Bobby

Community Center Closures

Occasionally, portions of the Community Center may be closed for short periods of time due to repairs, maintenance needs or specially scheduled activities and holidays. Anticipated closures will be posted as early as possible.

Holidays and Closings

- Monday, September 5, 2016** Labor Day
- Wednesday, November 23, 2016** Close at 5 p.m.
- Thursday, November 24, 2016** Thanksgiving
- Sunday, December 25, 2016** Christmas

Connect

 /MERRIAM PARKS

Merriam Parks & Recreation

5701 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS 66203
P: 913.322.5550 // F: 913.677.1409
annas@merriam.org
www.merriam.org/park

MONDAY-THURSDAY	8 a.m.-9 p.m.
FRIDAY	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
SATURDAY	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
SUNDAY	1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Located in a renovated, historic school building, the Irene B. French Community Center is a 33,000 square foot facility and home to the majority of Merriam Parks and Recreation programs.

IBFCC Amenities

- NEWLY RENOVATED Fitness center with cardiovascular and strength training equipment
- Art Gallery with monthly exhibits
- Commercially equipped kitchen
- Conference room
- Dance studio with wood floor, mirrors and ballet barre
- Game room with pool table, foosball, ping-pong, big screen TV and Wii®
- Gymnasium with built-in stage
- Event space with Wi-Fi capabilities

Open Gym

Regularly scheduled open gym times are set aside each week depending upon gym availability. A schedule is posted each week that lists available times for each age group. Weekly schedules are available at the front desk, online at www.merriam.org/park (Community Center tab/Open Gym), or by calling 913.322.5550.

To participate, all non-members entering the gymnasium must pay the daily admission fee. Youth or adult teams may not use open gym times to conduct practices, but may rent the gym according to rental policies.

\$3 // person Daily fee

Irene B. French Community Center Policies

Facility users are expected to respect community center property and fellow users. Destruction of property, profanity and abusive behavior will not be tolerated. Violators will be asked to leave the facility, and repeat offenders will have their privileges permanently revoked.

The use of tobacco products is prohibited in the community center and within 10 feet of the entrances.

The community center is not staffed to provide individual child supervision. Please do not drop children off and leave them unattended. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by a responsible person age 14 or older. No person under the age of 16 is allowed to participate in, or attend, adult fitness classes.

ID Card Admission Policy

Fitness center patrons must furnish a photo ID card with proof of residency. If no ID is available, an ID card can be provided with proper documentation for \$5. Residency information must be updated annually.

Program Instructors Needed

Turn your hobby or skill into a part-time job by teaching a class at the Community Center. Contact Sara Thompson at 913.322.5550 to discuss your idea for a new program!

Register Early!

Please register at least three (3) working days prior to the start date of the class to prevent cancellation due to low enrollment. Many of our classes fill early due to popularity.

Scholarships

A limited number of recreation scholarships are available to help defray the cost of class and membership registration fees. Limited to Merriam residents; low-income guidelines apply. For an application, contact Merriam Parks and Recreation Department at 913.322.5550.

Refund/ Cancellation/ Transfer Policy

The City of Merriam Parks and Recreation Department prides itself in providing first class recreational opportunities to the residents of Merriam. Although patrons have the desire to attend all sessions for programs for which they are registered, there may be circumstances that prevent them from completing the program. Recognizing the need to provide assistance with these situations, programs, memberships and rental refunds will be handled in accordance with the policy posted on the website and available at the Irene B. French Community Center. All refunds are processed Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. For purpose of point of notification, written requests that can be verified by date will be accepted during all hours of operation at the Irene B. French Community Center front desk. Refunds for transactions paid by credit card, regardless of the amount, will be credited to the account on the day the cancellation is approved. Transactions paid by cash or check will be reimbursed by check, unless less than \$10. Please allow up to three weeks for payment. Refunds less than \$10 will be reimbursed with cash and will require a signature from the person eligible for the refund. Administration reserves the right to review and alter policy as needed. Notification of change will be provided in writing on the website and posted at the Irene B. French Community Center front desk of any modifications to the policy.

The City of Merriam does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion or disability in the operation of any activity, program or service.

Merriam Parks and Recreation is committed to making accommodations as required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Requests for reasonable accommodations must be made to Merriam Parks and Recreation one week prior to the start of a program. Please indicate what accommodations are needed.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Merriam Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., at the Irene B. French Community Center. The board is comprised of one representative from each of the four city wards, two at-large positions, and one youth representative.

WARDS

Suzanne Downey
Thelma Fowler
LaVera Howard
Kathy Stull

AT-LARGE

Tom Heffron
Katie Leary
Vacant, youth

Merriam Parks, Recreation, and Community Center Foundation

Sharing in Your Community's Future

Established in 1988 as a means to provide support for Merriam recreation facilities, programs and parks, the Foundation has provided more than \$170,000 in support to the Parks and Recreation Department. The largest fund raising campaign is the Flags4Freedom event, held during the week of July 4. The Foundation is a tremendous supporter of the arts in Merriam, donating a piece of artwork annually from the Heartland Artist Exhibition that becomes part of the permanent collection hanging at the Irene B. French Community Center. Recent programs include scholarship assistance for Merriam Parks and Recreation programs and memberships, sponsorship of Summer Sundays in Merriam, new benches for Chatlain Park and assistance in renovation/ expansion of the Tim Murphy Art Gallery.

Individuals or groups wanting to make a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, should contact Anna Slocum at 913.322.5550 or annas@merriam.org.

BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Hayden, President
Lori Hanson, Secretary
Nancy Hupp, Treasurer
Lanny Bachtle
Jane Doerflinger
Frank Dover
Carol Eubank
LaVera Howard
Kathy Rowe



COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM RENTALS

A great place for birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, wedding receptions, business meetings, banquets, corporate picnics, family reunions, and much more...

The Center's small classrooms, conference room, game room, kitchen facilities and outdoor shelters are all available for group rentals. Support equipment for business meetings and functions, including internet access in our classrooms can be provided.

Staff can provide details regarding room or park availability, rental fees and reservation deposits. Call 913.322.5550 or visit www.merriam.org/park for more information.



ROOM	Jenks Gymnasium	Hocker Grove	Campbell Room	Kessler Room
ROOM SIZE	43' x 64'	22' x 61'	20' x 61'	18' x 23'
CAPACITY*	200+	90	75	27

*Capacity varies depending upon selected room arrangement

OUTDOOR RENTAL SPACES

Rental Season: 1st Saturday in April–4th Monday in October



New!

Brown Park
5040 Booker Drive

Tucked in the South Park neighborhood, this shelter provides eight picnic tables and a large grill perfect for all events. Amenities include: new playground and swings, walking trail, basketball court, and open green space.



Chatlain Park
6300 Carter Avenue

This 5.25-acre park provides access to the Turkey Creek Streamway Trail. The pavilion has eight picnic tables and a large grill. Amenities include NEW playground equipment, swings, open green space, and paved parking.



Merriam Marketplace
5740 Merriam Drive

This facility is perfect for corporate picnics, family reunions and other gatherings. Amenities include a bridge connecting to Turkey Creek Streamway Park Trail, electrical hookups, playground equipment and a sand volleyball court across the street at the Community Center. Tables and chairs are not provided.



Vavra Park
6114 Slater Street

This shelter is perfect for family gatherings. Nestled in a wooded area, the pavilion contains eight picnic tables and a large grill. Park amenities include new playground equipment, swings, walking paths, open green space, and is next to the Merriam Aquatic Center.



Waterfall Park
5191 Merriam Drive

Julius McFarlin Fields includes four fields for team practices. Fields may be reserved by the hour. Call 913.322.5550 for availability.

TIM MURPHY ART GALLERY

Irene B. French
Community Center
3rd floor

MONDAY-THURSDAY
8 a.m.-9 p.m.

FRIDAY
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

SUNDAY
1 p.m.-5 p.m.



GILLESPIE

Upcoming Exhibits

The Tim Murphy Art Gallery hosts monthly exhibits by local and regional artists. Opening night receptions are at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. All exhibits are free to the public and many artists will have originals and prints for sale. Exhibits can be viewed online at www.merriam.org/park.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
"Light in the Other Room"

Erlene Flowers, Ben Mercer, Margaretre Gillespie, Darryl Chamberlain

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
"Senior Art Council Presents"

Bryce Moore and local senior artists

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26
"Oil and Water do Mix"

Cathie Thompson, Cathy Kline, Darla Zook

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
"20th Annual High School Visual Arts Competition"

Local High School Student Artists

Area high school artists may submit three digital images of their work in the categories of 2D (watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylics, drawing, sculpture), 3D work, photography and computer generated art. The deadline to submit is Wednesday, October 19. Last year there were 15 high schools, 471 artists, and 883 total works submitted for the show. Prizes are given to the top three in each medium group.



CARTMELL



KLINE



HIGH SCHOOL

21st Annual Heartland Artist Exhibition

Saturday, March 4 – Saturday, April 1



2016 BEST OF SHOW
"Witches Hats"
David DeArmond
Merriam, Kan.

The opening reception for this national juried show will be Saturday, March 4 from 5-7 p.m. The evening will include food, refreshments and live music by KC Strings.

NEW THIS YEAR! Photography will now be accepted as a medium. Deadline to apply is January 10. For more information or to download an application visit www.merriam.org/park

Sponsored by the City of Merriam and Merriam Parks, Recreation, and Community Center Foundation.

Coffee & Canvas

August 3 – December 7

Wednesday Mornings // 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday mornings for an open painting session as a collective group. Bring a friend or just paint with fellow artists. We provide the "space" and you bring everything else. Share in the company of local artists, their creativity and fellowship.

\$3 // person
South Park Room

No registration required!

The mission of the Tim Murphy Art Gallery is to increase public awareness of the visual arts by providing a setting for exhibition and education. Now in its 20th year of operation, the Art Gallery recently underwent a major expansion and renovation doubling in size! The space features fully restored 1911 hardwood floors, acoustic fabric walls, and LED lighting.

Tim Murphy
ART GALLERY



FITNESS CENTER

Irene B. French Community Center, 1st floor

MONDAY-THURSDAY	8 a.m.–9 p.m.
FRIDAY	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
SATURDAY	8 a.m.–4 p.m.
SUNDAY	1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Visit the completely renovated 1,200-square foot fitness center located on the 1st floor of the Irene B. French Community Center. With a relaxed, friendly environment and no contracts, our fitness center is an ideal place for your workout. We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to stop in and try out ALL of the NEW equipment!

Fitness center renovation sees big results

DAILY USER STATISTICS: JANUARY 1 – MAY 31

	2014: 4,399 Weight room in original location
	2015: 4,658 Weight room relocated upstairs, new flooring and new strength machines
	2016: 4,944 Weight room renovation complete with new cardio equipment

This is a 12 percent increase in visits since the beginning of the process!

ANNUAL USER STATISTICS

	2014: 9,134	
	2015: 10,612	14% increase from 2014
	2016: 11,680 <small>(projected)</small>	10% increase over 2015 28% increase since 2014



Fitness Center Equipment

Strength

- New Life/Hammer Strength selectorized equipment
- Dual adjustable pulley machine
- Smith machine
- Adjustable bench
- Dumbbell rack
- Free weight dumbbells
- Kettlebells
- Stability balls

Cardiovascular

NEW CARDIOVASCULAR EQUIPMENT

- LifeFitness treadmills (4)
- StepMill (1)
- LifeFitness recumbent bicycle (1)
- LifeFitness upright bicycle (1)
- LifeFitness elliptical (2)
- SciFit total body recumbent stepper (1)
- LifeFitness row trainer (1)

Equipment includes a 900 mHz receiver to select from your choice of one of three televisions or preselected FM radio stations.

Not ready to commit to a membership? Try out the center for a day on us!

DAILY PASS FEE:

- \$5 // person Resident***
- \$6 // person Non-Resident**

*Valid Kansas driver's license or state ID required with current Merriam address



FITNESS TESTING AND ORIENTATIONS

Equipment Orientation

A certified fitness specialist is available by appointment to provide a free 60-minute personalized orientation to fitness center equipment. The orientation is highly recommended for first time users.

Comprehensive Fitness Evaluation/Testing

This program is conducted by a fitness specialist and consists of the following tests with a prescribed exercise program based on your needs:

- Resting heart rate
- Blood pressure
- Measurements
- 3-minute step test for cardiovascular fitness
- A lowerback/hamstring flexibility test
- A sit-up test measuring abdominal strength
- Upper body strength
- Body fat percent analysis

FREE
for Health Club Members
\$15 for non-members

Body Composition

This is a rapid and easy way to learn proportion of body fat to lean body tissue. This test gives you a good idea for what your percentage of body fat is and where it should be. Each 15-minute appointment is private and includes circumference measurements, body fat measurements, and a short consultation.

FREE
for Health Club Members
\$15 for non-members

Personal Training

Hourly personal training sessions available with a Fitness Specialist.

\$25 // hour Members
\$50 // hour Non-members

HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Family and single Health Club memberships are available to both Merriam residents and non-residents, with no contracts required! The health club offers a relaxed and friendly environment. Youth, age 13-15, must have a mandatory equipment orientation with our fitness specialist and must be accompanied by a person 18 years or older.

Membership includes:

- Unlimited use of the fitness center
- Open gym activities at scheduled times
- Use of game room and locker room privileges
- Fitness center equipment orientation
- Fitness evaluation by appointment with our fitness specialist
- Updated personal programs

	MONTHLY		QUARTERLY		ANNUAL	
	RESIDENT*	NON-RESIDENT	RESIDENT*	NON-RESIDENT	RESIDENT*	NON-RESIDENT
ADULT (16+)	\$25	\$30	\$60	\$70	\$190	\$230
SENIOR (60+)	\$20	\$25	\$45	\$55	\$150	\$175
HOUSEHOLD	\$30	\$40	\$80	\$95	\$265**	\$330

DAILY PASS FEE: \$5 // Resident \$6 // Non-Resident

*Proof of residency required **Sr. Household (60+) \$225

Who qualifies for resident fees?

- Any person owning taxable real estate in the City of Merriam
- Any person permanently residing in the City of Merriam

What can be used as proof of residency?

- A valid Kansas driver's license or state ID with current Merriam address.

Be a regular Fitness Center user and you could win a FREE Membership!

We would like to show our appreciation to our "loyal" health club members who use our facility on a continuous basis throughout the year. Every quarter we will have a drawing from our Health Club memberships. One lucky member will receive a FREE "single" quarterly membership. To qualify you must be a health club member for at least two consecutive quarters.

Renew your membership online at www.merriam.org/park.

Parks&Rec // Youth

REGISTRATION

Registration begins on **CALL** **ONLINE** **VISIT**
 August 1, 2016 913.322.5550 www.merriam.org/park Irene B. French Community Center

Challenger Sports Mini-Kickers

Start your preschooler out on the right foot with soccer. Mini-Kickers is an exciting program that teaches basic soccer skills while developing strength, balance and listening skills. The Mini-Kickers' curriculum was devised by soccer experts, child development professionals and is instructed by professional British soccer coaches. **Register by calling 913.599.4884 or at registration.challengersports.com.**

Location: Jenks Gym



The Ki Society

You are invited to experience something new. The five disciplines of the Ki Society will be introduced in this program, including Ki-Breathing, Ki-Meditation, Aikido, Kiatsu, and Bell Meditation. These practices can be lifelong, and are fundamental to an awareness of our natural state of being. Please wear pants and a shirt that are suitable for mild exercise.

Location: Hocker Grove // Instructor: Montgomery

Preschool Indoor Playground

Pretend you're a truck driver, policeman, motorcycle driver and more. At this playground there are little tyke ride-along toys, a kitchen and two bounce houses. Have fun, make some new friends, run and be loud. Parents must supervise their own children during playground time. New this fall, during the fourth Tuesday of October, November and December, our friends from Johnson County Library will join us for story time.

\$2 // child. Punch cards available: \$10 for 10 visits

Every Tuesday Year-Round!

Location: Jenks Gym



Sewing with Jordan

The first step in learning to sew is understanding how to operate your machine, and Jordan will teach you how! In this two-and-a half-hour workshop, we will cover it all — from turning your machine on, winding a bobbin and threading your machine, to practicing the most useful stitches. We will even do a simple project together to get you started. Come learn an important life skill in a fun environment, and leave confident and ready to sew on your own. Students will need to bring their sewing machine and accessories. Supply list will be given at time of registration.

Location: Kessler Room // Instructor: Jordan Gomez

CLASS	CLASS #	AGES	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	TIME	DATES	FEE	DROP IN	MIN/MAX
Challenger Sports Mini-Kickers	-	2-3				●				9-9:45 a.m.	Sept. 8-Oct.13	\$75	-	8/35
Challenger Sports Mini-Kickers	-	4-5				●				9:45-10:30 a.m.	Sept. 8-Oct.13	\$75	-	8/35
The Ki Society	310904S7	5-12	●							6-6:50 p.m.	Sept. 6-Oct. 25	\$35	\$7	1/12
The Ki Society	310904S8	5-12	●							6-6:50 p.m.	Nov. 8-Dec. 20	\$35	\$7	1/12
Preschool Indoor Playground	-	0-4	●							9:30-11:30 a.m.	Every Tuesday	-	\$2	-
Sewing with Jordan	310501S1	12+						●		1-3:30 p.m.	Sept. 18	\$50	-	3/5
Sewing with Jordan	310501S2	12+						●		9:30a.m.-12p.m.	Dec. 3	\$50	-	3/5



Game Room

Our game room is available for use on a “drop-in” visit basis. The game room includes lounge furniture, a pool table, ping-pong table, foosball table, Wii® gaming station with Wii® sports, and a 52” high-definition television.

Daily Fee: \$2 // person. Use of game room equipment is included.

Children age 8 and under must be accompanied by a person age 14 or older.

BIRTHDAY PACKAGES!

Host your child’s birthday party here!

All packages are for two hours during regular business hours.

For more information and availability, call 913.322.5550.

PRESCHOOL PACKAGE #1

Includes the preschool playground set up in the gym with tables and chairs for 20.

\$116 // MERRIAM RESIDENT

\$145 // NON-RESIDENT

Intended for children ages 5 and under.

PRESCHOOL PACKAGE #2

Includes the preschool playground set up in the gym plus the use of a multi-purpose room with maximum seating of 75.

\$144 // MERRIAM RESIDENT

\$180 // NON-RESIDENT

Intended for children ages 5 and under.

GAME ROOM PACKAGE

Includes use of all activities and equipment in the game room, and a separate party room with seating for 24. Game room includes a pool table, ping-pong table, foosball table, Wii gaming system, and a 52-inch high-definition television.

\$65 // MERRIAM RESIDENT

\$85 // NON-RESIDENT

Intended for children ages 8 and up.

SPORTS PACKAGE

Includes the gymnasium and a separate party room with seating for 24 people. Equipment available for basketball, volleyball and pickleball. A \$5 additional setup fee is charged for rentals requiring a net.

\$60 // MERRIAM RESIDENT

\$70 // NON-RESIDENT

Intended for children ages 5 and up.

Parks&Rec // Adult Enrichment Classes

Getting to Know your Sewing Machine

Is your machine sitting in the back of a closet gathering dust? Are you intimidated just looking at it, but still want to learn to sew? Bring your sewing machine and all its accessories (power cord, manual, bobbins, presser feet, etc.) to this workshop. Our patient and talented instructor will show you how to wind bobbins, thread the machine and more. You will re-familiarize yourself with the machine parts and the most useful stitches. We will sew a quick project together so you will leave feeling confident enough to sew on your own. Supply list available at time of registration.

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. // Min/Max: 3/6
Location: Kessler Room // Instructor: Gomez

September 10	#320501C1	\$50
October 15	#320501C2	\$50
November 12	#320501C3	\$50

1,000 Grand Challenge/Basics of Investing

Does investing intimidate you? Do you feel clueless when conversations turn to the stock market? Have you procrastinated your investment plan? Hands-on investing will teach you about the stock market, other investment alternatives and how to invest for success. An instructor will guide you through a series of investments that you will select and then track. You will experience everything from setting your investment decision-making criteria, to implementing money-saving tax and estate planning strategies. Each week you will learn more to prepare for the real world of investing and plan for your future.

Tuesdays, 6:30–8 p.m. // Min/Max: 8/24
Location: Kessler Room // Instructor: Rinke

September 6 – October 4	#320501G2	\$25
October 18–November 15	#320501G3	\$25

Parks&Rec // Adult Classes

FITNESS

Belly Dance

Learn basic belly dance techniques while building flexibility and stamina. No experience required. Wear comfortable clothing, bare feet or dance slippers.

Location: **Hocker Grove/Merriam Park** // Instructor: **Field**

Belly Dance–Intermediate

This class builds on the belly dance technique and concepts taught in Beginning Belly Dance. The class will work on flexibility and stamina, combinations, layers and choreography, as well as group improvisational format belly dance. Performance opportunities are offered throughout the year. Experience is required for this class. Please email the instructor at amaraduende@yahoo.com.

Location: **Hocker Grove/Merriam Park** // Instructor: **Field**

Belly Dance–Advanced

Challenge yourself and build the sharp hips, gorgeous arms, and smooth undulations that make belly dance so much fun and such great exercise. Wear comfortable clothing, bare feet or dance slippers, and get ready to build strength, grace, and have a lot of fun.

Location: **Hocker Grove/Merriam Park** // Instructor: **Field**

Cardio Strength and Stretch

Achieve the perfect balance between strength and flexibility with a blend of the latest in modern fitness training and yoga to help you reach for results. Come prepared to work hard, sweat, and have fun using free weights, jump ropes, kettlebells, and body bars. Wind down with basic yoga stretches to leave your body and mind strong and calm

Location: **Jenks Gym** // Instructor: **Reed**

YOGA

Gentle Yoga

Nourish your mind while being gentle on your body. This class is perfect for those who need modified poses but want maximum benefits. Designed with older students or those with ongoing chronic conditions, this slower paced yoga class is just the right amount of gentle work to provide increased mobility and decrease pain levels. A doctor's note is requested.

Location: **Merriam Park Room** // Instructor: **Duran**

Yoga Express

Exercise your body while freeing your mind from the stresses of everyday life. Treat yourself to the mid-day break you deserve while enhancing your body. Participants will use props such as blocks and blankets to assure proper form and body alignment, focus on oneself and leave stress at the door.

Location: **Merriam Park Room** // Instructor: **Duran**

Iyengar Yoga–Level 1

A derivative of Hatha Yoga, Iyengar Yoga emphasizes detail, precision and alignment for posture and breath control. The development of strength, mobility and stability is gained through the use of props.

Location: **Merriam Park Room** // Instructor: **Duran**

Iyengar Yoga–Level 2

For continuing students who participated in a Iyengar Level 1 Yoga class two or more times, or have previous yoga experience.

Location: **Merriam Park Room** // Instructor: **Duran**

Iyengar Yoga–Level 3

For students who can do inversions at the wall with ease.

Location: **Merriam Park Room** // Instructor: **Duran**

AND MORE

Dancing in Merriam

Is a family relative having a wedding and your dance steps are rusty or maybe you want to revive a past hobby? This recreational class will help you learn fundamental skills and techniques of a variety of dances such as ballroom, cha-cha, salsa etc. It's fun and good exercise too.

Location: **Hocker Grove Room** // Instructor: **Frazier**

The Ki Society

You are invited to experience something new. This program will introduce the five disciplines of the Ki Society. These include Ki-Breathing, Ki-Meditation, Aikido, Kiatsu, and Bell Meditation. These practices can be lifelong, and are fundamental to an awareness of our natural state of being. Please wear pants and a shirt that are suitable for mild exercise.

Location: **Hocker Grove** // Instructor: **Montgomery**

Yoshokai Aikido

Loosely translated, Aikido means "the Way of harmony with nature or universal energy." Aikido is a way of studying harmony through physical movements. Although a self-defense art technique, Aikido focuses on attention to detail and form.

Location: **Campbell Room/Jenks Gym** // Instructor: **Duran**

Pickleball: Drop-in Play

Part tennis, part badminton, part ping pong, all fun! This easy-to-learn, eye-hand coordination game is rapidly growing in popularity, nationwide. Equipment provided; the only thing you need is a partner and a fun attitude!

Location: **Jenks Gym**



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CLASS	CLASS #	AGE	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	TIME	DATES	FEE	DROP IN	MIN/MAX
Belly Dance	320807C1	16+		●					6:30–7:30 p.m.	Sept.6–Oct. 25	\$70	\$10	3/10
Belly Dance	320807C2	16+		●					6:30–7:30 p.m.	Nov. 8–Dec. 20	\$60	\$10	3/10
Belly Dance–Intermediate	320807C5	16+		●					7:35–8:35 p.m.	Sept. 6–Oct. 25	\$80	\$12	3/10
Belly Dance–Intermediate	320807C6	16+		●					7:35–8:35 p.m.	Nov. 8–Dec. 20	\$70	\$12	3/10
Belly Dance–Advanced	320807C3	16+			●				7–9 p.m.	Sept. 7–Oct. 26	\$80	\$12	3/10
Belly Dance–Advanced	320807C4	16+			●				7–9 p.m.	Nov. 9–Dec. 21	\$70	\$12	3/10
Cardio Strength & Stretch	320802T3	16+		●		●			5:45–6:45 p.m.	Sept. 6–Oct. 27	\$48	\$7	6/20
Cardio Strength & Stretch	320802T4	16+		●		●			5:45–6:45 p.m.	Nov. 3–Dec. 22*	\$46	\$7	6/20
Gentle Yoga	320803D3	16+	●						6–7:25 p.m.	Sept. 12–Oct. 31	\$84	\$15	3/10
Gentle Yoga	320803D4	16+	●						6–7:25 p.m.	Nov. 7–Dec 19	\$77	\$15	3/10
Gentle Yoga	320803B5	16+				●			9–10:25 a.m.	Sept. 8–Oct. 20	\$77	\$15	3/10
Gentle Yoga	320803B6	16+				●			9–10:25 a.m.	Oct. 27–Dec. 15*	\$77	\$15	3/10
Yoga Express	320803N5	16+		●		●			12–12:45 p.m.	Sept. 6–Oct. 27	\$54	\$7	3/10
Yoga Express	320803N6	16+		●		●			12–12:45 p.m.	Nov. 1–Dec. 15*	\$45	\$7	3/10
Iyengar Yoga–Level 1	320803R3	16+			●				6–7:30 p.m.	Sept. 7–Oct. 26	\$72	\$15	3/10
Iyengar Yoga–Level 1	320803R4	16+			●				6–7:30 p.m.	Nov. 2–Dec. 14	\$68	\$15	3/10
Iyengar Yoga–Level 2	320803F5	16+	●						9–10:25 a.m.	Sept. 6–Oct. 25	\$84	\$15	3/10
Iyengar Yoga–Level 2	320803F6	16+	●						9–10:25 a.m.	Nov. 1–Dec. 13	\$77	\$15	3/10
Iyengar Yoga–Level 3	320803E3	16+	●						7:30–8:55 p.m.	Sept. 12–Oct. 31	\$84	\$15	3/10
Iyengar Yoga–Level 3	320803E4	16+	●						7:30–8:55 p.m.	Nov. 7–Dec. 19	\$77	\$15	3/10
Dancing in Merriam	320602U5	16+				●			7–9 p.m.	Sept. 8–Oct. 13	\$60	–	3/12
Dancing in Merriam	320602U6	16+				●			7–9 p.m.	Oct. 27–Dec. 8*	\$60	–	3/12
The Ki Society	320904K1	16+		●					7–8:30 p.m.	Sept. 6–Oct. 25	\$35	\$7	4/20
The Ki Society	320904K2	16+		●					7–8:30 p.m.	Nov. 8–Dec. 20	\$35	\$7	4/20
Yoshokai Aikido	320904C7	16+				●			6–7 p.m.	Sept. 8–Oct. 20	\$56	–	3/10
Yoshokai Aikido	320904C8	16+				●			6–7 p.m.	Oct. 27–Dec. 5*	\$56	–	3/10
Yoshokai Aikido	320904C5	16+					●		10–11 a.m.	Sept. 10–Oct. 15	\$56	–	3/10
Yoshokai Aikido	320904C6	16+					●		10–11 a.m.	Oct. 29–Dec. 17*	\$56	–	3/10
Pickleball	–	16+	●						4–6:30 p.m.	ongoing	–	\$1	–
Pickleball	–	16+					●		8:15–11:15 a.m.	ongoing	–	\$1	–

*No class on Thursday, November 24; Friday, November 25; or Saturday, November 26

Parks&Rec // 50+ Programs & Classes

Flu Shot Clinic

Friday, October 7 // 9-11:30 a.m.

We never know when the flu bug will hit us. Interim Healthcare will visit Merriam this fall to provide senior adults with flu shots. Seniors will need to sign up for a time at the main office of the Irene B. French Community Center.

All flu shot recipients will be required to provide proof of insurance through either Medicare, Humana or Coventry.

Congregate Meals

Monday-Friday

Participate in the Johnson County Nutrition Program Neighborhood Center at the Irene B. French Community Center. This noon meal program is offered on weekdays; home delivered meals are available for anyone who is unable to come to the meal site. For information about the program, or for a reservation, please contact the site manager at 913.677.2048.

A donation for meals is requested.

Location: Hocker Grove Room

Merriam 50+ Club

1st & 3rd Fridays

Meet at the Irene B. French Community Center on the first and third Fridays of each month from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors for food, fun and a weekly program. New members are always welcome! For more information, contact LaNelle Radcliffe at 913.722.1917.

Location: Campbell Room

"Boomer Buzz"

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Merriam Parks and Recreation Department sends out a newsletter with listings of bi-monthly special events, programs and classes, dedicated to the 50 and better age group. To be placed on the mailing list call 913.322.5550.

B.I.N.G.O.

Second Thursdays // 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

September 8 // Dessert BINGO

October 13 // Costume BINGO

November 10 // Give thanks to Veterans BINGO

When life gets hectic just "Keep Clam and play BINGO!" Join us on the second Thursday of the month for only \$3 and receive three cards to play 15 games, PLUS snacks and beverages. Prizes include gift cards and consumables.

\$3//person

Location: Jenks Gym

Holiday Bingo/Cookie Exchange

Thursday, December 8 // 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate the holidays with a cookie exchange. Please bring one dozen (or more) of your favorite holiday recipe to share and receive an assortment to take home.

\$3 // person

Location: Jenks Gym

Alzheimer's: Know the 10 Signs; Early Detection Matters

Wednesday, September 7 // 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Are you somewhat frightened about the issue of memory loss in yourself or someone you know? This program is designed to address fears with information and encouragement, and focuses on the reasons to visit a doctor to get assessed. We will talk about the stigma, diagnosis, intervention and adjustments associated with Alzheimer's and dispel some of the fears of addressing symptoms. Although there are no known cures for Alzheimer's, early detection and treatment may help alleviate symptoms. Pre-registration required.

FREE

Location: Kessler Room Class #330501G1

Program presented by the Johnson County Extension Service

Instructor: Valeria Edwards

AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturdays, September 17 and 24 // 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Remember the fun of taking "drivers education" back in the day? AARP instructs this improved Smart Driver Course which helps you keep current for your trips and journeys. Pre-registration is required with payment. Checks payable to AARP.

\$15/AARP Member

\$20/Non-Member

Location: Kessler Room Class #330502G5

Silver Screen Matinée

Wednesdays // 1 p.m.

Let's all go to the movies!

We are going to make you an offer you can't refuse — a FREE showing of a recent movie in a relaxed environment. Schedules are available at the front desk and highlighted in the bi-monthly "Boomer Buzz" newsletter.

Bring a friend and a snack. Free popcorn is provided the last Wednesday of each month. Movies subject to change.

FREE

Location: Game Room



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Ageless Yoga

Yoga, more than any other exercise, can be tailored to fit seniors. Often this age group suffers from multiple conditions such as high blood pressure, arthritis and poor sleep. Yoga has shown to help alleviate these conditions by combining poses with relaxation and breathing techniques to improve overall health.

Location: Merriam Park Room // Instructor: McMillan

Chair Yoga

Yoga has amazing internal benefits as well as body defining properties. Using a chair in place of a yoga mat allows you the freedom to increase your flexibility and soften your mood in a relaxing atmosphere.

Location: Merriam Park Room // Instructor: Duran

Flexercise

This exercise program emphasizes safe and beneficial movements and routines that will increase flexibility, strength and endurance. Registration is not required.

Location: Jenks Gym // \$3 donation is suggested

Sponsored by the Johnson County Area Agency on Aging in partnership with the neighborhood Merriam Nutrition program, Merriam Parks and Recreation, and conducted by the Johnson County Park and Recreation District's 50 Plus Program, a federally funded program thru "Older American Act."

Pickleball

Pickleball combines skills used in playing tennis, badminton and ping pong. It is a fun, easy way to learn a game that provides a new way to be active and get some exercise. Equipment available.

Location: Jenks Gym

Senior Wii® Bowling

"Bowlers always have time to spare," so join us and try your hand at Wii bowling. No special shoes or ball required, just a remote game controller and big screen TV (provided). Whether you're a semi-pro or a newbie, either way you're sure to have fun. If bowling is "right up your alley" or not, this is the game for you.

Location: Game Room

CLASS	CLASS #	AGES	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	TIME	DATES*	FEE	DROP IN	MIN/MAX
Ageless Yoga	330803D5	50+			●				9–10:15 a.m.	Sept. 7–Oct. 26	\$45	\$7	4/8
Ageless Yoga	330803D6	50+			●				9–10:15 a.m.	Nov. 9–Dec. 21	\$40	\$7	4/8
Chair Yoga	330803D3	50+		●		●			11–11:45 a.m.	Sept. 6–Oct. 27	\$48	\$7	6/10
Chair Yoga	330803D4	50+		●		●			11–11:45 a.m.	Nov. 1–Dec. 15*	\$45	\$7	6/10
Flexercise	No Registration	50+	●		●		●		10–10:45 a.m.	ongoing	–	\$3	–
Pickleball	No Registration	16+						●	8:15–11:15 a.m.	ongoing	–	\$1	–
Pickleball	No Registration	16+	●						4–6:30 p.m.	ongoing	–	\$1	–
Senior Wii	331202X4	50+					●		10–11:30 a.m.	Aug. 19–Sept. 16	\$3	–	6/16
Senior Wii	331202X5	50+					●		10–11:30 a.m.	Sept. 30–Oct. 28	\$3	–	6/16
Senior Wii	331202X6	50+					●		10–11:30 a.m.	Nov. 4–Dec. 16*	\$3	–	6/16

*No class on Thursday, November 24 or Friday, November 25

MERRIAM PARKS

Daily park hours are from Sunrise to Sunset

1 Brown Memorial Park (5040 BOOKER DRIVE) This park was named for Esther E. Brown, the local resident who organized citizen support for the 1949 Webb v. School District 90 case. The Webb case paved the way for the 1954 Brown v. the Board of Education lawsuit that ultimately serves as one of the most recognizable historic victories in the country's civil rights movement. This park features a new shelter installed in 2016, a playground and swings replaced in 2014, ancillary picnic areas, a walking trail, basketball goal, and passive green space. Currently, work is underway to install a picnic shelter where the tennis courts had been.



2 Campbell Park (9674 W. 61ST STREET) This park features a playground that was replaced in 2013, swings in 2011 and provides an access point to the Turkey Creek Streamway Trail. Tucked away at the end of 61st Street, this park is a perfect picnic spot!

3 Chatlain Park (6300 CARTER AVENUE) Named for John Chatlain who served as a Merriam City Council member for 31 years, Chatlain is one of Merriam's most active parks. This park features an access point to the Turkey Creek Streamway Trail, a picnic shelter available for rent, a Berliner playground replaced in 2015, swings, and ancillary picnic spaces.



4 Merriam Historic Plaza & Visitors Bureau (6304 E. FRONTAGE ROAD) Two historic exhibits depicting the history of Merriam are featured at MHP. The first is a walking path with 12 markers from pre-settlement to current day. The second, an indoor exhibit, celebrates David Gee Campbell, the original developer of "Campbellton" known today as Merriam. The plaza also boasts an original bronze sculpture, "Motherhood," by local artist Kwan Wu. The site offers helpful travel and tourism information to the region and meeting space for up to 50 people. For pricing information call 913.403.8999.

5 Merriam Marketplace (5740 MERRIAM DRIVE) The highlight of this area is the 10,000-square foot covered pavilion, home of the Merriam Farmers' Market, the annual Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Show, Flags4Freedom, Summer Sundays in Merriam, and Funday Sunday. This is also an access point to Werner Park and Turkey Creek Streamway Trail.

6 Quail Creek Park (7024 GRANDVIEW AVENUE) Named for the creek that meanders along the park boundaries, this beautiful park features passive areas, paved walking path, picnic area, playground and swings.



	ACREAGE	STREAMWAY TRAIL ACCESS	PAVED PARKING	WALKING PATH	PICNIC TABLES	GRILLS	TENNIS COURTS	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	BASKETBALL COURT	PICNIC SHELTER	RESTROOM
Brown Memorial Park	3.68		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Campbell Park	1.16	●	●		●	●		●			
Chatlain Park	5.25	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●
Merriam Historic Plaza	1		●	●							●
Merriam Marketplace	3.91	●	●		●					●	●
Quail Creek Park	5.25			●	●	●		●			
Turkey Creek Streamway Park Trail	36.91	●	●	●							
Vavra Park	4.37		●	●	●	●		●		●	●
Waterfall Park	15	●	●	●							●
Werner Park	2.1	●		●	●	●					
Antioch Park	44		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●





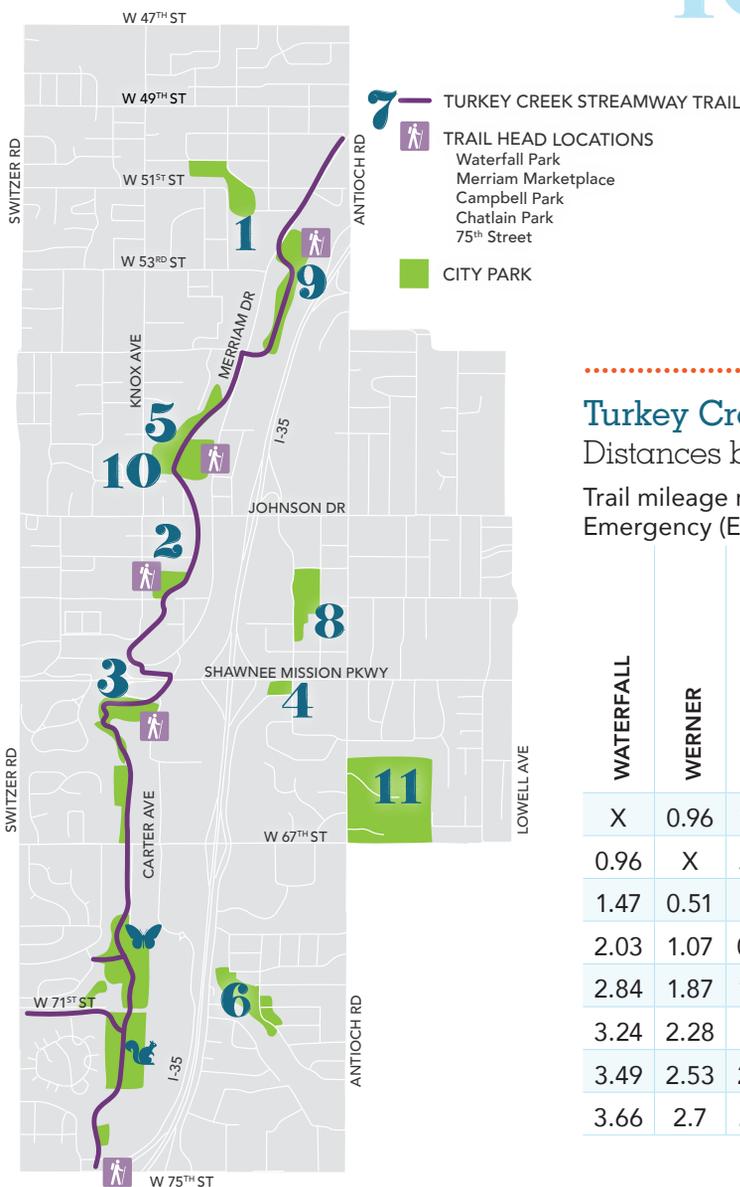
8 Vavra Park (6114 SLATER STREET) This park features a playground that was replaced in 2012, swings replaced in 2015, a walking path, picnic shelter, restroom and decorative landscaped waterfall. In addition, the Merriam Aquatic Center is located on the north end of this park.

9 Waterfall Park (5191 MERRIAM DRIVE) Named for its most prominent natural feature, this 15-acre park, under development as funding becomes available, features an access point to the Turkey Creek Streamway Trail and four multi-use practice fields available by reservation.

10 Werner Park (5750 MERRIAM DRIVE) Crossing the bridge at the Merriam Marketplace provides access to this two-acre park named for former Merriam City Council Member Roger Werner, whose family donated the park land. This park is nestled along the Turkey Creek Streamway Trail.

11 Antioch Park (6501 ANTIOCH ROAD) Owned and operated by Johnson County Park and Recreation District, and home of Merriam's annual Turkey Creek Festival.

7 Turkey Creek Streamway Park Trail The section of trail that follows Turkey Creek in Merriam is approximately 4 miles of paved, multi-use trail running from 75th Street to Antioch Rd. The trail continues into Overland Park by crossing Antioch and travels along the bluff by Antioch Christian Church to Foster. The Merriam trail route passes through wooded areas, a butterfly garden, the AT&T pocket park and several larger neighborhood parks. Paved parking and access points provided at the 75th Street entrance, Chatlain Park, Campbell Park, Merriam Marketplace, and Waterfall Park. A downloadable trail guide is available at http://jcprd.com/parks_facilities/trailguide.cfm or at Irene B. French Community Center, 5701 Merriam Drive.



Turkey Creek Streamway Trail

Distances between locations in miles.

Trail mileage markers are available every 1/2 mile.

Emergency (E911) trail markers are available every 1/4 mile.

	WATERFALL	WERNER	CAMPBELL	CHATLAIN	BUTTERFLY GARDEN	POCKET PARK	EDELWEISS	
X	0.96	1.47	2.03	2.84	3.24	3.49	Waterfall 9	
0.96	X	.051	1.07	1.87	2.28	2.53	Werner 10	
1.47	0.51	X	.056	1.37	1.77	2.02	Campbell 2	
2.03	1.07	0.56	X	0.81	1.12	1.46	Chatlain 3	
2.84	1.87	1.37	0.81	X	0.40	0.65	Butterfly Garden	
3.24	2.28	1.77	1.21	0.40	X	0.25	Pocket Park	
3.49	2.53	2.02	1.46	0.65	0.25	X	Edelweiss	
3.66	2.7	2.19	1.63	0.83	0.42	0.17	75th Street	

CALENDAR

august

- AUGUST 1** Registration Begins for fall Parks & Rec classes
- AUGUST 3** Farmers & Food Trucks 4 p.m.–7 p.m. MMP
- AUGUST 4** “Pieces of America” Opening Reception 7 p.m. IBFCC
- AUGUST 8** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall
- AUGUST 13** Cruise Night 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. MMP
- AUGUST 19** Rockin’ Party in YOUR Park 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Campbell Park
- AUGUST 22** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall

september

- SEPTEMBER 1** “Light in the Other Room” Opening Reception 7 p.m. IBFCC
- SEPTEMBER 5** Labor Day—City Hall and Community Center closed
- SEPTEMBER 5** Closing day at the Merriam Aquatic Center 12 p.m.–6 p.m. MAC
- SEPTEMBER 6** Pooch Paddle 6:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m. MMP
- SEPTEMBER 10** Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Show 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. MMP
- SEPTEMBER 12** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall
- SEPTEMBER 18** Funday Sunday Food Trucks 4 p.m.–7 p.m. MMP
- SEPTEMBER 22** Merriam Historic Plaza Open House 1 p.m.–4 p.m. MHP
- SEPTEMBER 26** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall

october

- OCTOBER 6** “Senior Arts Council Presents” Opening Reception 7 p.m. IBFCC
- OCTOBER 8** Yoga in the Gallery 10 a.m.–11 a.m. IBFCC
- OCTOBER 10** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall
- OCTOBER 17–21** Large-Item Pickup
- OCTOBER 24** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall
- OCTOBER 29** Halloween Happenings 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. MMP

november

- NOVEMBER 3** “Oil and Water Do Mix” Opening Reception 7 p.m. IBFCC
- NOVEMBER 11** Super Hero Family Party 6 p.m.–8 p.m. IBFCC
- NOVEMBER 14** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall
- NOVEMBER 24** Thanksgiving—City Hall and Community Center closed
- NOVEMBER 25** City Hall closed
- NOVEMBER 28** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall

december

- DECEMBER 1** “High School Visual Arts Competition” Opening Reception 7 p.m. IBFCC
- DECEMBER 3** Breakfast with Santa 10 a.m.–11:15 a.m. IBFCC
- DECEMBER 3** Sundown with Santa/Mayor’s Tree Lighting 5:30 p.m. MMP
- DECEMBER 12** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall
- DECEMBER 25** Christmas—City Hall and Community Center closed
- DECEMBER 26** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall

For more information about any of the dates or events listed above, please call 913.322.5500 or visit our website at www.merriam.org.



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