



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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MERIDIAN SEEKS PERFORMERS TO COMPETE IN FIRST ANNUAL TALENT TOURNAMENT

MERIDIAN – The City of Meridian is highlighting local performers in its first ever Talent Tournament – a new event that is part of the 7th Annual Meridian Community Block Party on Saturday, September 17, in Kleiner Park. The Talent Tournament will run from 2pm to 4pm and will feature local performers competing for spectator votes in order to win cash prizes of up to \$500.

Performers of any age, ability and talent are encouraged to participate, as long as their performances are family-friendly and appropriate for an audience of all ages. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place, based on People’s Choice votes. Performers will be offered a 10’ x 10’ space on the grass. A limited amount of hard-surface and oversized spaces are also available.

Renee White, event coordinator for the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department, explains, “We hope to attract a variety of talent. This event will be somewhat similar to the popular Boise Curb Cup that was held in downtown Boise a few years ago. We’re hoping for singers, dancers, acrobats, magicians, comedians, and novelty acts of all sorts.”

The event is free for talent competitors, but a completed application is required and due to the Meridian Parks and Recreation Office no later than 5pm on Friday, September 9, 2016. Complete details and an application form can be found online at www.meridiancity.org/blockparty.

Idaho Central Credit Union is the presenting sponsor of the Meridian Community Block Party - a free family festival celebrating the end of summer. It will run from 10am – 5pm at Kleiner Park. In addition to the Talent Tournament, the event features inflatables, gaming trucks, music and entertainment, bubble soccer, food vendors, games and activities, a climbing wall, a 3-D printer demo, and a mascot dance-off.

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The City of Meridian is located in the heart of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. 24/7 Wall Street named Meridian the *Number One Place to Live in America*. America's Promise Alliance/ING recognized the city as one of the nation's *100 Best Communities for Young People*. For more information, visit www.meridiancity.org.