



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Celebrate Meridian Festival Returns on July 24 and 25

Annual Event Offers Live Music, Beer Garden, Children's Activities, Drone Show & More!

Meridian Township, MI – Make the most of summer with the Celebrate Meridian Festival, taking place on **Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25**, at the Marketplace on the Green Pavilion and Central Park.

Central Park Drive will be closed between Okemos Road and Marsh Road on Saturday, July 25, from 11:00 am to approximately 11:00 pm. Trails in Central Park, Central Park South, and Nancy Moore Park will also be closed for staging the drone show. Free parking, including handicap parking, will be available at the Meridian Mall.

Festival events will be free and open to the public, but some activities have a fee. Events and activities include:

- **Friday, July 24 – Teen Night (6:00 pm to 10:00 pm)**
 - Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos)
 - Music, laser tag, crafts with Capital Area District Libraries, video game trailer, gaga ball, and food trucks
- **Saturday, July 25 – Block Party (4:00 pm to 10:30 pm)**
 - **Farmers' Market**
 - 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | Marketplace on the Green
 - *Hours shortened due to Celebrate Meridian setup*
 - **Live Music at Marketplace on the Green**
 - 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm | GEECH
 - 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Starfarm
 - **Beer Garden**
 - 4:00 pm – 10:15 pm | Marketplace on the Green
 - Must show ID and purchase drink tickets. Credit cards accepted.
 - **Food Trucks/Vendors**
 - 4:00 pm – 10:15 pm | Central Park Drive between Marketplace on the Green and Central Park
 - **Children's Activities**
 - 4:00 pm – 9:30 pm | Central Park (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos)
 - Inflatables, rides, games, and more.
 - Unlimited play with \$5 wristband. Credit cards accepted.
 - **Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center**
 - 10:00 am – 6:00 pm | Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center (5153 Marsh Road, Okemos)
 - Building tours, jewelry vendors, demonstrations, and more.

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- **Saturday, July 25 - Block Party (Continued)**
 - **Meridian Historical Village**
 - 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Meridian Historical Village (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos)
 - Building tours and ice cream social.
 - Denning & Johnson will perform traditional Michigan fiddle and dance music from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
 - 102nd United States Colored Troops Company C will have an encampment.
 - **Art and Business Vendors**
 - 4:00 pm – 9:30 pm | Municipal Building Parking Lot (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos)
 - **Information Booth**
 - 2:30 pm – 9:30 pm | Police and Fire Command Trailer in the Meridian Mall Parking Lot
 - **Drone Show Finale**
 - 10:15 pm | Marketplace on the Green

For more information, visit www.meridian.mi.us/CelebrateMeridian.

The Celebrate Meridian Festival is made possible through the support of Meridian Township's 2026 event sponsors. Sponsors include: Doc's Automotive, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC, Meridian Mall, Playmakers, AC&E Rentals, Consumers Credit Union, Graff Chevrolet Okemos, Granger Waste Services, Hammond Farms, Eyde Development, Meijer, Carousel Consignments, Club Pilates, Commercial Bank, First Contracting, The Harkness Law Firm, PLLC, Midwest Power Equipment, MSUFCU, Retractable Solutions, School of Rock East Lansing, and Choose Lansing.

Celebrate Meridian is also made possible through a media partnership with WLNS, WLAJ, and CW-5.

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