

Dear Residents and Friends of Merrimac,

February 28, 2018

Merrimac will host its 13th annual Merrimac Community Festival on Saturday August 4, 2018. This event will take place at Merrimac's Memorial Park and Ball Park, with profits to be applied toward future Village park improvements. The festival planning committee welcomes your participation on festival day. This one-day event is self-funded and will be held rain-or-shine. We're excited about having you participate and bring your family and friends for a day of fun at Memorial Park. We may be a small Village, but there is nothing small about our festival!

Festival activities being planned so far include music by Flip City Live, two water ski shows by the Beaverland Must-Skis, a lunch-time chicken barbeque, vendors for arts, crafts and food, a horseshoe pitching tournament by Merrimac Fire & Rescue, a 5k Fun Run, a kids' Super Hero Fun Run, kid's activities and the renowned Chicken Drop BINGO. There are several ways you can participate.

One way is to volunteer your time to assist with festival set-up, or assisting by serving a 2-3 hour shift on festival day. Volunteers assist our churches, fire department, clubs and other organizations who contribute, so it's a team effort. Last year we had over 130 volunteers, and everyone contributed towards memorable activities for families and children, assisting local organizations serve food and drinks, or providing information and safe parking at the festival.

Another way to contribute is to become a sponsor by making a financial donation. Sponsorship will help us pay for expenses such as supplies for kid's games, tent rentals, live music, advertising, etc. Sponsors will be recognized on Facebook, on the Village's official website and on a large placard at the Festival Information Booth. Donations are tax deductible (if you itemize when you file your taxes).

A third way is to become a raffle item donor. Our raffle items raise money to cover expenses and fund future park improvements. Raffle donors will also be recognized on Facebook, on the Village's official website and on a large placard at the Festival Information Booth. Finally, you can become a vendor of food or craft sale items; vendors help us attract a wide variety of people to our festival, young and old, from near and far.

Please complete the form on the back of this letter and return it no later than July 14, 2018. Watch the Village of Merrimac website at <http://villageofmerrimac.org> for festival updates. If you have questions, want more information, or want to get involved, please call 493-2122 or email us at: [merrimac@merr.com](mailto:merrimac@merr.com) Save the date...Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. We thank you in advance for your generous and enthusiastic support!

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Senger  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer