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## **City Serves Up Environmental Stewardship Awards to Three Local Eateries**

MERIDIAN – A strong concern for protecting the environment has earned three Meridian restaurants the City’s 2016 Food Service Establishment Excellence Award. Chick-fil-A (2012 N. Eagle Road), Hungry Onion (334 Main St.), and Red Pavilion (1760 S. Meridian Road, suite 102), were recently recognized for demonstrating environmental stewardship and a concerted effort to prevent oil and grease from entering the city sanitary sewer system.

Chick-fil-A became the first two-time recipient of the award, having earned the honor in 2014. The Hungry Onion, established in 1963, is a Meridian staple and landmark burger outlet, while the Red Pavilion, specializing in Mandarin Chinese food, opened its doors only four months ago.

“It’s important to recognize businesses in our community for their sustained focus on best management practices,” said Steve Maneck, Meridian City Pretreatment Manager. “From kitchen operations to grease interceptor maintenance, they exhibit real leadership. Their efforts make a big difference when it comes to protecting our precious natural resources.”

According to Randy Elliott, City of Meridian Pretreatment Inspector, all three businesses have gone “above and beyond” to earn the much-deserved recognition.

“Every time I walk into Chick-fil-A I am so impressed with the cleanliness in the dining area and in the kitchen,” said Elliott. “Both the Hungry Onion and Red Pavilion overcame huge hurdles to ensure their facilities exceed environmental standards.”

City personnel inspect hundreds of Meridian restaurants each year to ensure establishments are meeting standards to prevent oil and grease build-up in the sewer lines, which can result in blockages and costly service disruptions.

1. File Title: Chick-fil-A (L-R: Brad Miles, Owner and Randy Elliott, City of Meridian)
2. File Title: Hungry Onion (L-R: Randy Elliott, Brook Robbins, Manager and Kodee Easter, Employee)
3. File Title: Red Pavilion (L-R: Randy Elliott, Jing Lu and Drew Wang, Owners/Operators)

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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).