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Today Is Last Day to Register to Vote Nov. 4

Today is the last day to register in Kansas if you want to vote in the Nov. 4 presidential election.

To register to vote, or change your registration, print the [Voter Registration Application](#), complete all information, sign and send it to the Johnson County Election Office. Registration Applications may be mailed to 2101 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS 66061; Faxed to 913-791-8934 or 913-791-8935 or scanned and emailed to registration@jocoelection.org.

You may register in person at any city hall or the Election Office. Check here for a [registration site](#) near you. For additional information, visit the Johnson County Election Office website, <http://www.jocoelection.org>.



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New Trash and Recycling Pickup Days Begin Week of October 27 for Some Merriam Residents



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To reduce their impact on the environment, Deffenbaugh Industries will implement more efficient residential trash and recycling collection routes in Merriam. As a result, beginning the week of October 27, some Merriam residents will have a new trash and recycling pickup day.

All affected residents should have received a postcard informing them of their new pickup day. For the most part, only households in the center of Merriam will have new pickup days, so if you didn't receive a postcard with a new day, don't panic, your day is unchanged. Please review the accompanying map for the full Merriam residential trash and recycling schedule as of October 27.

To accommodate these new efficient routes, Deffenbaugh crews may be in your neighborhood at different times than they have been in the past. Trash and recycling will, as always, begin at 7:00 a.m., but may go as late as 7:00 p.m. Customers should place their trash and recycling at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on their designated pickup day. Each household in Merriam is allowed six bags of trash, six bags of yard waste, and unlimited recycling per pickup (for recycling customers).

More efficient routes will mean...

- less carbon emissions, which means cleaner air for our community;
- new technologies for Deffenbaugh's drivers to provide better customer service; and
- fewer trucks on the road, which means less wear and tear on Merriam's streets.

If you have questions, please contact Deffenbaugh's Customer Satisfaction Group :

- Web site: www.deffenbaughinc.com
- Email: customerservice@deffenbaughinc.com
- Phone: 913-631-3300 (Select option 3)

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Halloween Candy Scramble

Mark your calendars for this FREE pre-Halloween event at the Merriam Marketplace. Bring your flashlights and hunt for the hidden candy. Other activities include a costume contest for the scariest, prettiest, best homemade, as well as the youngest, best boy and best girl costumes. Pick a pumpkin from our pumpkin patch and decorate it! Try out the "Mummy Wrap" and "Pumpkin Bowling." Refreshments will be provided

Date: October 29, 2008
Time: 6:00 - 8:00PM
Age: For children ages 3 to 12. Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 & over
Cost: FREE
Location: Merriam Marketplace, 5740 Merriam Drive



For more information call (913) 322-5550.

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Merriam Police Department to Offer Women's Self Defense Class



The Merriam Police Department is offering a women's self defense seminar "**Avoiding & Surviving a Violent Encounter**". The seminar will consist of 45 minutes to 1 hour of discussion on the above topic and approximately 30 additional minutes of light hands on instruction/demonstration (Optional).

Instructors will focus on basic principles that can be applied during a violent encounter. Attendees should dress in comfortable clothing with little jewelry if they plan on participating in the physical portion of the seminar.

The seminar is open to anyone who works or lives in Merriam.

Date: Monday, December 8th, 2008
Time: 7:15 - 8:45 PM
Age: Due to the content of this seminar, the minimum age for attendance is 12 years old.
Cost: FREE
Location: Irene B. French Community Center Gymnasium (5701 Merriam Drive)

You MUST RSVP no later than December 1st, 2008, at rondab@merriam.org or 913-322-5560 during the hours of 8:30AM to 4:30PM Monday thru Friday. Please specify the seminar date when you RSVP.

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