

Meridian: Growing Green in '16

Meridian is a very green community - and this is one reason it's a great place to be. With 29 parks, 17 land preserves, 75 miles of paved pathways, extensive recycling options, a year-round farmers' market and nature center, ten community gardens, the Red Cedar River, Lake Lansing, and so much more - Meridian attracts people from the entire region. However, preserving and enhancing a "green community" and the green infrastructure upon which all livelihoods depend will require wisdom, creativity, and compassion. Of course, one of the best things one can do is to subscribe to the Green Gazette :-). Aside from this, stay informed about out what's going on or *get something going on*. Consider involvement in your neighborhood group (call Brett Dreyfus, Township Clerk, at 853-4300 for a list) or serving on a board or commission. Commissions will present their 2016 agendas in the Town Hall (5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos) at 6pm on Jan 12 (see <http://bit.ly/meridianboards>). Stay tuned to recycling volunteer opportunities as well, whether you live, work, shop, visit, and/or play here ☺. For many, doing more is not the answer. Simple and "mindful" investments of time, money, and imagination can make a big difference. Go outside and enjoy nature, have fun, support locally-owned businesses, invest in companies and projects that support your values, and have a happy, healthy, and green '16!

"Green communities have a higher quality of life, better economy, residents spend more time on amenities, and they attract and keep talent"

-Dr. David Bieri,
"Are Green Cities Nice Places to Live?"

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be accepted at Nancy Moore Park, 2100 Gaylord C Smith Ct. in Haslett, during the month of January. Please remove all tinsel, wire, and decorations. Meridian Recycling Center also accepts trees, branches, leaves, etc. year-round for \$15/cu. yard.

winter hours <small>BEGIN 11/1/2015</small>	
MONDAY	2:00 - 5:00
TUESDAY	10:00 - 5:00
WEDNESDAY	10:00 - 5:00
THURSDAY	10:00 - 5:00
FRIDAY	2:00 - 5:00
SATURDAY	10:00 - 4:00
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Recycling Center Holiday Hours

Open: Dec 28, 29, 30, and Jan 2 **Closed:** Dec 24-26, 31, and Jan 1.

Now accepting *all colors* of container glass, Styrofoam, electronics, plastic, leaves and yard clippings, metal, paper (including books & magazines), boxboard, cardboard, non-compactable waste. Charges for yard waste, CRT TVs and monitors, trash, and batteries. See more at www.reclaimedbydesign.com. For curbside, visit <http://grangernet.com/recyclingguides>.

MMEAC Lunches & More

Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council will host a series of luncheons on the 1st Friday from noon - 1 pm, at 602 W Ionia in Lansing. Suggested donation: \$5. The next luncheon is on Jan 8th.

- **January 8: Community Solar Parks** John Kinch of MI Energy Options will discuss how community solar works, how people can get involved, and what the benefits are to our region.
- **February 5: The Future of Bees** Dr. Walter Pett, Apiculture and Pollination Specialist with MSU Extension, will talk about issues that beekeepers are concerned about.
- **Executive Director Opening:** Applications are due Dec 31, 2015. More at www.midmeac.com

