



Top 10 *Did You Know's* About Merriam Historic Plaza

- 1 Merriam Historic Plaza, built in 2006, pays homage to the late 1800's when Merriam Park was the grandest amusement west of the Mississippi.
- 2 Former President Ulysses S Grant dedicated Merriam Park in July, 1880.
- 3 The bear fountains represent the mama bear and cubs who lived in a den at Merriam Park; rumor claims the superintendent had to coax them back to their den when they would escape and roam the grounds.
- 4 Because Merriam is a historic rail town, part of the metal supporting the interpretive signs on the outdoor walking path comes from recycled train track materials.
- 5 The roof of Merriam Historic Plaza incorporates an on-site rainwater detention system which reduces water runoff by 50-60%.
- 6 Merriam Historic Plaza offers a meeting room for business functions during regular office hours of the Merriam Visitors Bureau. Seating for up to 50 is available with rates starting at \$40 per hour.
- 7 Since opening in 2006, Merriam Historic Plaza has greeted over 5,600 walk-in visitors to our facility.
- 8 Installed in 2010, Merriam Historic Plaza is the first city building to house solar panels which help reduce the carbon footprint of the facility. To-date, these panels have produced enough energy to power 400 houses for one full day.
- 9 The Visitors Bureau offices are housed at MHP and although we've only been in this location since 2006, we've been serving visitors to Merriam since 1996.
- 10 There's a geocache on-site at Merriam Historic Plaza called "Maps & Guides & Bears, Oh My!" Can you find it? If you're a techie treasure hunter, this activity is the perfect seek and find adventure for you.

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Celebrating 10 years at Merriam Historic Plaza

Enjoy special promotions every month!

JANUARY

Kick off 2016 with plans to travel and use those hard-earned vacation days. Stop by for some mittens and a mocha for your drive.

Keep warm and travel on!

FEBRUARY 8-12

It's Valentine's Day all week long at MHP so stop by and pick up one of Merriam's most beloved treats—the *Valomilk Candy Cup!*

MARCH 7-11

Popcorn Palooza Week
If you're here for the Big 12 Men's Championship, make sure to stop by for some popcorn and enter to win two tickets to the College Basketball Experience.

APRIL

Plant some flowers for April showers! Stop by MHP for a packet of *sunflower seeds* so you can enjoy the beauty of Kansas' official state flower all summer long.

MAY 7

All aboard! Join the fun as we tour Merriam's most popular group tour locations including KC Strings, Strawberry Hill Povitica and more.
\$10 RSVP required 913.322.5550

JUNE

Get ready for the summer sun
Stop by MHP for your free sample size sunscreen and a coupon for a BOGO admission to the Merriam Aquatic Center.

JULY

Merriam transforms into a patriotic beauty around the 4th of July. To celebrate all things Americana, visitors will enjoy a *patriotic ice cream* treat all month long.

AUGUST

Get one last road trip in before school starts! Before hitting the open road, stop by MHP to pick up your road-trip bingo card and *enjoy miles of fun.*

SEPTEMBER 22

Merriam Historic Plaza Turns 10!
Come celebrate with us at our Open House on September 22 from 1-4PM. Food, drinks, games and prizes await you!

OCTOBER

It's National *Chocolate* Day all month long in Merriam! The folks at IKEA want you to enjoy some of the best chocolate in town with a FREE chocolate candy bar for visitors to MHP in October.

NOVEMBER

Strawberry Hill Povitica is serving up the goods for visitors to MHP by providing *Povitica* every Tuesday in November. Stop by for a sample and enter to win a gift card for a free loaf.

DECEMBER

Nothing says welcome like a nice cup of hot cocoa on a cold December day. At MHP, we'll have a *hot cocoa* bar with all the fixins'. Stop by during office hours for your tasty treat.