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City of Merriam Announces Franchise Fee Rebate Program

The City of Merriam is accepting applications for the franchise fee rebate program. This program provides Merriam families, whose income falls within the limits established by HUD, the opportunity to apply for a refund of the franchise fees paid on electricity, gas and telephone bills during 2008.

Franchise fees collected from utility companies are refunded to eligible low-to-moderate income households. This fee rebate program is a city-funded project, implemented by Mayor Wilkes and the Merriam City Council. This year will mark the 27th year that this program has been offered to Merriam residents. To qualify, residents must meet the following HUD maximum income limits :

1 person	\$23,950
2 person	\$27,350
3 person	\$30,800
4 person	\$34,200
5 person	\$36,950
6 person	\$39,650
7 person	\$42,400
8 person	\$45,150

For example, a family that averages \$200 per month on utilities could receive approximately \$120 per year in utility fee refunds.

Those wishing to participate should contact the Community Development Department at (913) 322-5520 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to request an application form. Applications must be accompanied by gas, electric and telephone receipts, along with proof of income. For proof of income, residents can provide their 2008 W-2 or income tax forms, or social security papers as well as all 1099's Interest, Pensions, Annuities, and Dividend Statements. Applications will be accepted through May 1, 2009.

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4th Annual Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance

Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance: Father's, uncles and grandfathers...escort your favorite daughter, niece or granddaughter to our annual Valentine's Dance. You and your special date will enjoy a very special and memorable evening together. A disc jockey will be spinning some sounds for your dancing enjoyment. Refreshments and fun activities will be available. A photographer will be on hand to capture the moment and provide a free keepsake to take home. Cap off the evening with a FREE limo ride around Merriam Drive! Evening is limited to 50 couples. Please pre-register by February 1st!



- Date:** Saturday, February 7, 2009
- Time:** 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Cost:** \$40.00 per couple (additional daughter - \$10.00)
Price Includes Dance, Dinner, Corsages and photo keepsake project
- Age:** The recommended age for girls is 3 - 12 years old, but all are welcome
- Location:** Irene B. French Community Center

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