

## **Privacy Policy**

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Meridien Court Owners' Association's privacy policy is designed to help you understand how we collect and use the personal information you decide to share, and to help you make informed decisions when using meridiencoartha.org and its directly associated domains (collectively, "Meridien Court Online" or "Website")

By using or accessing Meridien Court Online you are accepting the practices described in this Privacy Policy.

### **The Information We Collect**

When you visit Meridien Court Online you provide us with two types of information: personal information you knowingly choose to disclose that is collected by us and Web Site use information collected by us as you interact with our Web Site.

When you register with Meridien Court Online, you provide us with certain personal information, such as your name, your email address, your telephone number, your address, your occupation, your employer and any other personal or preference information that you provide to us.

When you enter Meridien Court Online, we collect your browser type and IP address. This information is gathered for all Meridien Court Online visitors. In addition, we store certain information from your browser using "cookies." A cookie is a piece of data stored on the user's computer tied to information about the user. We use session ID cookies to confirm that users are logged in. These cookies terminate once the user closes the browser. By default, we use a persistent cookie that stores your login ID (but not your password) to make it easier for you to login when you come back to Meridien Court Online. You can remove or block this cookie using the settings in your browser if you want to disable this convenience feature.

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When you use Meridien Court Online, you may set up your personal profile, form relationships, send messages, perform searches and queries, and transmit information through various channels. We collect this information so that we can provide you the service and offer personalized features. In most cases, we retain it so that, for instance, you can return to view prior messages you have sent or easily see your friend list.

You post User Content (as defined in the Meridien Court Owners' Association Website [Terms of Use](#) ) on the Site at your own risk. We cannot control the actions of other Users with whom you may choose to share information with. Therefore, we cannot and do not guarantee that User Content you post on the Site will not be viewed by unauthorized persons. We are not responsible for circumvention of any privacy settings or security measures contained on the Site. You understand and acknowledge that, even after removal, copies of User Content may remain viewable in cached and archived pages or if other Users have copied or stored your User Content.

Any improper collection or misuse of information provided on Meridien Court Online is a violation of the Meridien Court Owners' Association Website Terms of Service and should be reported to [privacy@meridiencourthoa.org](mailto:privacy@meridiencourthoa.org) .

Meridien Court Online may also collect information about you from other sources, such as newspapers, blogs, instant messaging services, and other users of the Meridien Court Online service through the operation of the service (e.g., photo tags) in order to provide you with more useful information and a more personalized experience.

By using Meridien Court Online, you are consenting to have your personal data transferred to and processed in the United States.

### **Use of Information Obtained by Meridien Court Online**

When you register with Meridien Court Online, you create your own. Your profile information, as well as your name, email and photo, are displayed to residents of the Meridien Court Community that have completed the registration process with Meridien Court Online. We may occasionally use your name and email address to send you notifications regarding new services

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offered by Meridien Court Online that we think you may find valuable.

Profile information is used by Meridien Court Online primarily to be presented back to and edited by you when you access the service and to be presented to other members of the community. Profile information you submit to Meridien Court Online will be available to registered users of Meridien Court Online. Your name and profile picture thumbnail will be available in search results across Meridien Court Online. This is primarily so your fellow Meridien Court residents can find you and send a connect request.

Meridien Court Online may send you service-related announcements from time to time through the general operation of the service. For instance, if a neighbor sends you a new message or connect request, you may receive an email alerting you to that fact.

Meridien Court Online may use information in your profile without identifying you as an individual to third parties. We do this for purposes such as aggregating how many people share a common characteristic and for personalizing advertisements and promotions so that we can provide you Meridien Court Online. We believe this benefits you. You can know more about the world around you and, where there are advertisements, they're more likely to be interesting to you. For example, if you put a activity such as racquetball in your profile, we might serve you an advertisement highlighting a discount available at a local racquetball court. But we don't tell the advertiser who you are.

We may use information about you that we collect from other sources, including but not limited to newspapers and Internet sources such as blogs, instant messaging services, and other users of Meridien Court Online, to supplement your profile.

### **Sharing Your Information with Third Parties**

Meridien Court Online is about sharing information with others — friends and people in the community — while providing you with privacy settings that restrict the general public from accessing your information. We allow you to choose the information you provide to registered members of Meridien Court Online. Our network architecture and your privacy settings allow you to make informed choices about who has access to your information. We do not provide

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contact information to third party marketers. We share your information with third parties only in limited circumstances where we believe such sharing is 1) reasonably necessary to offer the service, 2) legally required or, 3) permitted by you.

Unlike most sites on the Web, Meridien Court Online limits access to site information by third party search engine "crawlers" (e.g. Google, Yahoo, MSN, Ask). Meridien Court Online takes action to block access by these engines to personal information.

We may provide information to service providers to help us bring you the services we offer. Specifically, we may use third parties to facilitate our business, such as to host the service at a co-location facility for servers, to send out email updates about Meridien Court Online, to remove repetitive information from our user lists, to process payments for products or dues, or to provide search results or links (including sponsored links). In connection with these offerings and business operations, our service providers may have access to your personal information for use for a limited time in connection with these business activities. Where we utilize third parties for the processing of any personal information, we implement reasonable contractual and technical protections limiting the use of that information to the Meridien Court Online-specified purposes.

We may be required to disclose user information pursuant to lawful requests, such as subpoenas or court orders, or in compliance with applicable laws. We do not reveal information until we have a good faith belief that an information request by law enforcement or private litigants meets applicable legal standards. Additionally, we may share account or other information when we believe it is necessary to comply with law, to protect our interests or property, to prevent fraud or other illegal activity perpetrated through the Meridien Court Online service or to prevent imminent bodily harm. This may include sharing information with other companies, lawyers, agents or government agencies.

Like many other websites that interact with third party sites, we may receive some information even if you are logged out from Meridien Court Online, or that pertains to non-Meridien Court Online users, from those sites in conjunction with the technical operation of the system. In cases where Meridien Court Online receives information on users that are not logged in, or on non-Meridien Court Online users, we do not attempt to associate it with individual Meridien Court Online accounts and will discard it.

When you use Meridien Court Online, certain information you post or share with third parties,

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such as personal information, comments, messages, photos, videos or other information, may be shared with other users in accordance with this privacy policy. All such sharing of information is done at your own risk. Please keep in mind that if you disclose personal information in your profile or when posting comments, messages, photos, videos or other items, this information may become publicly available.

## **Links**

Meridien Court Online may contain links to other websites. We are of course not responsible for the privacy practices of other web sites. We encourage our users to be aware when they leave our site to read the privacy statements of each and every web site that collects personally identifiable information. This Privacy Policy applies solely to information collected by Meridien Court Online.

## **Changing or Removing of Information**

Access and control over most personal information on Meridien Court Online is readily available through the profile editing tools. Meridien Court Online users may modify or delete any of their profile information at any time by logging into their account. Information will be updated immediately. Removed information may persist in backup copies for a reasonable period of time but will not be generally available to members of Meridien Court Online.

Where you make use of the communication features of the service to share information with other individuals on Meridien Court Online, however, (e.g., sending a personal message to another Meridien Court Online user) you generally cannot remove such communications.

## **Security**

Meridien Court Online takes appropriate precautions to protect our users' information. Your account information is located on a secured server behind a firewall. When you enter sensitive information (such as your password), we encrypt that information using secure socket layer technology (SSL). (To learn more about SSL, go to [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secure\\_Socket](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secure_Socket)

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[s Layer](#) ). Because email and instant messaging are not recognized as secure communications, we request that you not send private information to us by email or instant messaging services. If you have any questions about the security of Meridien Court Online Web Site, please contact us at [privacy@meridiencourthoa.org](mailto:privacy@meridiencourthoa.org).

### **Terms of Use, Notices and Revisions**

Your use of Meridien Court Online, and any disputes arising from it, is subject to this Privacy Policy as well as our [Terms of Use](#) and all of its dispute resolution provisions including arbitration, limitation on damages and choice of law. We reserve the right to change our Privacy Policy and our Terms of Use at any time. Non-material changes and clarifications will take effect immediately, and material changes will take effect within 30 days of their posting on this site. If we make changes, we will post them and will indicate at the top of this page the policy's new effective date. If we make material changes to this policy, we will notify you here, by email, or through notice on our home page. We encourage you to refer to this policy on an ongoing basis so that you understand our current privacy policy. Unless stated otherwise, our current privacy policy applies to all information that we have about you and your account.

### **Contacting the Web Site**

If you have any questions about this privacy policy, please contact us at [privacy@meridiencourthoa.org](mailto:privacy@meridiencourthoa.org).