



# CityNEWS

## Mayor Tammy's Message: Sights Set on 2016

January is a wonderful time of year. It's a time of new beginnings and goals as we gear up for to the next 12 months. It's also a time of reflection, looking back on big moments and lessons learned from the past year. That's why I look forward to compiling information for my State of the City address. It gives me a chance to look at accomplishments of each department in 2015 and gain insight into what's on the horizon for 2016.

From new community events such as "Do The Right" and the Youth Farmers Market, to added amenities like the Storey Bark Park and the Public Safety Training Center; we packed a lot into 2015! I invite you to join me for my *State of the City* address to learn more about all we accomplished by working together. You'll also find out what's in store for our community in the year ahead. The *Taste of Meridian* will be held immediately following my address. It's a chance to sample some of the great restaurants that call Meridian home. I look forward to seeing you in February!



You're Invited to the:  
**State of the City**  
 and  
**Taste of Meridian**

February 3, 2016  
 3:59pm

For more information or to  
 purchase tickets:  
[www.meridiancity.org/soc2016](http://www.meridiancity.org/soc2016)  
 208-489-0529

## Chinden/Hwy 20-26: What's Next? Join the Conversation!

In an effort to bring needed transportation improvements immediately to Highway 20-26 (Chinden Boulevard), Mayor Tammy has established a task force with the goal of reducing congestion, improving safety and creating economic opportunity. The task force will focus on engaging our community, legislators, and the Idaho Transportation Board to prioritize funding for additional travel lanes and widening intersections in this key east-west corridor. By investing in 20-26, ITD can relieve the bottleneck in this area, make a connection to the Highway 16 extension that makes sense, and solve a problem that frustrates businesses and commuters alike. If you would like to add your voice to this topic or learn more about the task force, visit our website, [www.meridiancity.org/chinden](http://www.meridiancity.org/chinden).



Members of the Mayor's Senior Advisory Board participating in this year's Trunk or Treat.

**What is MSAB?** The Mayor's Senior Advisory Board (MSAB) started in 2015 with the goal of enhancing the lives of Meridian's senior community. The 14 person board, representing Meridian residents ages 50 and older, hit the ground running and made an immediate impact. The group began by providing a unique perspective to the Parks and Recreation Department's master plan regarding amenities they'd like to see in City parks. The board hosted a "Keys to Safe Driving" defensive driving course to teach tactics for safer driving specific to Meridian, with the added benefit of helping lower seniors' car insurance rates. MSAB has no intention of slowing down in 2016. They have a senior CPR class set for January and plan to hold an education event to help seniors better understand social media. In addition, the group will be working on a resource guide for Meridian and members are planning a crossover function with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC). To learn more about MSAB, visit our website, [www.meridiancity.org/msab](http://www.meridiancity.org/msab).

## Meet Your New City Council Members

In January, Mayor Tammy will be sworn in for a historic fourth term as the City of Meridian's Mayor. Councilwoman Genesis Milam will be sworn in for a second term along with two new council members. We decided to get to know the "newbies" better. Here's more on Anne Little Roberts and Ty Palmer:

### ANNE LITTLE ROBERTS



Anne is an Idaho native and has lived in Meridian for 23 years. Since graduating from Boise State she has owned several businesses and has an extensive background in working with nonprofits. She is currently the President/CEO of the Meridian Chamber. She is married and has one son.

**Why did you want to serve on council?** I ran for City Council because I think that in many ways Meridian is on the right path. So many great things are happening in Meridian and I wanted to keep the momentum going.

**What are you most looking forward to?** I'm looking forward to continuing the collaborative efforts that have really taken off the last couple of years.

**What is your favorite thing about Meridian?** My favorite thing about Meridian is the optimism that people have that even though Meridian is a great place to live-together, we can make it even better.

### TY PALMER



Ty has lived in Meridian his entire life, with the exception of two years for a religious mission. He is currently a Political Science major at the College of Western Idaho and is the Director of Asset Protection at Capital Auto Loan. Ty is married and has three kids.

**Why did you want to serve on council?** What Meridian was for me growing up is what it still is today, just on a much larger scale. I want the safe, family-friendly atmosphere that existed when I was young to be preserved for the generations to come. Now that I have a young family, it was time for me to step forward

and do my part to ensure that happens.

**What are you most looking forward to?** I'm most looking forward to the opportunity to serve. My grandfather was Ada County Sheriff in the 70's and my father currently serves in the State Legislature. Their example of courteous public service is a legacy I plan to preserve and carry on as Meridian's youngest-ever councilman.

**What is your favorite thing about Meridian?** My favorite thing about Meridian is the people. Whether you have been here long enough to work the dairies of old, or just discovered Meridian in recent months, we all have experienced the special feeling that comes with being a Meridian resident.

### Connect With Your Election Officials

You can learn more about Anne Little Roberts and Ty Palmer as well as the other city council members- Keith Bird, Joe Borton, Luke Cavener, and Genesis Milam, by visiting our website, [www.meridiancity.org/city\\_council](http://www.meridiancity.org/city_council), or you can email the city council members at [citycouncil@meridiancity.org](mailto:citycouncil@meridiancity.org) or call 208-489-0529.

#### January 5

MSAB Presents CPR Training  
Meridian City Hall  
10am and 12pm

#### January 28

FREE Business Workshop:  
Starting Your Own Business  
Meridian City Hall  
11:30am—1pm

#### February 1

MYAC Hands Only CPR Training  
Dutch Bros. Meridian Locations  
8am—5pm

#### February 2—April 12

AARP Tax Prep  
Tues, Wed, Thurs  
Meridian City Hall

#### February 3

State of the City/Taste of Meridian  
Meridian Middle School  
3:59pm

#### February 15—March 8

Early Voting  
Meridian City Hall  
M-F, 8am—5pm

#### February 22

Ignite Youth  
Idaho Party Barn  
6pm—8pm

#### February 25

Teens and Substance Abuse  
Free Education from MADC  
West Ada School District Office  
4:30pm—7:30pm

#### March 8

Coffee with the Mayor  
Kendall Ford of Meridian  
8am—9:30am

#### March 26

Meridian Fire and Drum Corps  
Chili Cook-Off  
Location TBD

#### April 8

Do The Right Day  
Join Us!



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