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**2008 Turkey Shoot Free Throw Contest**

The Merriam Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the 2008 Turkey Shoot Free Throw Contest at the Irene B. French Community Center on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:30 - 11:30AM.



This annual free throw contest pairs youth age 4-15 with their parents for a series of fifteen free throw shots. The pair with the highest number of baskets in each age division "brings home the turkey".

On site registration will be available, the cost is \$3 per team. For more information, call (913) 322-5550 or visit [www.merriam.org/park](http://www.merriam.org/park).

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**Merriam's 3rd Annual Mommy / Son Western Dance**



Mothers, aunts and grandmothers... grab your partner and head on down to the ranch for a western style dance! You may dress in overalls and straw hats, while learning a line dance or two.

We have a very special and memorable evening planned for you. A disc jockey/caller will be spinning some sounds at our dance with activities, games and dinner. A photographer will be on hand to capture the moment and provide a free keepsake. Plus free limo rides!

To have a boot-scootin' good ole time, register by contacting the Merriam Parks and Recreation Department at 913-322-5550.

Reg. #	Day(s)	Time(s)	Date(s)
310206A8	SA	6:30-8:30PM	November 22, 2008
Ages:	3-14		
Fee:	\$40.00 (\$10 for each additional son)		
Location:	Jenks Gymnasium		

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**Merriam's Old-Fashioned Downtown Holiday Celebration**

The City of Merriam invites you to make plans for an evening of holiday cheer and festivities on Saturday, December 6 in Downtown Merriam.

The evening begins at 5:30PM at the Merriam Marketplace, 5740 Merriam Drive, with a free candy cane hunt for children ages 1-7. Children are encouraged to bring a flashlight.

At 6:15PM, gather at the Merriam Marketplace to watch the lighting of the Mayors' Christmas Tree. Bring the entire family for this festive holiday event. Enjoy live holiday music performed by Shawnee Mission Northwest High School Chamber Choir. Mayor Carl Wilkes will



light the tree, followed by a visit from Santa. Cold weather won't cancel these events, just add to the atmosphere. Hot chocolate and a warming fire will be available.

Immediately following the tree lighting, Merriam residents are invited to a Christmas Buffet Dinner at the Irene B. French Community Center, hosted by members of the Downtown Merriam Partnership and area businesses. Seating for the dinner will begin at 6:30PM; serving will begin at 7:00PM. Musical entertainment will be provided by local musicians, and there will be a visit by Santa.



Seating is limited for this event and is specified for Merriam residents only. A limited number of complimentary reserved seat dinner tickets will be available for distribution at the Irene B. French Community Center, 5701 Merriam Drive, beginning Monday, November 17th. There is a limit of four tickets per Merriam household, please bring proof of Merriam residency to obtain your tickets.

For more information, call (913) 322-5550.

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## REMINDER: Dispose of Your Leaves Properly

It is that time of year again, and unless you are in the small minority, the job of ridding your lawn of those annoying leaves is not something looked upon with great anticipation.

Please refrain from the practice of blowing or raking leaves into curbs or gutters; this is a violation of city ordinance. Such practice can cause traffic hazards in addition to causing blockage of drainage systems which can lead to flooding and possible property damage.

The City of Merriam does allow for yard waste to be burned. However, a burn permit is required. Burn permits may be obtained from the Merriam Fire Department (located on the upper level of City Hall). For more information call (913) 322-5530.

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