



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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## **MERIDIAN TO HOST INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS**

MERIDIAN - The Meridian Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to present an afternoon and evening of family activities in celebration of the Fourth of July. Meridian's Independence Day Festival will kick off at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 4, in Storey Park and culminate with a spectacular professional fireworks show, presented in partnership with the Meridian Speedway, shortly after dusk (approximately 10:15 pm).

"The City is always excited to present quality community events and this annual favorite is no exception as we celebrate our nation's independence." said Steve Siddoway, Meridian Parks and Recreation Director. "Our partnership with the Meridian Speedway has been instrumental in the growth and success of this festival, and is part of our vision of being a vibrant community."

Festival attractions include a variety of inflatable obstacle courses, old fashioned kid's games, food vendors, and live music including performances by the Zack Quintana Trio (3:00 pm), Soul Patch (5:30 pm) and Simple Ruckus (7:30 pm).

New this year, personal fireworks will not be allowed in the park or the surrounding area due to safety concerns. Also, the Storey Bark Park will close at 9pm in order to secure the fireworks drop zone.

Races at Meridian Speedway will begin at 6:30 pm. For those who would like to watch the races or fireworks from the Speedway stands, admission tickets can be purchased at the Speedway box office at 335 S. Main Street in Meridian. ([www.meridianspeedway.com](http://www.meridianspeedway.com).)

[Click here](#) for more information and to view a schedule of events, or visit our website [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).

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