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### **Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park Receives Engineering Excellence Award**

*Meridian, ID - (April 12, 2013)* – Julius M. Kleiner Park won a first place prize for its exceptional design from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Idaho. The Park will be honored again later this month at the national ACEC awards. The engineering firm that designed the Park, Parametrix, will accept the Engineering Excellence Award (EEA) for special projects in Washington, D.C. on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each year, the EEA is given to engineering firms for projects that show ingenuity, value and a high degree of achievement.

“We are very excited that Julius M. Kleiner Park will be recognized in the award from ACEC,” said City of Meridian Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway.

“Parametrix did an amazing job on this project and was able to turn a generous gift from Gene Kleiner and the Trust into a park the entire Treasure Valley can come enjoy. Already, the park has become a favorite destination for Meridian families and a place people go to get outside and unwind.”

The Park opened to the public on June 9, 2012, just two years after the Kleiner Park Trust and the City of Meridian started construction on the Kleiner family’s old dairy farm. Design and construction crews transformed the land into a park with rolling hills, two large ponds for public fishing, more than 3 miles of pathways and trails, a splash pad for the kids to cool down in the summer, places to play bocce ball and basketball and large grassy areas for everyone to enjoy. Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park also includes a new senior center, a band shell and amphitheater and the City’s fallen war heroes memorial.

“Places like Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park are what make Meridian so special,” said Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd. “Not only is it a place everyone will enjoy for years to come but it is an example of unbelievable generosity and the great partnerships and true dedication we have in our community. This Park would not be possible without Gene Kleiner and the Kleiner Trust or without the quality work of Parametrix that helped make many people’s vision a reality.”

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*The City of Meridian is located at the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho, minutes from the State Capitol. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one*

*of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. As the home to many young families, Meridian is a vibrant community whose mission is to be a premier city to live, work and raise a family. Family Circle Magazine has selected Meridian as one of their Top 10 Best Cities for Families, Money Magazine's named it one of the 100 Best Places to Live, and America's Promise Alliance and ING have named Meridian one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People five times. For more information about Meridian, visit [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).*