



## News Release

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### **Meridian's Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting and Festival Set for This Weekend**

MERIDIAN – The City of Meridian's annual Winter Lights Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting is tomorrow. This year's event kicks off with a Winter Lights Fun Run that begins at Storey Park at 6:20pm. Those who participate can wear brightly lit costumes or ugly Christmas sweaters and walk or jog the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to Generations Plaza just in time for the start of the parade.

The Winter Lights Parade begins at 6:30pm. Illuminated floats will travel from Franklin Road along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bower Street, and Main Street, ending at State Avenue. Immediately following the parade, Meridian city officials will help light the city's Christmas tree in Generations Plaza on the corner of Main Street and Idaho Avenue. Santa will also be on hand to visit with children.

Then on Saturday, the Children's Winterland Festival at Meridian City Hall from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm includes pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, trolley rides, crafts, games and more. The event is free with a donation for the Meridian Food Bank. Over the last two years, community members have donated more than 2000 pounds of food at this event.

#### **Additional Christmas activities in Meridian include:**

- Santa's Mailbox at Meridian City Hall, December 1 - 18
- Christmas Books at the Little Free Library, Meridian City Hall, December 1-31
- Holiday Classic Volleyball Tournament, December 6, Heritage Middle School
- Meridian Symphony Christmas Concert, December 6, Centennial High School

For more information about any of these Christmas events, or to view a map of the parade route, please visit [www.meridiancity.org/christmas](http://www.meridiancity.org/christmas).

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The City of Meridian is located in the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. Meridian is cited by Money Magazine as one of its Top 50 Best Places to Live, and by America's Promise Alliance and ING as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information, visit [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).