
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 Saginaw County Sheriff Department.

The Merrill District Library offers many services to residents, in addition to reading, entertainment and Wi-Fi resources; the library has printing, copying and faxing. Meeting rooms are also available.

The Merrill Community School system has programming for preschool children thru grade 12 and 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, rehabilitation and pharmacies are available nearby in Hemlock.

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.

The Merrill – Jonesfield Community has recreational opportunities for all ages; baseball, softball, a golf course, and a seasonal campground.

An attractive updated streetscape on Highway M-46 and Midland Street is a walkable neighborhood providing safe access to businesses and the 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 opportunity 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.

Various community groups offer support, fundraising and scholarship opportunities for the youth, these groups include: The Lions, The Masons, 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 for a number of events and can seat up to 400 people.