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City of Meridian to Dedicate New Parks Maintenance Facility

Meridian, ID – (May 24, 2013) – The City of Meridian Parks & Recreation Department invites the community to come to the ribbon-cutting for the newly constructed Parks Maintenance Facility on Wednesday, May 29th at noon at 1700 E. Lanark Street in Meridian.

“When the Parks & Recreation Department moved into the existing maintenance shop in 1998, we maintained only 17 acres of park land,” said Meridian Parks & Recreation Director Steve Siddoway. “Today, we maintain 240 acres of park space including Settlers Park and Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park, some of the premier parks in the northwest. This new facility will help us maintain our high standards of excellence in park maintenance now and into the future.”

In the next 10 to 20 years, the Parks and Recreation Department plans to develop and add another 140 acres into Meridian’s park system. The new facility will allow more space to properly store vehicles and supplies, maintain equipment and provide employees the needed space to work on projects for the parks, such as fabricating new drinking fountains and building picnic tables. The new maintenance facility consists of four buildings and has 24,336 square feet of space.

“Parks are such a vital part of our community,” said Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd. “They are gathering places for families, wide open spaces for children to run and a center for sports and community events. This new facility will help ensure all parks in Meridian are cared for in a manner that we can all have safe places to enjoy.”

Mayor De Weerd will speak at Wednesday’s dedication ceremony along with Meridian Chamber of Commerce Chairman Elect Rob McCarvel, Meridian Parks Superintendent Mike Barton and Meridian Parks & Recreation Director Steve Siddoway. For more event details please contact the Meridian Parks & Recreation Department.

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The City of Meridian is located at the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho, minutes from the State Capitol. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. As the home to many young families, Meridian is a vibrant community whose mission is to be a premier city to live, work and raise a family and was selected in 2010 by Family Circle Magazine as one of their Top 10 Best Cities for Families, by Money Magazine as one of its 100 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 about Meridian, visit www.meridiacity.org.