

Sustainability... In a *Roundabout* Way

Join Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, Meridian Township, friends, and neighbors on this eco-friendly roundabout renovation! Call 853-4466 and visit <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/roundabout> for more information. Please share with your neighbors & friends!

What is a Smart Commute?

A smart commute is any trip that is not one driver/one motorized vehicle. This includes walking, biking, using public transit, ride sharing, telecommuting, and paddling. Now is the time to get in gear... visit <http://bit.ly/getsmart2015> for more information.

Freedom Festival 2015

The Michigan Renewable Energy Fair is coming to the Ingham County Fairgrounds June 26-27 for exhibits, workshops, kids' tent, and an electric vehicle show. See more at www.girea.org.



Energy Fund Grows - Saving Tax Dollars

Meridian Township is saving almost \$20,000 annually due to energy improvements installed during the past few years. Thanks to a partnership with [Michigan Energy Options](#), an updated energy study is now complete, highlighting additional opportunities for energy savings opportunities in buildings, lift stations (pump water and/or sewage), fire stations, and street lighting. See <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/energy>.



Meridian Master Planning Underway

The Meridian Master Plan, which impacts future development, is currently being discussed. View the first Public Input Session at <http://bit.ly/masterplanner>. Then, if you have questions or would like to make comments, contact the Planning Commission through Gail Oranchak at 853-4564 or Oranchak@meridian.mi.us.

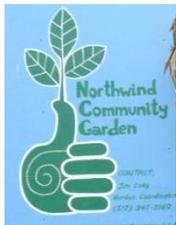
Recycling Combats "Chronic Waste Disease"

Michigan Recycling Coalition, Governor Snyder, and others, hope to double Michigan's 15% recycling rate in the next couple years. One effort to reduce waste is a **regional recycling study** involving Lansing, E. Lansing, Meridian Twp, and others to explore collaboration on a recycling facility. Learn more at www.midmichiganrecycles.org or www.michigan.gov/deqrecycling.



Apartment Recycling: Next Steps?

In other news, a grant proposal to improve recycling in Meridian apartment buildings was turned down. Over \$3 million in requests were received for approx. \$600,000 in funding with most grants going to "redevelopment-ready communities." However, there is still much interest in expanding recycling options for apartment in Meridian. If you have ideas or want to expand recycling in your neighborhood, contact recycle@meridian.mi.us.



Community Gardening

Community gardens not only produce nutritious food - they stimulate social interaction, encourage self-reliance, beautify neighborhoods, reduce family food budgets, conserve resources, create opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education. More on Meridian's community gardens at <http://bit.ly/gardenmer>



Before

Pallet Garden

Here's a unique idea for a space-saving garden submitted by David Upchurch. Read more about making a pallet garden at <http://bit.ly/palletbin>



After Tilting Up and a Few Weeks

Food Waste: Opening a "Bin" of Worms

Compost Katie offers weekly curbside removal of all vegetable scraps, breads, napkins, cooked meats, cheeses, fruit pits and all fruit, pizza boxes, newspapers, coffee grounds, used coffee filters and lawn debris (e.g. leaves and bundled twigs.). Compost Katie is donating much of the finished vermicompost to The Garden Project/Land Bank which works with dozens of community gardens in the region. <http://compostkatie.com>



Where Can I Recycle...?



Discover answers at <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us> or call 853-4466.

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