



# CityNEWS

## CALENDAR

**April 25—30**

Unplug & Be Outside Week  
[www.meridiancity.org/unplug](http://www.meridiancity.org/unplug)

**April 27**

Town Hall  
 6:30—8pm  
 Ambrose School

**April 30**

National Take Back  
 Prescription Drug Day  
 10am—2pm  
 Village at Meridian  
*Permanent drop off location:  
 Meridian Police Dept.*

**May 3**

Public Artist Reception  
 4:30—7:30pm  
 Initial Point Gallery  
 Meridian City Hall

**May 7**

Public Safety Kids Day  
 9am—3:30pm  
 Kleiner Park

**May 14**

Ball at the Hall  
 7pm—11pm  
 Meridian City Hall

**May 30**

Memorial Day Ceremony  
 11am  
 Rock of Honor, Kleiner Park

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## TELL THE COUNTY MERIDIAN RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY TWICE

*By Mayor Tammy*

It is important to ensure our citizens are informed of issues that impact or can potentially affect their lives and wallets. As your Mayor, I would like to inform you about a serious issue. Ada County sued the cities of Meridian and Garden City to add a courtroom in each community due to a 22-year old court order issued in 1994. This order should have become null and void in 1996 when Ada County voters overwhelmingly decided it would be beneficial for one centralized courthouse on Front Street in Boise.

We have been working diligently with Ada County Commissioners to find a resolution that works for everyone. In fact, when the City of Meridian was building the new City Hall in 2007, we asked the County for a Court facility to be housed in the new building. At that time, Ada County Commissioners said they did not want to decentralize the services.

Ultimately, in all appearances, this is not about a courtroom; the County Commissioners want our communities to pay and they think the court order is the way to get there. Essentially, they are causing you, Meridian city taxpayers, to pay for unnecessary court facilities. This is unjust and a waste of taxpayer dollars, particularly since the Ada County Courthouse is not being used to its full capacity.

Right now the taxpayers of these two cities are being asked to pay twice in county taxes and in city taxes. Mayors of the other Ada County cities support us in this fight: County dollars should cover county functions, not city dollars.

**I urge you to contact the Ada County Commissioners and ask them to work with the cities of Meridian and Garden City to find a real solution.** Taxpayers, whether in cities or unincorporated areas, already pay for courts through their county taxes and court fees. If the funding isn't adequate to cover costs, this is a countywide issue and should be funded by all.

**County Commissioners: [bocc1@adaweb.net](mailto:bocc1@adaweb.net) or 208-287-7000**

**MERIDIAN**

County Court Services Utilized - **17%**  
 Portion Paid in County Taxes - **20%**

**You Already Pay More than Your Fair Share**

**WHY SHOULD YOU PAY TWICE?**