

**#10 Walking in Our Community Series
December 6, 2009
Central Park/Meridian Historical Village**



What a beautiful day we had for the 10th walk in the Walking in Our Community Series! The temperature was in the upper 30's with a slight breeze and a dusting of snow on the ground. Susan McGillicuddy, Meridian Township Supervisor greeted 12 walkers for a walk through scenic Central and Nancy Moore Parks. There were 3 walking routes to choose from, offering a variety of distance options for the walkers. Option 1 was a 1.5 mile nature trail walk, option 2 was a 1.5 mile paved pathway from Central Park to Nancy Moore Park, and option 3 was a 2.5 mile paved loop in and around Central and Nancy Moore Parks. Walkers made their decisions and headed off to one of two trail heads. The majority of the walkers chose the 2.5 mile walk while a select few chose the scenic nature walk. It was amazing to discover the Parks and natural habitats tucked between the Meridian Mall and a residential neighborhood. Spacious grounds, ball fields for soccer and baseball and easily accessible paved paths are available year round.



We had 3 gift certificates to Playmakers to be given away as prizes for the walkers who participated courtesy of Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Dept. After the drawing for prizes everyone was encouraged to stop by the Meridian Historical Village for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was a very interesting and festive occasion as the Friends of Historic Meridian depicted life in Meridian Township in the late 1800's, with tours of the buildings, children's activities and a chance to visit with Santa!

Special thanks to Susan McGillicuddy, Meridian Township Supervisor for the warm welcome and joining us on the walking path. We also appreciated the efforts of the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department, Greg Grothous and LuAnn Maisner, for planning and leading such delightfully refreshing winter walks.

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