



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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Meridian to Host Independence Day Festival and Fireworks

MERIDIAN – The Meridian Parks and Recreation Department will once again partner with the Meridian Speedway 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 p.m. Saturday, July 4, in Storey Park and culminate with a spectacular professional fireworks show shortly after dusk (approximately 10:15 p.m.).

Festival attractions will include a variety of inflatables, food and beverage vendors, and live music. Bands scheduled to play in Storey Park include Zack Quintana (3:00 pm), Soul Patch (5:30 pm) and Simple Ruckus (7:30 pm).

“Our partnership with the Meridian Speedway has been instrumental to the growth and success of this annual festival, and is part of our vision of being a vibrant community,” said Steve Siddoway, Meridian Parks and Recreation Director. “The City shares the values and principles of our residents who want to have a safe and fun Independence Day celebration, and a fireworks display of which they can be proud.”

Races at Meridian Speedway will begin with time trials at 5:00 pm and races at 6:30 pm. For those wishing 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.)

Families are welcome to bring non-aerial, “safe and sane” fireworks to set off in a protected area of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce parking lot beginning at 9:30 pm. Adult supervision is required. No aerial or illegal fireworks will be allowed. Smoking and alcohol use is prohibited in Storey Park.

Chief Mark Niemeyer of the Meridian Fire Department is also urging residents to have a safe and fun July 4th. “As many of you will be purchasing and using fireworks, I want to remind all citizens to be extremely cautious when and where fireworks are used due to the severe fire conditions in the Treasure Valley. A fire resulting in the misuse or illegal use of fireworks could result in the responsible party being financially liable for the fire response and/or being criminally prosecuted. It is the responsibility of all of us to keep our neighborhoods safe. Please help us in meeting that mission.”

For more information about Independence Day festivities, visit our website, www.meridianspeedway.com.

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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.meridianspeedway.com.