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### **Meridian Named to Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live" List For Fourth Time**

Meridian, ID – (September 25, 2014) – Money Magazine is no stranger to Idaho, and certainly, to Meridian. The magazine has named Meridian, Idaho to its 2014 list of Best Places to Live. This is the fourth time the City of Meridian has received this recognition with a ranking of 49.

"One of the things I love most about Meridian is the people. We are truly blessed with some of the most giving, selfless private and corporate citizens a community could ever hope for," said Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd. "We have a community that gives back and it's great to see this recognized in such a prestigious publication."

The publication annually alternates ranking cities or towns, citing their favorability and "livability" scores. This year, the criteria included cities with population between 50,000 and 300,000. The magazine started with a pool of 781 cities, and through research and analytics, pared the list down to the top 50. Other criteria included: median household income, job growth, housing prices, test scores, crime rates and overall quality of life.

In its report, Meridian was heralded for its "giving" community and strong corporate citizenship model, citing the \$25 million dollar gift to develop Kleiner Park, as well as the anonymous gift of a food bank in 2012. Other attributes contributing to Meridian's ranking included the varied options for dining, shopping, outdoor recreation and the strong and viable economic climate. Two business entities mentioned in the article include The Village at Meridian and Scentsy.

The complete list available at [2014 Money Magazine Best Places To Live](#).

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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 has previously been cited by Money Magazine as one of its 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.meridiacity.org](http://www.meridiacity.org).*