



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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**MEDIA ADVISORY:  
CHRISTMAS IN MERIDIAN BEGINS THIS WEEK**

Meridian, ID – The City of Meridian’s annual Christmas in Meridian kicks off this week with numerous family events planned throughout the month. Here are some highlights:

**Downtown Business Decorating Contest (Nov. 30 – Dec. 3)**

Meridian's Downtown Businesses compete for Best in Show. Vote for your favorite at [www.meridiancity.org/christmas](http://www.meridiancity.org/christmas).

**City of Meridian Christmas Bazaar (Thursday, Dec. 3, 9am – 4pm)**

Come to Meridian City Hall to peruse the creations of several local craft vendors.

**Winter Lights Fun Run, Parade and Tree Lighting (Friday, Dec. 4, 6:30pm – 8pm)**

The fun run begins at Storey Park and kicks off the Winter Lights Parade. This year the parade route is down Main Street, ending at Pine Street, just in time for the tree lighting at Generations Plaza. Join Mayor Tammy de Weerd and Kevin & Brenda Mee of Lite 107.9 for a magical evening!

**Children’s Winterland Festival (Saturday, Dec. 5, 10am – 3pm)**

Bring your kids to Meridian City Hall for pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, crafts, and much more! Entry fee is a food donation to the Meridian Food Bank.

**Santa’s Mailbox (Nov. 30 – Dec. 18)**

Drop off a letter to Santa at Santa’s Mailbox, set up outside Meridian City Hall (located near Broadway Ave.). Every letter delivered to the mailbox by December 18 will receive a personalized response!

Check out the full Christmas in Meridian schedule at [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).