



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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## **MERIDIAN YOUTH FARMERS MARKET DEBUTS SEPTEMBER 10**

MERIDIAN – The City of Meridian is proud to host the first ever Youth Farmers Market in Downtown Meridian. The Preview Party is set for Thursday, September 10 from 4:30pm – 7pm in the Meridian City Hall Plaza.

Nearly a dozen youth vendors will be on hand selling fresh fruits, vegetables, berries, melons, flowers, eggs, meats, baked goods and handmade crafts. There will also be a red worm composting demo, a see-thru bee hive display, gardening resources, food vendors, a bounce house, balloon artist and live music by youth rock band Future Image.

“Our community has been asking for a Farmers Market in our Downtown for some time, but we wanted it to be unique. With this focus on youth, we’re giving kids an opportunity to learn and profit from their hobbies and projects, but most importantly their passions. I can’t think of a better way to connect the youth with their community while providing a service and event that residents have longed for in our area,” said Mayor Tammy de Weerd, City of Meridian.

The City of Meridian and Plan Ahead Events worked together to organize the event that was funded by the following partners; a Blue Cross High Five Children’s Collaborative Grant, the Meridian Development Corporation and the Boise Co-op.

This year’s event is one day only and will serve as a springboard into next summer’s planned weekly youth market in downtown Meridian.

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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).