



CityNEWS

Meridian to Purchase Homecourt

By Mayor Tammy

I'm excited to announce that the City of Meridian and the Treasure Valley Family YMCA have approved an agreement for the City to purchase the YMCA Homecourt facility, bringing desired indoor activity space to our residents. The agreement provides for a \$4 million purchase price that will be executed on Sept. 30. This purchase represents the partnership between the City and the Y and our combined commitment to expand programming and services to people of all ages.

The Y is allocating the funds from this purchase to the construction of the new full-service YMCA facility in South Meridian (at Amity and Eagle Roads). This will provide the opportunity to expand the reach of healthy living and youth development services and programs to thousands of youth, teens, adults, and families. In addition, the public will have access to the Homecourt facility, where the City will continue to offer existing programs and add many new ones.

This is a prime example of the importance of solid partnerships. In addition to being able to provide more space for indoor recreation, the City is able to support the YMCA's efforts to build a new facility adjacent to our new park in South Meridian—benefiting our citizens in that part of our community.

Homecourt will remain a YMCA membership facility until the South Meridian YMCA opens, which is currently projected to happen in 2017. However, the City will have open times to add additional evening recreational opportunities at the facility this Fall.



Homecourt (pictured above) is located at 936 Taylor Avenue in Meridian.

Courthouse

LATEST UPDATE

The Cities of Meridian and Garden City have submitted a joint proposal to the Fourth Judicial District regarding compliance with the 1994 court order mandating both cities provide courthouse facilities. It states the order was fulfilled with the construction of the consolidated courthouse for Ada County. The Mayors of these cities are hopeful this proposal will resolve this 22-year-old issue.

"The reasons behind a consolidated courthouse are sound and agreed to by voters in 1996 and by the Commission in 1998. The solution was provided for and paid for to benefit the entire county," said Mayor Tammy. "If a problem exists in 2016, let's work together to address that - all cities stand ready to help with a countywide solution."

Visit our website for the latest on this issue:
www.meridiancity.org/courthouse

CALENDAR

Summer Meals for Kids

Mon.—Fri. thru Aug. 3
 12:30—1:30pm
 Tully, Chateau, Storey Parks

Food Trucks in the Park

Every Wednesday
 5pm - 9pm
 Settlers Park

Kleiner Park LIVE

Thursdays thru July 28
 5:30 – 8:30pm, FREE
 Kleiner Park

unBOUND Movie Nights

Fridays thru Aug. 27
 5pm—8pm, FREE
 unBOUND

CableONE Movie Nights

Fridays thru Aug. 27
 Dusk, FREE
 Settlers Park

View the Schedule:

www.meridiancity.org/movienight

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Meridian Youth Farmers Market

Saturdays thru Sept. 24 | 9am-12pm | City Hall Plaza

www.meridiancity.org/youthfarmersmarket



Hand in Hand We Recycle Program

The City of Meridian launched a unique pilot program that gives residents, multi-family households, and businesses an alternative place to drop off 'clean', separated (unmingled) recyclable materials to benefit the Community Recycling Fund. The large, green mobile collection unit includes four compartments for cardboard, aluminum, plastic and newsprint. It will be placed at major community events such as CableONE Movie Nights and the Community Block Party. Between events, it will reside just inside the gate at the Republic Services' Meridian Transfer Station (2130 W. Franklin Road) where the public is invited to drop off designated materials into the container free of charge, from 7:30am – 6:00pm.



Summer Solicitors: Your Questions Answered

During the summer, door-to-door sales tend to increase and many residents have questions as to what is permitted. Here are some answers to common questions the City Clerk's Office and the Meridian Police Department receive:

Q: Is a salesperson going door-to-door required to have a license with the City?

A: YES! Every person going door-to-door offering a service or items for sale (even to be delivered at a later date), excluding church and school groups, girl scouts and political entities, are required to have a "Mobile Sales Unit" License. They not only should have it on them but you have a RIGHT to ask to see it. The City processes a federal background check on each individual and if they do not pass they do NOT get a license!

Q: What should I do if a salesperson does not have a Mobile Sales Unit License?

A: Get their business card and after they have left, call the Meridian Police Department (208-888-6678) right away. Unfortunately, if you wait until the next day, they have moved on to another area of the city, which makes it very difficult to find them.

Q: How do I know if a salesperson is representing a business in good standing?

A: Contact The Secretary of State at 208-334-2300. We recommend "buyer beware".

Q: Who can I call if I have more questions about Mobile Sales Unit Licenses or any other licensing that the City of Meridian offers?

A: Call the Meridian City Clerks Office at 208-888-4433 or the Meridian Police Department.

The Budget Process

You're invited to take part in the City of Meridian's budget process for FY17. The next budget workshop is **July 20, 2016 from 8am-5pm**, followed by a public hearing on **Aug. 30, 2016 at 6pm**. You are welcome to attend in person at City Hall or view the LIVE stream of each meeting, accessible via our website. You can also visit our YouTube page to view the budget workshops held in June.



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CALENDAR

Concerts on Broadway

July 9, Aug. 6 and 13
6:30-9pm, FREE
Meridian City Hall Plaza

National Night Out

Aug. 2
Meridian Neighborhoods

Public Artist Reception

Aug. 2
4:30-7:30pm, FREE
Initial Point Gallery

Meridian Fire Salmon BBQ

Aug. 5
5pm
Kleiner Park

Barn Sour Fun Run/Walk

Aug. 20
8am
Settlers Park

Art Walk

Sept. 9
5:30-8:30pm, FREE
Meridian City Hall

Coffee with the Mayor

Sept. 13
8am-9:30am, FREE
Location TBD

Meridian Business Day

Sept. 16
8am-1pm
Meridian City Hall

Community Block Party

Sept. 17
10am-5pm, FREE
Kleiner Park

More Events at:
[www.meridiancity.org/
calendar.aspx](http://www.meridiancity.org/calendar.aspx)