

Chapter 4

Merrill – Jonesfield Community

Services, Facilities and Surroundings

The Merrill – Jonesfield area is a small, close-knit community. Agriculture and the rich history of the community are attributes that add to this friendly, well maintained community.

The Jonesfield – Lakefield Fire & Rescue Department enhances public safety and plays an active part during many community events.

A dedicated officer provides joint police protection services to both the Village and Township through the [Richland Township Police Department](#).

The Merrill District Library offers many services to residents, in addition to reading, entertainment and internet resources. [The library has printing and copying services \(color pages \\$0.50 and B&W \\$0.20/page\) and faxing. Meeting rooms are also available. Annually, the library offers several programs. Mission Read encourages students from Kindergarten to 3rd grade to read daily. After 900 reading days, a child will earn an Amazon Fire. The library also offers story time for preschoolers and adult classes such as card making, knitting, sewing, essential oils and more.](#)

[Merrill Schools are not only “schools of choice,” but have proven to be “the” school of choice for families looking for a homegrown experience that offers a top-tier, competitive education. The](#)

[school’s unique system creates a variety of opportunities for students beginning in preschool and continuing through post-secondary education. While at Merrill, students can choose to participate in traditional courses of study or may explore additional options through Dual-Enrollment with Delta College, Saginaw Career Complex, Virtual Classes or Welding and Industrial Arts Classes. Through Dual-Enrollment a student can earn up to 60 credits for free. Along with a wide number of educational opportunities, Merrill also offers several sports and extra-curricular opportunities to students.](#)

Municipal water is available to the Village of Merrill and a portion of Jonesfield Township.

A community park is available for enjoyment by residents. The Merrill Community Park includes two baseball diamonds, a basketball court, two pavilions, two playgrounds, a walking path and horseshoe pits.

Locally, Dr. Jeffrey Green, DDS provides dental services. Medical services including doctors, dentists, rehabilitation, and pharmacies are available nearby in Hemlock.

[Merrill also provides for senior residents at The Fields senior living complex which is located at the North end of the village.](#)

Location on Highway M-46 provides convenient access to neighboring communities, shopping and employment opportunities. The Merrill – Jonesfield Community is only a half hour away from shopping centers with close proximity to Saginaw, Midland, Alma, Mt. Pleasant and Bay City. There is a Dollar General store on M-46 at the east end of Merrill.

The Merrill – Jonesfield Community has recreational opportunities for all ages; baseball, softball and a seasonal campground (Lake of Dreams) located on S. Fenmore Rd.

An attractive updated streetscape on Highway M-46 and Midland Street is a walkable neighborhood providing safe access to businesses and several restaurants in Merrill.

The Merrill Community Development group is focusing on growing the community while maintaining the attractive rural characteristics.

The Community Spirit Committee is active in the community raising money through a yearly spring dinner and auction for various local groups and organizations.

Industry and Manufacturing have seen a steady increase in the Merrill-Jonesfield Community in the past 10 years, the addition of businesses have increased employment opportunities in the area.

The annual Merrill Farm Fest celebration is a summer event which has entertainment for every age during the first weekend of August.

Christmas in the Village is a community event geared towards our children. The evening is filled with many activities from seeing Santa, cookies, crafts, children singing and more.

Terrific Tuesdays is a group for senior citizens in the Merrill area. This gives seniors the opportunity to get out and interact with their friends and community while enriching their lives. Activities include such things as fitness, how to use new electronics, learning more about their community and much more.

Various community groups offer support, fundraising and scholarship opportunities for the youth, these groups include: The Lions, The Merrill Community Scholarship Fund, The Merrill Sports Boosters, Community Friends, and The Merrill Band Boosters.

The Merrill-Jonesfield Community is home to many churches providing worship, support and outreach to residents.

The Jonesfield Township Hall can be rented and can seat up to 370 people.