



# CityNEWS

## CALENDAR

**April 25—30**

**Unplug & Be Outside Week**  
[www.meridiancity.org/unplug](http://www.meridiancity.org/unplug)

**April 27**

**Town Hall**  
 6:30—8pm  
 Ambrose School

**April 30**

**National Take Back  
 Prescription Drug Day**  
 10am—2pm  
 Village at Meridian  
*Permanent drop off location:  
 Meridian Police Dept.*

**May 3**

**Public Artist Reception**  
 4:30—7:30pm  
 Initial Point Gallery  
 Meridian City Hall

**May 7**

**Public Safety Kids Day**  
 9am—3:30pm  
 Kleiner Park

**May 14**

**Ball at the Hall**  
 7pm—11pm  
 Meridian City Hall

**May 30**

**Memorial Day Ceremony**  
 11am  
 Rock of Honor, Kleiner Park

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## TELL THE COUNTY MERIDIAN RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY TWICE

*By Mayor Tammy*

It is important to ensure our citizens are informed of issues that impact or can potentially affect their lives and wallets. As your Mayor, I would like to inform you about a serious issue. Ada County sued the cities of Meridian and Garden City to add a courtroom in each community due to a 22-year old court order issued in 1994. This order should have become null and void in 1996 when Ada County voters overwhelmingly decided it would be beneficial for one centralized courthouse on Front Street in Boise.

We have been working diligently with Ada County Commissioners to find a resolution that works for everyone. In fact, when the City of Meridian was building the new City Hall in 2007, we asked the County for a Court facility to be housed in the new building. At that time, Ada County Commissioners said they did not want to decentralize the services.

Ultimately, in all appearances, this is not about a courtroom; the County Commissioners want our communities to pay and they think the court order is the way to get there. Essentially, they are causing you, Meridian city taxpayers, to pay for unnecessary court facilities. This is unjust and a waste of taxpayer dollars, particularly since the Ada County Courthouse is not being used to its full capacity.

Right now the taxpayers of these two cities are being asked to pay twice in county taxes and in city taxes. Mayors of the other Ada County cities support us in this fight: County dollars should cover county functions, not city dollars.

**I urge you to contact the Ada County Commissioners and ask them to work with the cities of Meridian and Garden City to find a real solution.** Taxpayers, whether in cities or unincorporated areas, already pay for courts through their county taxes and court fees. If the funding isn't adequate to cover costs, this is a countywide issue and should be funded by all.

**County Commissioners: [bocc1@adaweb.net](mailto:bocc1@adaweb.net) or 208-287-7000**

**MERIDIAN**

**County Court Services Utilized - 17%**

**Portion Paid in County Taxes - 20%**

**You Already Pay More than Your Fair Share**

**WHY SHOULD YOU PAY TWICE?**

## UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM UPDATE

We're excited to offer our residents yet another improvement! Coming soon, you'll notice new and improved online services and updates to bills that you receive in the mail. Aside from a more updated look online, you'll now be able to set up recurring credit card payments, and have access to water and sewer usage graphics and year over year usage comparison information.

If you currently pay your utility bill online or use paperless billing, you will need to set up a new online account and will be prompted to do so when the system changes over in late April or May:

1. Click the **Pay Utility Bill** link on the City of Meridian Homepage .
2. Then enter your account number and the last four letters of the primary account holder's last name.
3. Click the **Get a Login Account Here** link.
4. The portal will guide you through the next step in setting up a password.
5. Then you can set up your account preferences such as paperless billing and recurring credit card payments.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Utility Billing at 888-4439, [utilitybilling@meridiacity.org](mailto:utilitybilling@meridiacity.org) or [meridiacity.org/utility\\_billing](http://meridiacity.org/utility_billing).



What does your Meridian look like?  
Post pictures/ videos online, and show us  
your Meridian with the hashtag  
**#MyMeridian**

### Unplug and Be Outside Week

April 25 - 30



**UNPLUG  
BE OUTSIDE! BE ACTIVE!  
PLAY!**

Activities and Other Info:  
[www.meridiacity.org/  
unplug](http://www.meridiacity.org/unplug)

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A TOWN HALL ON APRIL 27

Join us at a **Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at Ambrose School from 6:30pm—8pm**. The topics? Our Police Department will be on hand to discuss crime prevention, including door-to-door solicitors, and we'll provide updates on North Meridian Developments as well as Highway 20/26 (Chinden). Mayor Tammy has established a Highway 20/26 Task Force with the goal of reducing congestion, improving safety and creating economic opportunity along Highway 20/26 in Meridian. The task force will provide an update on the efforts at this Town Hall meeting. The meeting will be streamed live online or you can view a recording at [www.meridiacity.org](http://www.meridiacity.org).

## CALENDAR

### June 3—Aug. 26

#### **CableONE Movie Night**

Fridays at Dusk

Settlers Park

[www.meridiacity.org/  
movienight](http://www.meridiacity.org/movienight)

### June 6—11

#### **Public Works Week**

### June 11

#### **Gene Kleiner Day**

Kleiner Park

### June 14

#### **Coffee with the Mayor**

8am—9:30am

New Ventures Lab

### June 16—July 28

#### **Kleiner Park LIVE**

Thursdays, 5:30—8:30pm

Kleiner Park Bandshell

### June 18

#### **Concerts on Broadway:**

##### **Soul Patch**

6:30pm—8:30pm

Meridian City Hall Plaza

### June 22-25

#### **Meridian Dairy Days**

### June 25—Sept. 24

#### **Youth Farmers Market**

Saturdays, 9am—12pm

Meridian City Hall Plaza

### July 4

#### **Independence Day Celebration**

3pm—Fireworks

Storey Park and Meridian

Speedway

### **More Events at:**

[www.meridiacity.org/  
calendar.aspx](http://www.meridiacity.org/calendar.aspx)

