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Pianos on Parade
will return in 2016!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Merriam Residents,

Spring is here and Merriam is in bloom. For our city, that means vibrant flower baskets hanging from light poles downtown, fresh produce available at the Merriam Farmers' Market and soon, hot days spent cooling off at the Merriam Aquatic Center (MAC).

As residents, we're fortunate to have so many exciting activities to choose from during the warm-weather months. As your mayor, I take great pride in promoting the spring and summer festivities that we enjoy—this is when our city really shines! I encourage you to read more about the upcoming activities and events, city news, and Parks and Recreation offerings in the pages ahead.

But I also challenge you to become more informed and engaged in the community. It is the goal of the City Council and city staff to improve how citizens and visitors are kept up-to-date and access information. There are some big things on the horizon for our city that residents will want to know about, and weigh in on.

Here's how Merriam residents can get in-depth city information and be more involved:

Highlights: This publication was recently redesigned to contain more information that is better organized and easier to read. It is mailed to residences three times per year.

Social media: You might have noticed increased activity with quicker response rates on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube lately. Merriam will also soon begin using the Nextdoor network to engage users in specific neighborhoods.

Website: The City's current website contains useful information and convenient access to services, but an upcoming redesign will improve the user experience and include new features.

Mobile app: For those who need access to city information and services on-the-go, a mobile app will soon be available to use on mobile phones.

E-Merriam: Sign up on Merriam's website to receive city news and City Council meeting agenda information every Friday.

In-person: The public is always invited to attend City Council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. There's a public comment period at the beginning of every meeting when residents can express their views on issues, or share ideas. Your input will be especially valuable as we kick off new initiatives and projects. Public meetings, input sessions, forums and interactive events will be opportunities to make your voice heard.

We will continually strive to find innovative ways to reach out, inform and engage the public. We all benefit when citizens take an active role in their government. Of course, this time of year there are many popular events for residents to enjoy and participate in. So always feel free to say "hi" or bend my ear if you see me at the Turkey Creek Festival or the MAC.

Bring on the sun!

Sincerely,

Mayor Ken Sissom

Budget Process

Merriam's budget is much more than an accounting document — it is a management and planning tool that serves as an outline for how the city should best use its resources. Each year, elected officials and staff make decisions regarding which services, programs and other expenditure priorities to include in the budget and how to best use its pool of resources to perform necessary city functions. Here's the process:



March 29

Department heads begin developing budget requests



April 25

City Council holds a work session with the City Administrator, Capital Improvement Program Director and Public Works Director to forecast and prioritize projects



June 13

A preliminary operating budget is presented to City Council for comments and discussion



July 11

Revenue projections are reviewed for 2016; and 2017 budgets are recommended



August 8

City Council conducts a formal budget hearing



August 25

The final approved budget is certified by the County Clerk

Merriam Historic Plaza turns 10!

Merriam Historic Plaza, home to the Merriam Visitors Bureau, celebrates 10 years of welcoming and serving visitors in 2016.

In honor of its tenth anniversary, the Bureau is hosting special monthly events and promotions, contests and giveaways. From seasonal perks to made-in-Merriam favorites, there will be something for visitors of all ages!

Save-the-date for these signature 10-year celebration events:

Made in Merriam Tour
May 7, 2016

Merriam Historic Plaza Open House
September 22, 2016



MORE ONLINE Read more about the 10-year celebration at www.exploremerriam.com/mhp10.

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Did You Know?

Merriam Historic Plaza was built in homage to the former Merriam Park, dedicated by President Ulysses S. Grant in the late 1800s.

Pick up a copy of the latest Merriam Community & Visitors Guide for 10 more fascinating facts about this community landmark.



Who keeps Merriam *just right*?

There are a few ways to answer this question:

THE GOVERNING BODY

Merriam's governing body is made up of eight council members — two from each of its four wards — and a mayor. Governing body members serve four-year terms, with elections for one seat in each ward held every odd-numbered year. Candidates for the position of mayor run "at-large," which means that registered voters from all four of Merriam's wards vote for mayor. The governing body sets policy, approves budgets, and generally oversees the conduct of government in the city.

RESIDENTS

Residents are the primary stakeholders when it comes to running the city. Members of the governing body live in Merriam; they are your neighbors and fellow Merriam residents who serve the city in addition to raising families, working full-time jobs, and volunteering for other organizations. But running for office is only one of the many ways that Merriam residents can get involved in local government and make a difference in the community. Residents are always encouraged to attend city council meetings, share ideas with elected officials and staff, and participate in a variety of community activities.

CITY GOVERNMENT STAFF

Merriam city staff is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations involved in providing the many great services residents enjoy. The city administrator is hired by the governing body to oversee all departments, city business and activities. Together, these skilled public servants work to improve the city's infrastructure, keep people safe, maintain parks and recreation amenities, and carry out a variety of objectives and initiatives as directed by the governing body and residents.

Visit www.merriam.org, or call 913.322.5500 for more information about your city, and opportunities for resident involvement.

Merriam and Shawnee team up for community recycling event

WHAT: Community recycling event hosted by Merriam and Shawnee
WHEN: Saturday, April 16 from 8–11 a.m.
WHERE: Lee Jeans parking lot — *New location!*
9001 West 67th Street, behind Carmax, east of I-35



The Cities of Merriam and Shawnee are once again collaborating on a community-wide recycling event that will provide an opportunity for residents to drop off a variety of items in one convenient location. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th from 8-11 a.m., in the parking lot of Lee Jeans at 9001 West 67th Street, behind Carmax, east of I-35.

A variety of items will be accepted, including consumer electronics, bicycles, latex paint, and old documents that will be securely and professionally disposed.

Most items are free to recycle, but a \$20 charge applies to recycle a television. A donation of \$5–10 per file box is suggested for document shredding, a portion of which will benefit the Merriam Parks, Recreation and Community Center Foundation, and the Shawnee Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Bicycles brought to the event will be refurbished and redistributed to various community organizations by the City of Shawnee.

Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste will collect unwanted latex paint. No paint from commercial institutions, oil-based paint, or other household hazardous items will be accepted.

For more information, please contact Merriam's Assistant City Administrator Chris Engel at 913.322.5511, or email cengel@merriam.org.

Volunteer opportunities available.

MORE ONLINE More information will be shared on Facebook and Twitter as the event gets closer.

Large-item pickup

Merriam's spring large-item pickup service is scheduled for April 18–22

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 April 18–22, 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, APRIL 18

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

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



Flags4Freedom

Downtown Merriam and surrounding areas will transform into perfect rows of patriotic pride as Flags4Freedom organizers place more than 1,600 United States flags at the Merriam Marketplace, Irene B. French Community Center, and along Merriam and Johnson Drives. Everyone is invited to stop by during the week of July 4th to view an astonishing display that honors our nation.

Visitors also won't want to miss the free concert on Monday, July 4, 1 p.m. at the Merriam Marketplace. Bring a lawn chair; this event is FREE and all are invited.

Sponsor a flag to honor active military personnel, veterans, friends and loved ones by purchasing a dedication ribbon for \$15. All proceeds will benefit the Merriam Parks, Recreation, and Community Center Foundation.

- **Flags on Display**
- July 2 – July 9, 2016
- **Free Concert**
- 35th Infantry Division Band
- Monday, July 4 at 1:00PM

MORE ONLINE For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.flags4freedom.org.

Merriam kicks off public art initiative with "Still Time"

Those passing the northwest corner of Johnson and Merriam Drives this spring will notice a new and fascinating addition to the downtown Merriam landscape.

"Still Time," represents the first phase in a 5-year placemaking initiative to enhance public spaces in downtown Merriam and surrounding areas. Placemaking is the branding of a space with memorable art and other beautification projects.

The new sculpture is a tall, stone structure with a church bell tower, like those built on town squares for centuries. A large wind chime inside "Still Time," will ring gently in the breeze like a supersized version of the wind chimes that many Merriam residents enjoy at their homes. The softly resonating bells are intended to contrast with the sounds of the busy nearby intersection.

"Still Time" was created through a collaborative effort between Architect Dan Maginn of DRAW Architecture+Urban Design, who led the design effort, and construction firm Zwei Baume. To produce sounds specific to its Merriam location,



Rendering courtesy of DRAW Architecture + Urban Design

Maginn partnered with Dr. Paul Rudy, professor of music composition at UMKC.

The limestone tower was recommended by a review committee that looked at 125 submissions in response to a call for qualifications. The city budgeted \$100,000 for the project. Stay tuned as more of these types of permanent art exhibitions pop up around town during the next several years!

Committee formed to assess options for much-needed Parks and Recreation facilities improvements

The futures of two popular Merriam amenities will be the focus of a newly-created steering committee. Made up of seven residents and community leaders appointed by city council, members will explore options for improving the Irene B. French Community Center and the Merriam Aquatic Center. An extensive assessment completed in spring 2015 determined that neither facility meets the needs of residents, and that both are plagued by major structural deficiencies.

Steering committee members include: Ward 2 Councilmember Jim Wymer, Library Board Representative Nancy Hupp, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board representative Thelma

Fowler, community member Gayle Stephens, Downtown Merriam Partnership representative Stoney Bogan, Parks and Recreation Aquatic Center patron Jay Brownawell, Planning Commission representative William Bailey, and Parks and Recreation Community Center patron Larry Cisneros.

The committee's first order of business will involve working closely with Merriam city staff and consultants to develop a facility master plan based on findings of the facility assessments. More information about the facility assessments and updates regarding the steering committee can be found at www.merriam.org/parks.



CODES CORNER: Spring/summer property maintenance reminders

Warm weather and sunny days bring with it the fun of travel, outdoor activities, and yard work. The City of Merriam would like to remind residents about ordinances that relate to spring and summer maintenance.

WEED AND LAWN MAINTENANCE

The City of Merriam asks residents to contribute to the community's beauty by maintaining well-kept lawns. This means that weeds and grass may not exceed a height of 10 inches. Shorter grass also benefits residents by ultimately making the chore of mowing and trimming much easier. A regular mowing and trimming schedule also helps.

If a neighboring yard's lawn exceeds 10 inches in height, residents may contact the Community Development Department at 913.322.5520, to report the property. A codes inspector will visit to confirm the violation and notify the homeowner about lawn maintenance codes.

Residents are also reminded that it is unlawful to blow or sweep grass clippings and other yard waste into city streets or storm drains. This practice can clog storm drains, block stormwater inlet grates and pipes downstream, and cause stormwater to back up into streets, potentially creating floods. Instead, direct grass clippings back onto your yard where they will add nutrients to your soil and reduce the need for fertilizers. It's a win-win for your yard and the environment!



SOLID WASTE SCREENING

All solid waste and recycling containers must be stored inside a structure or placed behind the front building line or screened from view. The screening of these containers improves neighborhood appearances and increases the City of Merriam's visual appeal. Additionally, solid waste and containers for recyclables may be placed curbside for pickup no more than 18-hours prior to, and removed 18-hours following collection. If residents fail to properly store or screen trash and recyclable containers, citations may be issued which could result in a fine.



OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Many common summer building projects require permits from the city. Some of these include decks, driveways, fences, pools, and sheds. Permits are available from the Community Development Department at City Hall, 9001 West 62nd Street. Please call 913.322.5520 with any questions or concerns regarding code requirements and related issues.

MORE ONLINE

Learn more about codes on the Community Development page at www.merriam.org

Beware of the emerald ash borer

The emerald ash borer is spreading across the Midwest and is now in northeast Johnson



County. This insect is expected to kill 98 percent of the region's ash trees over the next 10 years. As a result, ash trees are no longer recommended for planting throughout the area, including Merriam, as there are currently no control measures in place to combat the problem.

What is the emerald ash borer?

Emerald ash borer is an invasive Asian beetle that belongs to the metallic wood borer family. It infests and destroys all species of North American ash trees.

How does the emerald ash borer affect the tree?

Emerald ash borer beetles kill the tree by starving it of nutrients and water. Once the female lays her eggs on the bark of an ash tree, they become larvae, tunnel under the bark and chew on soft tissue that transports water and nutrients through the tree. After a couple of years, the emerald ash borer population grows exponentially, and the damage eventually results in death to the tree.

How can I tell if my ash tree is infested by emerald ash borer?

Common signs of infestation include:

- D-shaped exit holes through the bark about 1/8 inch wide.
- S-shaped larval galleries just beneath the bark.
- Thinning leaves or branches.
- Vertical splits in the bark.
- Unusual shoots sprouting from the main trunk or base of the tree.
- Damage from woodpeckers trying to get the borer at its larvae stage.

If you suspect emerald ash borer on your property, report it to the Kansas Department of Agriculture by calling 785.564.6698 or email ppwc@kda.ks.gov.

MORE ONLINE

Learn more at agriculture.ks.gov

The City of Merriam hires new Public Works director

Merriam welcomed new Public Works Director Kevin Bruemmer to the city on Jan. 11. He previously served as public works director for Bonner Springs since 2006; public works project manager in Bonner Springs; and Prairie Village Public Works project coordinator from 1994 to 2004.

Bruemmer is a native of Northeast Johnson County and received a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Friends University.

"I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of leading a larger department," Bruemmer said. "Merriam Public Works' level of service ranks high and I fully expect to continue, and expand upon, its reputation for excellence."



Merriam Police provide active shooter training for local businesses

In the wake of recent national tragedies involving active shooters, the Merriam Police Department provided specialized training for representatives of the Merriam business community on Jan. 15. The day's two sessions focused on what to do if an active shooter event occurs in the workplace, and how local businesses can prepare for such hostile events.

"Our top priority is keeping the community safe, and businesses play a big role in the Merriam community," Merriam Police Chief Mike Daniels said. "This is the type of training we hope nobody has to use, but it's always better to be prepared."

Training covered the basics of how to react in an active shooter situation, or other hostile event. Police officers also provided information about what to expect when law enforcement arrives on the scene.

The free training attracted more than 40 members of the local Merriam business community, and was conducted by Corporals Jeremiah Waters and James Browning, both members of Merriam's SWAT team. An additional training for nearly 100 employees at another Merriam business was provided at the end of January.

For more information, contact the Merriam Police Department at 913.322.5560.



MORE ONLINE Follow the Merriam Police Department on facebook  to stay informed of other community programs.

Council updates ordinance defining the temporary storage of trailers and recreational vehicles

The Merriam City Council voted Monday night, Jan. 11, at its regularly scheduled meeting, to update the city ordinance concerning the parking, storage and use of commercial and recreational vehicles, boats and trailers on a residential property.

Under the revised ordinance:

Utility trailers that are parked on a hard surface, forward of the front building line, attached to a passenger vehicle, and parked for less than 48 consecutive hours are not in violation;

Boats, trailers, or recreational vehicles may be stored forward of the front building line on four separate, non-consecutive occurrences during any 30-day period. Each cannot exceed 72 hours in duration; and

A recreational vehicle may be stored forward of the front building line for an extended period of seven consecutive days, on two separate, non-consecutive occurrences in a calendar year. The owner of the property where the storage will occur is required to notify Merriam's Community Development Department at 913.322.5520 prior to the start of the extended storage period.

Call the Merriam Community Development Department at 913.322.5520, or send an email to comdev@merriam.org for more information or to receive the complete ordinance.



Sign up to receive the city council agenda via email before every meeting at merriam.org

OPFD partnership helps Merriam attain improved insurance rating

The City of Merriam continues to realize the benefits of partnering with the Overland Park Fire Department (OPFD). The latest bit of good news to come from this relationship is a re-classification of Merriam's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. Merriam will now enjoy an ISO 1 rating! This is the highest ISO Rating available and will bring Merriam in line with Overland Park, which attained the coveted rating in 2014.

ISO Ratings are used to calculate insurance premiums and are based on criteria such as water supply, emergency communications and overall fire department capabilities. Merriam previously held an ISO 2 rating, but the merger with OPFD expanded capabilities in the areas of training and public

education, which were significant enough to push Merriam into the highest possible ISO rating.

ISO has provided information about property and casualty insurance risk since 1971. ISO ratings are considered one of the most reliable measures of community safety.

Merriam's new ISO rating officially took effect in February 2016. As part of this milestone achievement, residents and business owners are encouraged to check with their insurance providers to see if the new rating will provide savings!

For more information contact OPFD Media Manager Jason Rhodes at 816.805.1764.



The "pull factor:" leading Kansas in attracting retail business

According to researchers at the Kansas Department of Revenue, the City of Merriam ranks highest in the state per capita at attracting retail business — an indicator studied for more than 25 years, and published in the annual report, “A Study of Retail Trade in Cities Across Kansas: An Annual Report of Trade Pull Factors and Trade Area Captures.”

The term “pull factor” refers to how many non-residents a community “pulls” in for shopping purposes, a value which can be used to assess the relative strength of a local retail economy. A community’s pull factor also determines how well it holds onto existing business and attracts new business, as opposed to losing businesses to other places. A pull factor above 1.00 indicates that a community attracts more business than it loses. A pull factor below 1.00 indicates that a community has lost more business than it captured.

According to the latest report, Merriam continues to register the highest pull factor of all cities in the State of Kansas, with a 4.12. This indicates that 75 percent of all retail sales in Merriam come from non-residents. Compared to other cities in Johnson County, Lenexa

received the second-highest pull factor ranking at 1.55, followed by Overland Park with 1.43, 1.38 for Leawood, and Olathe’s 1.16.

The report also provides information on Trade Area Capture (TAC), the number of people shopping in a community on a daily basis. Merriam’s TAC shows that 46,439 people shop in the community each day, while its current population is approximately 11,000. Only 11 cities in Kansas scored a higher TAC. Those cities include (in order): Wichita, Overland Park, Topeka, Olathe, Kansas City, Lawrence, Lenexa, Manhattan, Salina, Shawnee, and Hutchinson.

According to Merriam’s Finance Director Cindy Ehart, sales tax contributes to 44.7 percent of revenue in the city’s General Fund Budget. Merriam’s 2016 budget anticipates collecting nearly \$7.68 million from its 1 percent sales tax during the year. This amount would not be as high if Merriam didn’t have such an impressive pull factor.

Did You Know?

75 percent of all retail sales in Merriam come from non-residents.

Staff Profile

Employee Name: Nancy Yoakum	Title: Administrative Assistant	Department: Community Development
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Nancy Yoakum might be one of the first people you see when visiting Merriam City Hall. She’s the woman with the friendly smile and calm demeanor who sits behind a window, underneath the sign that reads “Planning.”

Yoakum’s wide-ranging responsibilities include helping residents to better understand which types of work they can and cannot do on their properties, assisting contractors who want to obtain permits for residential and commercial construction projects, and guiding developers in the right direction when they need information about zoning or other issues. When she’s not providing top-notch customer service, Yoakum also supports the Community Development Department by sending out legal notices and coordinating all the behind-the-scenes details that keep the Merriam Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals running smoothly.

What do you like most about working for Merriam?

It’s a great environment where people are genuine and everyone is always willing to pitch in. There’s great camaraderie among co-workers here. Plus, I’ve lived in Merriam for 12 years!

What’s the most rewarding part of your job?

Interacting with the people and providing good customer support. I love it when people say, “that was easier than I thought it would be.” I’m a people person.

What’s the most challenging part of your job?

While 99 percent of the time things go great, there’s the

occasional customer service issue that is challenging to resolve. I also juggle multiple projects and deadlines every day, so I must stay very organized.

What would you tell somebody considering a career in local government?

It’s a nice, stable place to work and there’s always something new to learn. I also really like serving the public and appreciate my interactions with involved residents.

What’s next for you?

I plan to work here for a very long time – I’d be happy to stay here until I retire.

MERRIAM FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market at Merriam Marketplace
5740 Merriam Drive

2016 SATURDAYS May 7th – October 8th 7:00AM–1:00PM
WEDNESDAYS June 1st – August 31st 4:00PM–7:00PM

Join us for another great season at the Merriam Farmers' Market.

What makes the Merriam Farmers' Market so special? In a word, the people! It's an easy equation made up of three parts: the farmers' market vendors, entertainers and shoppers. Of course, add in the award-winning facility, ease of parking, and walking trail access to Warner Park, and a dog-friendly—all combining for the perfect venue.

This summer the market will celebrate 16 years in operation. Each year the shopper base and attendance seems to grow, but at a manageable pace—not too fast, not too soon, but "just right!" Whether it's the baked goods, fresh produce or crafts, the market has a great variety from which to choose.

Please take a moment to recognize these returning vendors and when they came to the Merriam Farmers' Market:

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| 2000
Hayes Gardens | 2010
Bailey's Orchards
Edwards Farm | 2013
Green Thumbs Up
Hi Ho Sheep Farm
Nowachek Apiaries
Rock the House Bakery |
| 2005
Clearbrook Farms
Custom Gem Works
Patsy's Bouquets | 2011
Cathy's Cupboard
Halls Farm
His Crown, My Crown
Jam Session
Roots for Refugees | 2014
Fresh Pickings
Way of the White Dog |
| 2007
Sweet Bunny Farms | 2008
Beyond Botanicals
Hellwig Farms | 2015
Bastionhead Woodworks
Sweets for Delaney
Xiong Jewelry |

Entertainment Schedule

Date	Performer
Sat. May 7	Chef Mark
Sat. May 14	Anchovy Fishermen
Sat. May 21	TC Festival - 5K Run
Sat. May 28	Joe Martin & His 12 Strings
Wed. June 1	Good Sam Club Duo
Sat. June 4	David Smart
Wed. June 8	Doug Talley Duo
Sat. June 11	Chef Mark
Wed. June 15	Vendor Demo
Sat. June 18	Rhythm Room Trio
Wed. June 22	Mark Montgomery
Sat. June 25	Yakety Sax
Wed. June 29	Merriam Acoustic Railroad
Sat. July 2	Homemade Jam
Wed. July 6	Timberfall
Sat. July 9	Chef Mark
Wed. July 13	Music House School of Music
Sat. July 16	Anchovy Fishermen
Wed. July 20	Dan Bliss
Sat. July 23	Scott Duncan
Wed. July 27	Merriam Acoustic Railroad
Sat. July 30	Joe Martin & His 12 Strings
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



Our Farmers and Food Truck series will expand to include the first Wednesday nights in June, July and August, 4:00–7:00PM

MORE ONLINE

Stay up-to-date by following the market at [facebook.com/MerriamFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/MerriamFarmersMarket)



*Saturday, September 10, 2016, the farmers' market will be relocated to the Irene B. French Community Center parking lot due to the Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Show.

31ST ANNUAL CITY OF MERRIAM TURKEY CREEK FESTIVAL



Saturday, May 21
10:00AM–4:00PM

Antioch Park
6501 Antioch Road

Parking

FREE shuttle buses from the Lee Jeans parking lot at 9001 West 67th Street, will transport passengers to the festival every 10 minutes. Buses will take festival-goers to the front entrance of Antioch Park, where courtesy golf carts will take guests from the entrance to the festival area.

Volunteers

Make a difference in your community by volunteering your time or that of a community group to help make the festival a great time for your neighbors and a successful community event. Volunteers needed for the Merriam Parks and Recreation information booth, courtesy carts, wood projects (children's activity), and the 5K run/walk. Contact Sara Thompson for more information about volunteering at 913.322.5550, or email sarat@merriam.org

Arts & Crafts Show Registration

Vendors of fine art and handmade crafts are invited to share their wares. All items must be created directly by the vendor. All artists interested in having a booth must submit an application. For additional information, please contact Rachel O'Brian at 913.826.3163.

*ATM on location

The City of Merriam is the place to be every third Saturday in May for the Turkey Creek Festival — a vibrant celebration of Merriam's rich heritage full of great entertainment and lots of fun activities. This year's 31st annual event will feature an arts and crafts show, 5K run/walk, concerts, free kids' activities, concessions and much more!

The annual Turkey Creek Festival is a popular tradition, celebrating 31 years in 2016. Begin the day with a 5K run/walk through historic downtown Merriam, while other events kick off at 7:30 a.m. in Antioch Park with the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. Pre-sale tickets for the breakfast are available at the Irene B. French Community Center beginning in mid-April for \$5 each, or on the day of the event at Shelter 1 in Antioch Park. Additional festival activities in the park start at 10 a.m.

This is truly a family-friendly festival, with a huge variety of amusements for kids. Children can explore the petting zoo, ride a pony, play in the inflatable bounce houses, or enjoy a train ride along the trails of Antioch Park. They might even leave with a wood project created with the help of experts from Home Depot. Percussion Magic music show and Say-Cheez photo booth are new to the festival this year and are sure to add special moments.

Family can also go for a refreshing cruise on the water — the Johnson County Kiwanis will sponsor paddle boat rides on Antioch Park Lake for \$5 per boat. There will also be a variety of concessions and live music performed by the bands State Line Drive and The Kaopectones. And don't forget about the wide array of arts and crafts vendors who will be on site selling a variety of merchandise.

Make memories to last a lifetime! Join us on Saturday, May 21, at Antioch Park!

**MORE
ONLINE**

More information will be shared on Facebook and Twitter as the event gets closer



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For the most up to date details, visit www.merriam.org/events

7:30AM–11:30AM

Pancake Breakfast
Shelter House #1

All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice sponsored by the Merriam Lions Club.

\$5 // Adults
\$4 // Children (12 & under)

8:00AM–10:00AM

5K Run/Walk & Youth Sprint
Irene B. French Community Center
5701 Merriam Drive

10:00AM–4:00PM
Antioch Park

KID ZONE

NEW THIS YEAR! Percussion Magic will help family members stomp, clap, sing and drum to create an interactive rhythm and music show (Fire Pit at 12:30 p.m.).

Throughout the day, popular festival amusements will be available, including inflatable games, the A-Z Exotic Petting Zoo, Say-Cheez photo booth, train rides, wood projects with employees of Home Depot-Merriam (12:30-2:30 p.m.), and pedal boat rides (\$5 per boat).

Summertime Arts & Crafts Show

Pick up some unique gifts and decorations at the Arts & Culture Show, featuring handmade craft items.

Concessions

Indulge in your favorite festival foods: fried pickles, funnel cakes, turkey legs, ice cream and more.

FREE Concerts

Main Stage

11:00AM
State Line Drive (*Country*)

2:00PM
The Kaopectones (*Classic Rock*)

Special thanks to Deb and Tom Long for sharing their photos from the 2015 Turkey Creek Festival.

Turkey Creek Festival 5K Run/Walk & Youth Sprint

Saturday, May 21, 2016 // 8:00AM–10:00AM
Irene B. French Community Center // 5701 Merriam Drive

Lace up and head outdoors for this fun annual event benefiting the Merriam Parks, Recreation and Community Center Foundation Youth Scholarship Fund. Register individually or as a team. Medals will be given for finishing and placing in events (featuring accurate "chip timing" and results).

Registration

To register, call Merriam Parks & Recreation at 913.322.5550 or register online at webtrac.merriam.org or www.sportkc.org (\$3.00 surcharge).

Entry Fees

	INDIVIDUAL	TEAMS	YOUTH SPRINT
On or before May 1	\$25	\$80	\$5
Starting May 2	\$30	\$100	\$7
After May 14	\$35	\$120	\$12

Packet Pick up Information

If you register by May 19th, packets will be available for pick up on Friday, May 20th at the Irene B. French Community Center. Packets for registrations after May 19th will be available for pick up on race day.



EVENTS

Summer 2016



Made in Merriam Tour

Saturday, May 7 // 9:00AM-12:00PM

Irene B. French Community Center // 5701 Merriam Drive

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to experience the "Made in Merriam" group tour, but didn't have a big enough group? The Merriam Visitors Bureau invites you to go behind-the-scenes of three popular tour stops in Merriam: Strawberry Hill Povitica, K.C. Strings Violin Shop and GuitarLamp. This half-day event includes transportation, a guided tour at every stop and treats for attendees to experience the one-of-a-kind products made right here in Merriam. Register online at www.merriam.org/parks or call 913.322.5550.

\$10 // person Class # 240203-C1

Summer Sundays in Merriam

Sunday, May 15 & Sunday, June 12 // 4:30PM-7:30PM

Merriam Marketplace // 5740 Merriam Drive

Savor oven-fired pizza, chicken tacos, sliders or poutine fries, and sip on cool iced coffee or a frozen specialty drink. When various food trucks show up at the marketplace, the diverse menus will satisfy everybody's cravings. Also enjoy inflatables for the kiddos and great live music. Food vendors accept cash or debit/credit cards.

MUSIC: **SUNDAY, MAY 15** HARBOUR (CLASSIC ROCK)
SUNDAY, JUNE 12 BLUE ORLEANS (JAZZ/BLUES)

FREE with the exception of food purchases.

*Save-the-date for Funday Sunday, September 18, the final food truck event of 2016.

Food trucks donate proceeds from food sales to *Flags4Freedom*.



Rockin' Party in YOUR Park

Fridays—June 17, July 15, & August 19 // 6:30PM-8:30PM

We want to rock and roll and party with YOU!

Join the Merriam Parks and Recreation Department for a night of great family entertainment in your neighborhood park. Bring your family, a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the show. Food, games, a bounce house and fun music from area bands included. New games this summer include outdoor Jenga® and Yahtzee®.



June 17

BROWN PARK
5040 Booker Street

Featuring

Good Sam Club

(Country/rock)

July 15

QUAIL CREEK PARK
7024 Grandview Avenue

Featuring

Anna Lee & the Lucky So'n So's

(Swing/jazz)

August 19

CAMPBELL PARK
9674 W. 61st Street

Featuring

The Bucketband

(60s/70s)

Sponsored in part by the Downtown Merriam Partnership.

Park Passport Program

July 1–August 6 // Six parks across the metro!

Are you ready for a FREE, FUN FAMILY summer challenge? Join the Northeast Johnson County cities of Fairway, Leawood, Merriam, Mission, Prairie Village and Roeland Park in celebrating National Parks and Recreation Month with a Park Passport Program! From July 1 until August 6 you are challenged to visit one designated park in each city to complete the passport. Completed entries will be eligible for great prizes! Park Passports will be available electronically online at www.merriam.org/park or you can pick one up at the Irene B. French Community Center.





Food Truck Tuesday

Tuesday, July 5 // 11:00AM-2:00PM

Merriam Marketplace // 5740 Merriam Drive

Let's do lunch!

Tempt your taste buds and smell the food wafting through the Marketplace. Food Trucks are all the rage and this lunch destination is conveniently located at I-35 and Johnson Drive. Menu options may include sliders, specialty frozen drinks, pizza, carnitas and more. Food vendors accept cash or debit/credit cards.

FREE with the exception of food purchases.

Food trucks donate proceeds from food sales to Flags4Freedom.



Flip Flop & Flamingos Pool Party

Friday, July 22 // 7:30PM-9:00PM

Merriam Aquatic Center // 6040 Slater

Splish-splash, you should come to our bash!

Summertime goes by way too fast. Members of the Merriam Aquatic Center are invited to celebrate National Parks and Recreation month poolside with us at the Flip Flop & Flamingos pool party. Free refreshments and games provided. Don't forget to wear your favorite swim suit.

MUSIC: MICHELLE HAWKINS BAND (COUNTRY/ROCK)

FREE for season pass holders



Cruise Night

Saturday, August 13 // 6:30PM-8:30PM

Merriam Marketplace // 5740 Merriam Drive

*"Getting bugged drivin' up and down the same old strip?
Gotta find a new place where the cars are hip."*

Gas up that favorite motorcycle or classic car and cruise to Merriam for some curbside fun with other car enthusiasts. All "show-quality models" welcome. You will also enjoy door prizes, food by Fresh and Tasty Catering, and live rock and country music performed by Just Another Band, at this revved-up event.

MUSIC: JUST ANOTHER BAND (COUNTRY/ROCK)

FREE



Pooch Paddle

Tuesday, September 6 // 6:30PM-7:45PM

Merriam Aquatic Center // 6040 Slater

Here's a howl and a bark to pooches and dogs of all shapes and sizes, to come make a last big splash of the year. The MAC is closing down for the season so let your furry friends enjoy one last dip for the summer. Dogs and their owners look forward to this annual tradition. Dogs 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



IRENE B. FRENCH
COMMUNITY CENTER

MERRIAM

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 the Staff

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
Staff, Fitness Specialist
Amy McClure, Aquatic Center Manager

Facility Supervisors

Diane • Shellie • Chrissy • Joe
Orlando • Holly • Courtenay • Kayt

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

Saturday, May 21, 2016 (Turkey Creek Festival)
Monday, May 30, 2016 (Memorial Day)
Monday, July 4, 2016 (Independence Day)

Connect

 /MERRIAMPARKS

Merriam Parks & Recreation

5701 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS 66203

P: 913.322.5550 // F: 913.677.1409

www.merriam.org/park // annas@merriam.org

MONDAY-THURSDAY	8:00AM-9:00PM
FRIDAY	8:00AM-5:00PM
SATURDAY	8:00AM-4:00PM
SUNDAY	1:00PM-5:00PM

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
- NEWLY RENOVATED Art Gallery with expanded space!
- 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 weekly listing 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-member individuals 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
YOUTH
Haley Duft

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 supply 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

Coming soon: An outdoor shelter in Brown Park!

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.



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.



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.



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 sand volleyball court across the street at the community center. Tables and chairs are not provided. During Farmers' Market season, Saturday rentals are only available from 4–9 p.m.



TIM MURPHY ART GALLERY

Irene B. French
Community Center
3rd floor

MONDAY-THURSDAY
8:00AM-9:00PM

FRIDAY
8:00AM-5:00PM

SATURDAY
8:00AM-4:00PM

SUNDAY
1:00PM-5:00PM

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.

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, with the exception of March and May. 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, APRIL 7 – SATURDAY, APRIL 30
"Art & Soul"

Brownie Hayek, Richard Hayek, Randall Kronblad

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 – SATURDAY, JULY 2
"Surroundings"

Linda Taylor, David Ediger, Samuel Fee

THURSDAY, JULY 7 – SATURDAY, JULY 30
"Northland Art League"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
"Pieces of America"

Ronnie Cramer, Gloria Gale, Shari Short



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Call for Artists

Applications are being accepted for the 2017 monthly art gallery shows at the recently renovated Tim Murphy Art Gallery. The application deadline is July 11, 2016. Interested artists may submit five digitals of their work. All exhibited painting and photographs must be matted and framed unless wrap around canvas technique is utilized. Media to be exhibited include: photography, watercolor, pastel, oil or acrylic, ceramics, sculpture, fiber arts, and glass.

At least 90 percent of the work for the show must be for sale. The City's commission is 30 percent on all sales during the show. For more information contact Dave Smothers at daves@merriam.org or 913.322.5550. Application can be found at www.merriam.org/park.

Coffee & Canvas

Friday Mornings

10:00AM-1:00PM

Join us on Friday 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 // month
South Park Room

No registration required!

Mixed Media Painting Workshops

An experienced instructor will walk you through the process of creating a whimsical, folk art piece using mixed media techniques. Participants will use acrylic paint, india ink, stamps, collage paper, fabric, and stencils to create an adorable background. The end results usually end up as a reflection of its creator! **Instructor: Stacey Krieg**

Mixed Media Girls—Come and meet the new girl in your life! In this painting class, we will create an adorable mixed media girl. Your girl will make you smile each time you see her in your home.

Doggone it!—Come meet the new dog in your life! In this painting class, students will create an adorable mixed media dog. Students create their pooch either by freehand drawing or by using a template. This new best friend will make you giggle with delight!

Meow Mix—Come meet the new cat in your life! In this painting class, students will create an adorable mixed media cat. Students create their cat either by freehand drawing or by using a template.

CLASS	CLASS #	TIME	DATES	FEE	MIN/MAX
Mixed Media Girls	220301A1	1:00PM-3:00PM	Saturday, June 25	\$39—includes materials	4/6
Doggone it!	220301B1	1:00PM-3:00PM	Saturday, July 23	\$39—includes materials	4/6
Meow Mix	220301C1	1:00PM-3:00PM	Saturday, July 30	\$39—includes materials	4/6



FITNESS CENTER

Irene B. French Community Center, 1st floor

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:00AM-9:00PM
FRIDAY 8:00AM-5:00PM
SATURDAY 8:00AM-4:00PM
SUNDAY 1:00PM-5:00PM

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!

VISITORS
 Jan-Feb 2015
 1,019
 Jan-Feb 2016
 1,317
 2015: 8,616

Did You Know?
 • Fitness Center participation has increased by 30 percent since 2015 due to recent renovations.



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 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 (free)!

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
\$25 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.



MERRIAM AQUATIC CENTER



6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS 66202 // 913.322.5518

Open seasonally, Memorial Day to Labor Day, 12:00PM–8:00PM
 Visit merriam.org/park for the full season calendar

The Merriam Aquatic Center is close to home, fits your budget, and is healthy, family fun for all ages!

Admission

Children under one-year old are FREE!
 Now accepting MasterCard/Visa/Discover!

	Resident*	Non-Resident
Daily Admission	\$6	\$8
Punch Card (10 Visits)	\$54	\$73

*Valid driver's license or state issued identification card is required as proof of residency to qualify for rate. Cards are non-transferable and not valid after 9/5/16.

Season Pass

Season Passes go on sale April 4. Renew your membership online at www.merriam.org/park.

	Resident	Non-Resident
Household	\$105	\$166*
Youth (17 & under)	\$53	\$83
Adult	\$68	\$105
Senior (60+)	\$53	\$83

*Limit of six members. Additional single passes available at discounted rate of \$20/person for households with more than six members.

NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY SUPER PASS

Take advantage of this add-on option to visit municipal pools in Prairie Village, Mission, Fairway, Roeland Park and Leawood. There is a limit of 5 household members per Super Pass; additional members are \$5 each and will receive a sticker to attach to the current pass that must be shown at visiting pools.



	Resident	Non-Resident*
Household	\$50	\$65
Individual	\$25	\$35

*Non-Resident Super Pass must have been a Merriam Season Pass holder in 2015.

Free Swim on Opening Day, May 29th!
Be our guest on opening day!

The pool will open at noon and the fun in the sun will last until 8 p.m. All Merriam and Johnson County residents receive FREE admission! Bring a driver's license or state issued identification card for proof of residency.

Now Offering Concession Punch Cards!

Leave your cash at home . . . punch cards available for concessions. Purchase at the front desk for \$15 with a credit card!



Did You Know?

22,670 swimmers visited the Merriam Aquatic Center in 2015

It takes:

- 563,880 gallons of water to fill the pool
- 170.5 staff hours per day to operate the pool
- 104.5 hours of lifeguard duty per day



MORE ONLINE

Learn more about the Merriam Aquatic Center at www.merriam.org/park

PARTY AT THE MAC!

To schedule your party, contact Merriam Parks and Recreation at 913.322.5550 Monday–Friday. Seven days advance reservation required.



Private Party Aquatic Center Rentals

Enjoy a pool-side private party, family reunion, or office party at the Merriam Aquatic Center!

The aquatic center is available for rental in the evenings from 8:15PM to 9:45PM. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning April 4. The facility will be available for rental from June 4–August 7.

Zero-depth pool and slide pool	\$225
Slide pool and 50-meter pool	\$225
Zero-depth pool and 50-meter pool	\$225
Entire facility	\$275

Party in the Park!

\$50 Resident/\$60 Non-Resident
8:00AM–2:00PM or 3:00PM–9:00PM

- Vavra Park shelter seating for 60 with BBQ grill
- Pay daily admission to Aquatic Center before or after picnic
- Group discount for parties larger than 15
- Birthday “shout out”
- Shelter rental policies and regular aquatic center hours and policies apply

Ultimate Splash

\$130

- Admission to aquatic center for 15
- Your choice of hot dog or pizza; chips and drink for each child (you may bring your own cake)
- Reserved concession patio space
- Birthday “shout out”
- 1 ½ hour time limit (Party times are scheduled for 12:00PM, 2:00PM, 4:00PM and 6:00PM)

Resident Profile

Name:

Jacob Needham



Most kids enjoy spending their hot, summer days at the pool, but no one more than fifth grade Merriam resident Jacob Needham. Since at least 2010, he’s been the first one in the water at the beginning of the season at Merriam Aquatic Center (MAC), and the last one out at the end of the season. Jacob’s mother, Kitty Needham, estimates that her son spends nearly 30 days at the MAC each year, in addition to the weekly trips his summer camp takes to the Roeland Park Pool.

Here’s what Jacob, a fanatic Detroit Lions fan and student at Nieman Elementary School, had to say about his claim-to-fame, and why he likes to spend so much time at the MAC:

Why do you like to be the first one in and the last one out?
I just want to have more pool time than anyone else. Last year, it was so cold on the first day that I just jumped in and quickly hopped right out. It was still fun.

How old were you when you started swimming? Are you a good swimmer?
I was about six or seven. I’d say I’m a pretty good swimmer — I can go in the deep end.

What do you like about the Merriam Aquatic Center?
There’s lots of space and it’s never very crowded, it has three diving boards and two slides.

Do you go off the diving boards? If so, do you have any favorite tricks?
Oh yeah, I wore out the diving boards (his mother said they wore him out). My favorite tricks are the 360 twist

and the “Rock Star” (when a diver mimics a rousing guitar solo while in the air). If I’m going off the high dive, I usually yell “Detroit Lions are amazing” on my way down.

What other fun things do you do at the pool?
Just swimming around, slide races, splashy balls and diving sticks. I also have swimming races with my brother and friend Evan.

How would you improve the Merriam Aquatic Center?
I would put in a lazy river, a giant Detroit Lions sign, and a pool shaped like the Detroit Lions’ mascot.

What do you like to do when the pool is closed?
Go outside and play football, games of UNO, watch videos, play basketball and Yu-Gi-Oh!





MERRIAM DOLPHINS

REGISTRATION

Registration begins on
April 4, 2016

CALL
913.322.5550

ONLINE
www.merriam.org/park

VISIT
Irene B. French Community Center

Register on or before May 1 for early bird fees!

Athletes can choose to swim only, dive only or swim and dive for the same fee! Swim caps provided in fees. Athletes will need a blue suit (swimoutlet.com). Information is available under the Aquatic Center tab at www.merriam.org/park. Parent communication is through Team Unity; instruction presented at registration.

MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING: May 31, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Irene B. French Community Center

Pre-Competitive Swim

This team is designed for young swimmers who are learning to swim/dive and working on increasing their skills and endurance. This is not intended to be swim lessons. A qualified swimmer should be able to swim across the pool (25 yards). They do not need to know all four strokes.

Competitive Swim

This team is designed for higher level swimmers that are able to swim 50 yards without stopping and know all four strokes.

TEAM	CLASS #	FEE	EARLY BIRD	MIN/MAX
Pre-Competitive Swim & Dive Team	210113S1	\$75	\$70	5/100
Competitive Swim & Dive Team	210113S2	\$75	\$70	5/100
Additional Children (same family)	210113S4	\$65	\$60	-

PRACTICES ARE HELD MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM JUNE 1-JULY 14

SWIM PRACTICE	TIME	DIVE PRACTICE	TIME
Pre-Competitive	9:30-10:30AM	Beginner	8:45-9:30AM
Competitive	8:00-9:30AM	Intermediate	9:30-10:30AM
		Advanced	10:30-11:30AM

MEET SCHEDULES

PRE-COMPETITIVE SWIM	COMPETITIVE SWIM	DIVE
Saturdays Warm Ups 8:00AM	Thursdays Warm-ups 5:30PM	Tuesdays Warm-ups 5:30PM
June 4 @ Olathe June 11 @ Home June 18 @ Home June 25 @ Prairie Village	June 9 @ Overland Park June 16 @ Home June 23 @ Home June 30 @ Roeland Park July 7 @ Olathe Wednesday, July 13 All City @ Prairie Village Warm Up at 7:00AM Meet Starts at 8:15AM Rain Date: Thursday July, 14	June 7 @ Olathe June 14 @ Home June 21 @ Home June 28 @ Home July 5 @ Shawnee Saturday, July 9 All City @ Home Warm Up at 7:00AM Meet Starts at 8:00AM Rain Date: Sunday, July 10



Parks&Rec // Swim Lessons

Parent/Child

Classes are held in the zero-depth entry pool and are designed for children 6 months to 3 years of age and their parents to familiarize and orient young children to the water. Parents will also learn valuable water safety information to keep little ones safe.

Preschool Aquatics

Classes are held in the zero-depth entry pool and are designed for children 4 and 5 years of age to promote fundamental water safety and aquatic skills for children who do not need assistance in the water by an adult.

Level 1 – Introduction to Water Skills

Class is held in the 3-foot deep area of the pool and is recommended for children 6 years of age. Students will learn basic personal water safety information and elementary aquatic skills to help them feel comfortable in the water. No skill pre-requisites for this class.

Level 2 – Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Skill pre-requisites for this class involve the child being able to comfortably put their face into water. Students will learn fundamental aquatic skills. Skills taught include: floating without support and recover to vertical, foundation for future strokes, and stepping or jumping into the water. This level marks the beginning of true swimming skills.

Level 3 – Stroke Development

Skill pre-requisites for this class involve the child being able to jump into the water unassisted. Students will learn front crawl, elementary backstroke, survival float, scissor kick, dolphin kick, headfirst entry into water from seated position and fundamentals of treading water.

Level 4 – Stroke Improvement

Skill pre-requisite for this class involve the child being able to comfortably tread water for 2 minutes. Students will improve their skills and increase endurance by swimming basic strokes of front crawl and elementary backstroke for greater distance. Students learn the arm movements with scissor kick for sidestroke, the back crawl, breast-stroke, butterfly basics, basics of turning at a wall and diving from standing is introduced.

Private Lessons

One-on-one lessons are perfect for those that desire individual attention or an adult wanting to learn to swim. Classes are 30 minutes in length and will be developed to meet your needs.

The zero depth pool will open at 10:30 a.m. during swim lessons from June 13 – July 21. Regular admission rates apply.

Swim Lesson Schedule \$45/session Lessons last 30 minutes except Session 3-Saturdays are 40 minutes.

CLASS	SESSION 1-AM	SESSION 1-PM	SESSION 2-AM	SESSION 2-PM	SESSION 3-AM	SESSION 3-SAT
	June 13–June 23	June 13–June 24*	June 27–July 8*	June 27–July 8*	July 11–July 21	June 25–July 30 Saturdays
Parent Child CLASS #	—	6:45PM 210107C3	11:15AM 210107C1	6:00PM 210107C4	11:15AM 210107C2	11:00AM 210107C5
Preschool CLASS #	11:15AM 210111P1	6:00PM 210111P4	11:15AM 210111P2	6:45PM 210111P5	11:15AM 210111P3	11:00AM 210111P6
Level 1 CLASS #	11:15AM 210101D1	6:00PM 210101D4	11:15AM 210101D2	6:45PM 210101D5	11:15AM 210101D3	11:00AM 210101D6
Level 2 CLASS #	10:30AM 210102E1	6:45PM 210102E4	10:30AM 210102E2	6:00PM 210102E5	10:30AM 210102E3	—
Level 3 CLASS #	10:30AM 210103F1	6:00PM 210103F4	10:30AM 210103F2	6:45PM 210103F5	10:30AM 210103F3	10:15AM 210103F6
Level 4 CLASS #	10:30AM 210104G1	6:45PM 210104G2	—	—	—	10:15AM 210104G3

*No classes will be held on June 16, 23 or July 4.

Private Lessons \$75/session All lessons last 30 minutes.

CLASS	SESSION 1-AM	SESSION 1-PM	SESSION 2-AM	SESSION 2-PM	SESSION 3-AM	SESSION 3-SAT
	June 13–June 16	June 13–June 17*	June 27–June 30	June 27–June 30	July 11–July 14	June 25–July 16 Saturdays
Week 1 CLASS #	11:15AM 210109H0	7:30PM 210109H6	11:15AM 210109H2	7:30PM 210109H8	11:15AM 210109H4	10:30 210109H1
	June 20–June 23	June 20–June 24*	July 5–July 8	July 5–July 8	July 18–July 21	June 25–July 16 Saturdays
Week 2 CLASS #	11:15AM 210109H1	7:30PM 210109H7	11:15AM 210109H3	7:30PM 210109H9	11:15AM 210109H5	11:00 210109H2

*No classes will be held on June 16 or 23.

Parks&Rec // Youth

REGISTRATION

Registration begins on **April 4, 2016** **CALL** 913.322.5550 **ONLINE** www.merriam.org/park **VISIT** Irene B. French Community Center

BOGO Basketball

Want to know a secret? During the summer months you and your friends can get a deal on court time at the Irene B. French Community Center. Buy one, get one free, or two for the price of one.

Location: Jenks Gym

Challenger Sports Soccer Camp

Join more than 150,000 soccer players who will learn the Challenger way this year. Each camp is filled with drills and practices designed to improve individual ball control, foot skills, fakes, moves, juggling and core technique. "Mini Kickers" will be introduced to the basics through games and fun soccer challenges. The coaching staff also provides campers lessons in respect and leadership. Register by April 22 to receive a FREE Replica Soccer Jersey. **Registration accepted by calling 913-599-4884 or at registration.challengersports.com.**

Location: Waterfall Park, 5191 Merriam Drive

The Ki Society

You are invited to experience something new! Learn the five disciplines of the Ki Society, including Ki-Breathing, Ki-Meditation, Aikido, Kiatsu, and Bell Meditation. These practices can be life-long, and are fundamental to gaining an extra awareness of our natural state of being. Please wear clothes that are appropriate for mild exercise.

Location: Hocker Grove // Instructor: Scarborough

Youth Tennis

Pee Wee

Let one of the best tennis players in the area help your child learn the game of tennis in a Pee Wee tennis class. Coach Dylan is a favorite among little ones as he incorporates fun and interesting activities in his beginner lessons. This class is for children ages 4-5, and is guaranteed fun! Please bring a tennis racquet and a water bottle.

Beginner & Intermediate

Come learn how to play tennis or enhance your game from one of the best players in the area, Dylan Krieg. Dylan has trained at the most elite tennis academies in the area and brings all that experience to you, combined with a lot of fun! This program is offered to any age player and is based on skill level — either beginner or intermediate level. Dylan will help you learn or improve your tennis game in a low pressure, fun environment. Please bring your own racquet and a water bottle.

Private Lessons

Interested in some one-on-one time with one the area's best tennis players? Coach Dylan offers private lessons to help you learn or enhance your game. He will work to help you learn or improve your game. Please bring a racquet and water bottle.

Location: Shawnee Mission North High School
Tennis Courts—7401 Johnson Drive
Instructor: Kreig

CLASS	CLASS #	AGES	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	TIME	DATES	FEE	DROP IN	MIN/MAX
BOGO Basketball	-	All								June 6–Sept 2	-	\$3	-
Challenger Sports Soccer Camp	Mini Kickers	3–4	●	●	●	●	●		5:30PM–6:30PM	June 6–June 10	\$73	-	8/35
Challenger Sports Soccer Camp	Player Dev.	5–14	●	●	●	●	●		6:30PM–8:30PM	June 6–June 10	\$100	-	8/35
CSI Merriam	210510D1	8–11						●	9:00AM–12:00PM	June 25	\$8	-	6/15
The Ki Society	210904S7	5–12		●					6:00PM–6:50PM	May 10–June 21	\$35	\$7	1/12
The Ki Society	210904S8	5–12		●					6:00PM–6:50PM	July 12–Aug 23	\$35	\$7	1/12
Youth Tennis–Pee Wee	211006A1	4–5						●	9:00AM–9:50AM	June 4–June 25	\$49	-	2/8
Youth Tennis–Beginner	211006A2	All						●	10:00AM–10:50AM	June 4–June 25	\$56	-	2/6
Youth Tennis–Intermediate	211006A3	All						●	11:00AM–11:50AM	June 4–June 25	\$56	-	2/6
Youth Tennis–Private Lessons	211006A4	All						●	12:00PM–12:50PM	June 4–June 25	\$95	-	1/1
Youth Tennis–Private Lessons	211006A5	All						●	1:00PM–1:50PM	June 4–June 25	\$95	-	1/1

CSI Merriam

Saturday, June 25 // 9:00am-12:00pm

Put on your detective hat and let's pretend to solve the mystery. In this workshop Merriam Police Officers will take you through dusting for prints, photography, collecting DNA, finger printing, and the different divisions of investigations and traffic patrol. Students will also receive a tour of the station.

Location: Merriam Police Station (9010 W. 62nd St.)

Instructor: Merriam Police Officers



Park Passport Program

July 1–August 6 // Six parks across the metro!

Are you ready for a FREE, FUN FAMILY summer challenge? Join the Northeast Johnson County cities of Fairway, Leawood, Merriam, Mission, Prairie Village and Roeland Park in celebrating National Parks and Recreation Month with a Park Passport Program! From July 1 until August 6 you are challenged to visit one designated park in each city to complete the passport. Completed entries will be eligible for great prizes! Park Passports will be available electronically online at www.merriam.org/park or you can pick one up at the Irene B. French Community Center.



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.

The game room is also available for private party rentals.



Preschool Indoor Playground

There are so many choices and so much fun to be had at the preschool indoor playground. Drive your favorite Little Tykes vehicle, jump in the bouncies or pretend in the kitchen. Parents must supervise their own children during playground time. Special activities included around the holiday season.

Daily Fee: \$2 // child

Punch cards available: \$10 for 10 visits

JENKS GYM // TUESDAYS // 9:30AM–11:30AM

Every Tuesday Year-Round!



BIRTHDAY PACKAGES!

Host your child's birthday party here!

All packages are for 2 hours and are only available 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 & 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 people. Game room includes a pool table, ping-pong table, foosball table, Wii® gaming station with Wii Sports, and a 52" 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 set-up fee is charged for rentals of equipment requiring a net.

\$60 // MERRIAM RESIDENT

\$70 // NON-RESIDENT

Intended for children ages 5 and up.

Parks&Rec // Adult Classes

FITNESS

Belly Dance // Advanced Belly Dance

Shake some variety into your workout! As alluring as it is effective, this classic fitness art will work your entire body as you practice core control and dexterity. Advanced class is for students with previous belly dance experience. Dress comfortably and shimmy your way into a more toned and confident you!

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

Bootcamp

You don't have to be a Master Sergeant to get a total body workout. With a variety of types of training that combine intervals of cardio drills with muscle conditioning exercises, you'll be sure to tone and tighten and improve your overall well being!

Location: Jenks Gym // Instructor: Staff



Zumba

Come bust a move, not your gut, in this fun, upbeat and energetic class! With easy to follow steps perfect for any fitness level, this class is sure to get you moving and grooving. Grab your friends and join the workout that feels more like a party!

Location: Jenks Gym // Instructor: Gensch

YOGA

Gentle Yoga

Nourish your body and 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 and work to provide increased mobility and decrease pain levels. A doctors note is requested.

Location: Merriam Park // Instructor: Duran

Yoga Express

Exercise your body while freeing your mind from the stresses of everyday life. Take a mid-day intermission and treat yourself to the break you deserve while enhancing your body. Utilizing props such as blocks and blankets to assure proper form and body alignment, focus on you and leave the stress at the door.

Location: Merriam Park // Instructor: Duran

Iyengar Yoga Level 1

A derivative of Hatha Yoga, Iyengar Yoga has an emphasis on detail, precision and alignment in the performance of posture and breath control. The development of strength, mobility and stability is gained through the use of props.

Location: Merriam Park // Instructor: Duran

Iyengar Yoga Level 2

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

Location: Merriam Park // Instructor: Duran

Iyengar Yoga Level 3

For those students who are able to do inversions with ease at the wall.

Location: Merriam Park // Instructor: Duran

Iyengar Yoga Level 4

For experienced students, comfortable in long inversions with variations, deep backbends and twists.

Location: Merriam Park // Instructor: Duran

AND MORE

Dancing in Merriam

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

Location: Hocker Grove Room // Instructor: Frazier

The Ki Society

You are invited to enjoy a unique, new experience. The five disciplines of the Ki Society will be introduced, including Ki-Breathing, Ki-Meditation, Aikido, Kiatsu, and Bell Meditation. These practices can be life-long, 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

Aikido is a non-competitive form of Japanese Budo, a study that includes both physical and mental training. The word "Aikido" is loosely translated as "the Way (do) of harmony (ai) with nature or universal energy (ki)." It is a way of studying harmony through physical movements. Yoshokai Aikido movements are precise, yet dynamic and energetic, and the basis for the fighting arts of the Samurai (powerful throws, pins and weapons). This course emphasizes moving in harmony with others in an effort to create harmony with nature.

Location: Campbell Room // Instructor: Duran



Pickleball: Drop-in Play



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

Saturdays 8:15AM-11:15AM

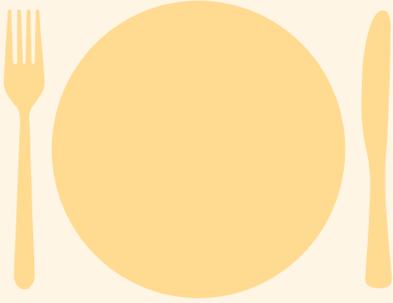
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 April 4, 2016 913.322.5550 www.merriam.org/park Irene B. French Community Center

CLASS	CLASS #	AGE	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	TIME	DATES	FEE	DROP IN	MIN/ MAX
Belly Dance	220807B1	16+		●					6:30PM-7:30PM	May 10-June 21	\$60	\$10	4/10
Belly Dance	220807B2	16+		●					6:30PM-7:30PM	July 12-August 23	\$60	\$10	4/10
Advanced Belly Dance	220807B8	16+			●				7:00PM-9:00PM	May 11-June 22	\$75	\$12	4/10
Advanced Belly Dance	220807B9	16+			●				7:00PM-9:00PM	July 13-August 24	\$75	\$12	4/10
Bootcamp	220802B5	16+		●	●				6:00PM-7:00PM	May 10-June 23	\$45	\$7	6/20
Bootcamp	220802B6	16+		●	●				6:00PM-7:00PM	July 12-August 25	\$45	\$7	6/20
Zumba	220802X5	16+	●		●				5:45PM-6:45PM	May 9-June 27*	\$48	\$7	6/20
Zumba	220802X6	16+	●		●				5:45PM-6:45PM	July 11-August 24	\$48	\$7	6/20
Gentle Yoga	220803A3	16+	●						6:00PM-7:25PM	May 9-June 27*	\$77	\$15	4/10
Gentle Yoga	220803A4	16+	●						6:00PM-7:25PM	July 11-August 22	\$77	\$15	4/10
Gentle Yoga	220803Z1	16+				●			9:00AM-10:25AM	May 12-June 23	\$77	\$15	4/10
Gentle Yoga	220803Z2	16+				●			9:00AM-10:25AM	July 14-August 25	\$77	\$15	4/10
Yoga Express	220803B1	16+		●	●				12:00PM-12:45PM	May 10-June 23	\$48	\$7	4/10
Yoga Express	220803B2	16+		●	●				12:00PM-12:45PM	July 12-August 25	\$48	\$7	4/10
Iyengar Yoga-Level 1	220803A1	16+			●				6:00PM-7:30PM	May 11-June 22	\$63	\$15	4/10
Iyengar Yoga-Level 1	220803A2	16+			●				6:00PM-7:30PM	July 13-August 24	\$63	\$15	4/10
Iyengar Yoga-Level 2	220803A5	16+		●					9:00AM-10:25AM	May 10-June 21	\$77	\$15	4/10
Iyengar Yoga-Level 2	220803A6	16+		●					9:00AM-10:25AM	July 12-August 23	\$77	\$15	4/10
Iyengar Yoga-Level 3	220803A7	16+	●						7:30PM-8:55PM	May 9-June 27*	\$77	\$15	4/10
Iyengar Yoga-Level 3	220803A8	16+	●						7:30PM-8:55PM	July 11-August 22	\$77	\$15	4/10
Iyengar Yoga-Level 4		16+					●		3:30PM-4:55PM	1 st Friday of Month	-	\$15	4/10
Dancing in Merriam	220602A3	16+				●			7:00PM-9:00PM	July 21-August 25	\$60	-	3/7
The Ki Society	220904T1	16+		●					7:00PM-8:30PM	May 10-June 21	\$35	\$7	4/20
The Ki Society	220904T2	16+		●					7:00PM-8:30PM	July 12-August 23	\$35	\$7	4/20
Yoshokai Aikido	220904B5	16+				●			6:00PM-7:00PM	May 12-June 23	\$56	-	3/10
Yoshokai Aikido	220904B6	16+				●			6:00PM-7:00PM	July 14-August 25	\$56	-	3/10
Yoshokai Aikido	220904B7	16+					●		10:00AM-11:00AM	May 7-June 25*	\$56	-	3/10
Yoshokai Aikido	220904B8	16+					●		10:00AM-11:00AM	July 9-August 20	\$56	-	3/10
Pickleball	-	16+						●	8:15AM-11:15AM	ongoing	-	\$1	-

*No class on May 21 or May 30.

Parks&Rec // 50+ Programs & Classes



Congregate Meals

Monday-Friday

Hungry? The Johnson County Nutrition Program Neighborhood Center at the Irene B. French Community Center provides a noon meal on weekdays and home-delivered meals for those unable to visit the meal site. For additional information about the program, or for a reservation, please contact the program 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 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 10 a.m. – noon. Join your friends and neighbors for food, fun and a weekly program. New members are always welcome! For more information contact Cecil Waage at 913.236.9866.

Location: Campbell Room

"Boomer Buzz"

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Merriam Parks and Recreation Department sends out a newsletter for the 50 and better age group full of bi-monthly special events, programs and classes. Get on the mailing by calling 913.322.5550.



B.I.N.G.O.

Second Thursdays // 1:30PM–3:30PM

May 11 // Kentucky Derby

July 14 // Birthday

August 11 // Sunglasses

If happiness is yelling BINGO then this is the place to be. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy 15 different BINGO games and snacks on the second Thursday of each month. Prizes include gift cards and tasty treats.

\$3//person

Location: Jenks Gym

Barbeque Bingo

Thursday, June 9 // 12:00PM–3:00PM

We'll be chillin' and grillin' at the IBFCC for Barbeque BINGO! Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided, you just bring a side dish. Eat your fill AND play BINGO at this special event!

\$4 // person

Location: Jenks Gym

Pre-registration required by Tuesday, June 7

Class # 230201S3

May Day Party

Sunday, May 1 // 1:00PM



In celebration of Older Americans Month we invite you to an afternoon of fun, games and laughter. Come enjoy all of your favorite 50+ activities — try your luck at BINGO, relax with some Ageless Yoga, and see how easy Wii® bowling can be. Refreshments and door prizes are also part of the fun.

FREE

Location: Jenks Gym

Silver Screen Matinée

Wednesdays // 1:00PM

Let's all go to the movies!

Comedy, drama, suspense, fantasy, mystery and more . . . we show them all! Join your friends for a movie matinee each Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Game Room. Schedules are available at the front office and highlighted in the bi-monthly "Boomer Buzz" newsletter. We take film requests, and always start with a joke! So bring a friend and a snack and remember — FREE popcorn is provided on the last Wednesday of each month. The movie schedule is subject to change.

FREE

Location: Game Room



REGISTRATION

Registration begins on
April 4, 2016

CALL
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ONLINE
www.merriam.org/park

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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 can help alleviate these conditions by combining poses, relaxation and breathing techniques, to improve overall health.

Location: Merriam Park Room // Instructor: McMillan

Chair Yoga

Yoga provides amazing internal benefits while helping to improve many body-defining properties. Using a chair instead of a yoga mat allows participants the freedom to increase flexibility and soften moods in a relaxing atmosphere.

Location: Merriam Park Room // Instructor: Duran

Flexercise

This exercise program emphasizes safe and beneficial movements and routines intended to increase flexibility, strength and endurance. Registration is not required, and donations are accepted for each class.

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 Johnson County Park and Recreation District's 50+ Program. This is a Federally-funded program of the "Older American Act."

Pickleball

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

Location: Jenks Gym

Senior Wii® Bowling

Is it a game of skill, luck or laughter? Leave your bowling shoes and ball at home, and come enjoy the latest bowling craze! Wii bowling is a fun rendition of regular bowling played on a big screen with a remote game controller. Come and roll for a perfect game of 300.

Location: Game Room

CLASS	CLASS #	AGES	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	TIME	DATES*	FEE	DROP IN	MIN/MAX
Ageless Yoga	230803D7	50+			●				9:00AM-10:15AM	May 11-June 22	\$35	\$7	4/8
Ageless Yoga	230803D8	50+			●				9:00AM-10:15AM	July 13-August 24	\$35	\$7	4/8
Chair Yoga	230803D5	50+		●		●			11:00AM-11:45AM	May 10-June 23	\$48	\$7	6/10
Chair Yoga	230803D6	50+		●		●			11:00AM-11:45AM	July 12-August 25	\$48	\$7	6/10
Flexercise	No Registration	50+	●		●		●		10:00AM-10:45AM	ongoing	-	\$3	-
Pickleball	No Registration	16+						●	8:15AM-11:15AM	ongoing	-	\$1	-
Senior Wii	231202W8	50+					●		10:00AM-11:30AM	May 13-June 10	\$3	-	6/16
Senior Wii	231202W9	50+					●		10:00AM-11:30AM	June 22-July 29	\$3	-	6/16

MERRIAM PARKS

Park Hours are from Sunrise to Sunset Daily

1 Brown Memorial Park—5040 BOOKER DRIVE—named for Esther E. Brown, the local resident who organized citizen support for the 1949 Webb v. School District 90 case. The Webb case helped set the background 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 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—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, it 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—features two historic exhibits depicting the history of Merriam. The first is a walking path with 12 markers from pre-settlement to current day. The second, indoor exhibit, celebrates David Gee Campbell, the original developer of “Campbellton” known today as Merriam. The plaza also boasts an original bronze sculpture, “The Bear Pit”, 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 showcase of this area features a 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		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●





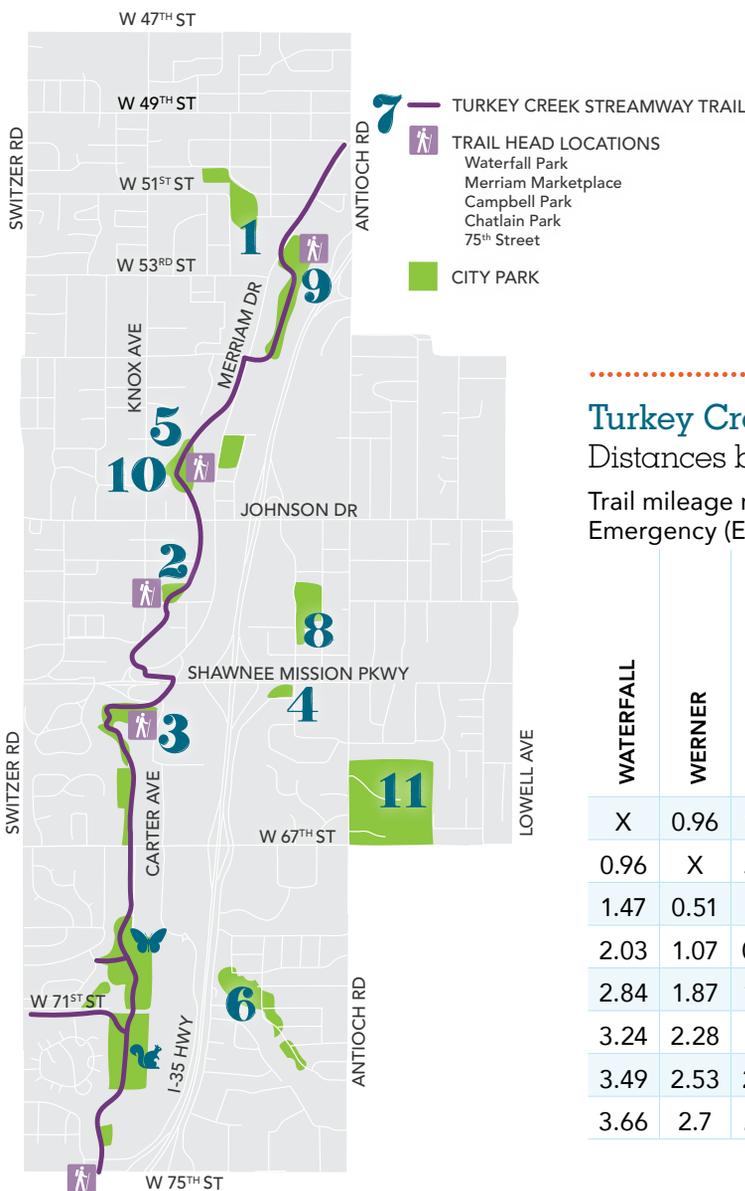
8 Vavra Park—6114 SLATER STREET—features a playground that was replaced in 2012, swings replaced in 2015, a walking path, picnic shelter, restroom and decorative landscaped waterfall feature. In addition, the Merriam Aquatic Center is located in the north end of this park.

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 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.



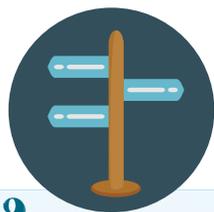
Turkey Creek Streamway Trail

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

april

- APRIL 4** Registration Begins for summer Parks & Rec classes
- APRIL 7** "Art & Soul" Opening Reception 7:00PM IBFCC
- APRIL 11** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall
- APRIL 18-22** Large Item Pickup
- APRIL 23** Tail Waggin' on the Trail 9:30AM-11:00AM MMP
- APRIL 25** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall

may

- MAY 7** Merriam Farmers' Market opens for the season 7:00AM-1:00PM MMP
- MAY 7** Made in Merriam Tour 9:00AM-12:00PM IBFCC
- MAY 9** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall
- MAY 15** Summer Sundays in Merriam Food Trucks 4:30PM-7:30PM MMP
- MAY 21** Turkey Creek 5K 8:00AM-10:00AM IBFCC
- MAY 21** Turkey Creek Festival 10:00AM-4:00PM Antioch Park
- MAY 23** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall
- MAY 29** Merriam Aquatic Center opens 12:00PM-8:00PM MAC
- MAY 30** Memorial Day—City Hall and Community Center closed

june

- JUNE 1** Wednesday Farmers' Market opens for the season 4:00PM-7:00PM MMP
- JUNE 2** "Surroundings" Opening Reception 7:00PM IBFCC
- JUNE 12** Summer Sundays in Merriam Food Trucks 4:30PM-7:30PM MMP
- JUNE 13** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall
- JUNE 17** Party in YOUR Park 6:30PM-8:30PM Brown Park
- JUNE 27** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall

july

- JULY 2-9** Flags4Freedom MMP
- JULY 4** Independence Day—City Hall and Community Center closed
- JULY 5** Food Truck Tuesday 11:00AM-2:00PM MMP
- JULY 7** "Northland Art League" Opening Reception 7:00PM IBFCC
- JULY 11** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall
- JULY 15** Party in YOUR Park 6:30PM-8:30PM Quail Creek
- JULY 22** Flip Flop & Flamingos Pool Party 7:30PM-9:00PM The Mac
- JULY 25** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall

august

- AUGUST 4** "Pieces of America" Opening Reception 7:00PM IBFCC
- AUGUST 8** City Council Meeting 7:00PM City Hall
- AUGUST 13** Cruise Night 6:30PM-8:30PM MMP
- AUGUST 19** Party in YOUR Park 6:30PM-8:30PM Campbell Park
- AUGUST 22** City Council Meeting 7:00PM 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.

