



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho
Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 4:00 PM**

The Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission is a volunteer citizens' group that is created and empowered to advise the City on issues relating to park facilities and recreation programs of the City. Their mission is to gather input from staff and other qualified personnel on issues relating to the creation and design of public parks and open spaces; to listen to public input; and to provide advice and recommendations on parks and recreation related matters to the Mayor and City Council.

ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE – Start Time: 4:07PM

<u>X</u> Jo Greer, Chair	<u>X</u> Helen Muscolo
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bobo, Vice Chair	<u>X</u> Carrie Graeff
<u>X</u> Mandi Roberts	<u>X</u> Jared Christensen
<u>X</u> Terry Dennington	<u>O</u> Toren Taylor
<u>X</u> Alan Helms	

MPR Department staff—Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway, Recreation Superintendent Garrett White, Parks Superintendent Jeremy Aldrich, Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren, Marketing Coordinator Tiffany Eller, Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Smith, Administrative Assistant II Rachel Myers, City of Meridian Programs and Events Specialist Sahand Keshavarz Rahbar and MYAC Chair of Community Service Brenna Miller, Meridian Library District Director Nick Grove, Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane, and citizen Shelly Houston.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Jo Greer asked for a motion to adopt the evening's agenda. Commissioner Mandi Roberts moved to adopt the agenda. Vice Chair, Jennifer Bobo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

Chair Jo Greer asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Mandi Roberts moved to adopt the minutes. Vice Chair, Jennifer Bobo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Upcoming Events

Meridian Parks and Recreation Marketing Coordinator Tiffany Eller provided an update on the City's upcoming events. She shared that the Fourth of July celebration had thousands of attendees and was a great success.

- A. Meridian's Main Street Mix – Every Wednesday through August 12th
- B. Sparklight Movie Night – July 10th, July 24th, August 7th
- C. Kleiner Park Live – July 17th, July 31st, August 14th
- D. Art Spark at Kleiner Park – August 29th

The floor was opened for questions. No further questions were raised by the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Meridian Library District Update

Meridian Library District Director, Nick Grove, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding their current projects. Books are just the beginning.

History in Meridian

The Meridian Library District has been providing public library services to the Meridian community for over 100 years.

- 1924 – Opened first library at Songer Pharmacy
- 1928 – Moved into the old Interurban Stage building on Idaho St.
- 1997 – Opened the Cherry Lane branch
- 2009 – Opened the Silverstone branch
- 2015 – Established unbound branch
- 2018 – Opened Tiny Library next to South Meridian YMCA
- 2021 – Acquired the Meridian Historical Society's collection of materials
- 2023 – Opened the Orchard Park branch
- 2024 – Replaced the Silverstone branch with Pinnacle branch

- 2025 – Cherry Lane branch closed for full building renovation – anticipate opening in 2027

Plant Facility Levy Projects

The Plant Levy that passed provided \$14 million in funding, which will be distributed in annual payments of \$1.4 million over the next 10 years. The funding has allowed the Meridian Library District to complete the four primary projects it had planned.

One of the projects supported by the funding was the relocation of the UnBound Library to make way for the Old Town Lofts development. The new location is on 2nd Street. The UnBound branch serves as a business and technology library, offering services such as 3D printing, laser cutting, and a sound recording studio.

Other Services Offered

- History Center – The Meridian Library District oversees the History Center, which is located in Meridian City Hall.
- Tiny Library – This shipping container library is located at the South Meridian YMCA.
- Bookmobile – Established in 2004, the Bookmobile currently makes 25 stops each month, 22 of which are at Meridian City parks.
- Home Delivery – Home delivery service is available to all Meridian residents.

2025 Meridian Library Stats

- 13,812 – Staff hours worked
- 471,612 – Library visits
- 68,152 – Participants in library programs
- 1.1 million – Physical items checked out
- 542,000 – Digital items checked out
- 12,463 – Home delivery orders
- 108,000 – Summer Reading Program sessions logged

The floor was opened for questions.

1. Commission Chair Jo Greer asked if the library has volunteer opportunities.

Nick responded stating that there are many volunteer opportunities for both teens and adults. Volunteer opportunities can range from helping run the summer reading programs or pull books that people have on hold.

2. Commissioner Alan Helms asked if the square feet of the building or parking lot will be increased for the Cherry Lane Library, he also asked when they expect to open.

Nick stated that there will not be more square feet added to the property but there will be additional parking due to the removal of a building that used to be on the property. The library is set to open sometime in the first quarter of 2027.

3. Commissioner Jennifer Bobo asked what other services would be available at the Cherry Lane location that weren't originally there.

Nick stated that the location will include 24-hour checkout, a drive-up book drop, and a safer entrance and exit for the parking lot.

4. Commissioner Helen Muscolo asked how the home delivery service works.

Nick Stated that patrons can visit the library's website, place an item on hold, select the "delivery" option, and the item will be delivered to their home once it becomes available.

5. Commissioner Terri Dennington asked if the Meridian Library District owns the UnBound Library, who commissioned the mural on the building, and whether the Library District plans to partner with the Parks and Recreation Department on future projects beyond the Bookmobile.

Nick stated that the Library District does own the UnBound Library and that the Meridian Arts Commission oversaw the mural. He added that the Library District hopes to partner with the Parks and Recreation Department on a future scavenger hunt that would encourage readers to visit more of Meridian's parks.

6. MPR Director Steve Siddoway asked if the Library District feels that the Parks and Recreation Department's classes overlap with those offered by the library.

Nick stated that the classes offered by the library differ from those offered by Parks and Recreation. The library's classes are free, and they view the departments as working alongside one another rather than competing.

Nick also highlighted another partnership between the Library District and the Parks and Recreation Department: the Story Walk at Julius Kleiner Park. The Story Walk features a children's book displayed a few pages at a time along the pathway, allowing visitors to read the story as they walk. He noted that it is a great way to encourage multigenerational engagement with reading, from young children to seniors.

No further questions were raised by the Commissioners.

4. Meridian Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) Update

City of Meridian Programs & Events Specialist and Lead Advisor for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), Sahand Keshavarz Rahbar, and MYAC Chair of Community Service, Brenna Miller, presented a PowerPoint providing an overview of MYAC.

Mayor Tammy de Weerd launched MYAC in the mid-2000s. The program is open to any high school student who lives in or attends school in Meridian.

MYAC helps build civic understanding among youth, provides practical knowledge not typically covered in academic curricula, and fosters the development of leadership skills and self-confidence.

The program year aligns with the West Ada School District academic calendar, running from August through May. After-school meetings are held on Mondays at Meridian City Hall, with many additional events and volunteer opportunities taking place throughout the year.

MYAC organized the City's first Trunk-or-Treat event, which eventually grew large enough for the Parks and Recreation Department to assume responsibility for hosting it. MYAC also started Do the Right Day, which continues to be led primarily by MYAC with support from the City.

MYAC Memberships are split into two groups: the General Council and the Executive Council. Each year, eight members are elected to serve on the Executive Council, with each member holding a specific position and set of responsibilities.

Students interested in joining MYAC can apply by completing the application available on the City of Meridian MYAC webpage.

In 2025, MYAC had approximately 80 members on its mailing list, with 25–30 members regularly attending meetings. Membership is open year-round, and there is no set enrollment period.

Areas of Focus

Leadership Development

- Time management
- Communication styles
- Budgeting & financial planning – simulation event
- Resume building
- Public speaking
- Advocacy

Government Affairs

- Familiarity with different government entities (School District, Library District, ACHD)
- How public meetings work
- How decisions are made
- How citizens can participate constructively

Community Service

- Internal Projects – Ex. Valentine’s Day cards for senior citizens, friendship bracelets for Faces of Hope, “Senior Prom” at the Meridian Center
- External Projects – Ex. Rake Up Meridian, Idaho Humane Society, Walk to End Alzheimer’s, Meridian Food Bank

The floor was opened for questions.

1. Commission Chair Jo Greer asked if MYAC attends meetings outside of the city, such as City Council meetings in neighboring cities.

Sahand responded they try to keep meetings and activities within the City of Meridian. When opportunities are offered outside of the city, transportation can become a challenge for students, and it may also require them to miss class.

2. Commissioner Christensen asked where most of the youth participants come from and whether there are participants who return year after year or if certain grade levels participate more often.

Sahand stated that students who become involved early on typically continue participating year after year. However, there is a larger drop-off in participation around finals and graduation.

3. Commission Chair Jo Greer asked if students in the program qualify for scholarships through MYAC.

Sahand stated that scholarships are available and that MYAC allows non-Meridian residents to receive scholarships if they attend school in Meridian.

4. Commissioner Terri Dennington asked who created the MYAC logo, if there are a maximum number of participants, how seniors receive their Valentine’s cards, and who MYAC advises.

Sahand stated that the logo was inherited prior to him taking over the program. He also confirmed that there is no maximum number of participants. For the Valentine’s card program, pre-made cards are placed on tables before the seniors arrive so they are available when they sit down. Sahand explained that the Mayor attends all MYAC meetings, allowing him to hear the voices, opinions, and ideas of youth, which helps advise him when making decisions about the future of the community.

5. Commissioner Terri Dennington asked Brenna what she has gained from participating in MYAC.

Brenna stated that she has gained a better understanding of how local government works and its structure. She also shared that she has developed friendships with like-minded individuals who are passionate about helping others.

6. Commissioner Dennington asked how MYAC interacts with and impacts the Parks and Recreation Department

Sahand stated that MYAC members are often involved in volunteering at various City special events throughout Meridian.

No further questions were raised by the Commissioners.

5. **MPR Department Volunteer Program Update**

Meridian Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation on the current volunteer program.

Front Desk Volunteers: 23 Active Volunteers – Welcome visitors, offer assistance, share information, answer questions, cover lunches and meetings, and assist staff with projects.

Park Ambassadors: 15 Active Volunteers – Visible representatives in Meridian parks who use a “Buddy Educator” approach to encourage park safety and etiquette. Park Ambassadors are not responsible for rule enforcement. Ambassadors currently oversee Julius Kleiner Park, Discovery Park, and Settlers Park.

3RD Grade City Hall Tours: 1 Active Volunteer – Interactive tours led by Jacob Cluff that provides students with an introduction to local government through hands-on experiences.

Total Volunteered Hours:

2025 – 3,785.50 hours volunteered

As of July 1, 2026 – 1,717.25 hours volunteered

Volunteer Challenged Coins

Bronze: 100 volunteer hours – 19 coins awarded

Silver: 500 volunteer hours – 11 coins awarded

Gold: 1,000 volunteer hours – 6 coins awarded

The floor was opened for questions.

1. Commissioner Jennifer Bobo asked what Park Ambassadors need to do to qualify and if there is a required length of time or frequency of visits.

Jackie responded that the main goal of the Park Ambassadors is to assist citizens by helping them locate shelters, find the Story Walk, and answer general questions. They also serve as additional eyes in the parks by notifying staff of issues such as low soap levels or empty toilet paper dispensers. Park Ambassadors are asked to volunteer for a minimum of one hour at a time, while the frequency of their shifts are determined by how often they would like to visit and walk the parks.

2. Commissioner Helen Muscolo asked if Jackie recruits her volunteers.

Jackie responded that her current volunteers have all joined organically. Individuals interested in volunteering have reached out to ask what opportunities are available.

3. Commissioner Mandi Roberts asked why there are only 34 volunteers, stating that it seemed like a small number.

Jackie explained that one challenge is that City Hall closes at 5:00 p.m., which limits opportunities for working adults to volunteer outside of regular business hours.

Director Steve Siddoway added that the 34 volunteers are specifically the City Hall volunteers overseen by Jackie, and that the department currently has the number of volunteers needed for those roles. He noted that the city also has many additional volunteers who assist with special events and park projects, but those volunteers are not part of Jackie's program.

Parks Superintendent Jeremy Aldrich added that the department also works with many "project volunteers" from churches, youth groups, companies, and other volunteer organizations. For example, a church group of approximately 300 volunteers helped spread bark at Julius Kleiner Park last fall. He also noted that the department has had volunteer groups of up to 1,200 people inquire about service projects and regularly works with individuals completing court-ordered community service hours.

Jackie added that dozens of volunteers assist with events such as parades and the Children's Winterland Festival, although those volunteers are not part of the program she oversees.

No further questions were raised by Commissioners.

6. MPR Commission Team Building Debrief

Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway checked in with the Commissioners to gather their feedback on the June team-building meeting.

The Commissioners shared that they enjoyed the behind-the-scenes tour and appreciated the opportunity to get to know one another through the "speed dating" style game. They felt the event was a valuable team building experience, especially with the addition of several new Commissioners

OLD BUSINESS ~ NONE

WORKSHOP ~ NONE

STAFF REPORTS

7. MPR Staff

Parks and Recreation Director Steve Siddoway reported on the following:

1. Jeremy Aldrich has been promoted from Parks Maintenance Manager to Parks Superintendent. David Buchinskiy has been promoted from Assistant Parks Maintenance Manager to Parks Maintenance Manager. Tiffany Eller has been hired as the new Marketing Coordinator, and Christina Leet has been hired as the new Events Specialist.
2. The signage project at Lakeview Golf Course is still underway and has experienced a few delays.
3. Tammy Street Park opened last month, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony was well attended.
4. The Fourth of July celebration was a great success.
5. The first Main Street Mix took place on July 8th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The floor was opened for questions. No further questions were raised by the Commissioners.

Parks Superintendent Jeremy Aldrich reported on the following:

1. The Tammy Street Park sign still needs to be completed and installed.
2. Landscaping at the Fivemile Trailhead still needs to be completed.
3. Staff is working to provide a pedestrian pathway crossing over the Ridenbaugh Canal.
4. Staff is working on landscaping improvements for the medians between Ten Mile Road and Linder Road, as well as between McDermott Road and Black Cat Road.

The floor was opened for questions. No further questions were raised by the Commissioners.

Recreation Superintendent Garrett White reported on the following:

1. More than 2,000 children have participated in swimming lessons at the Meridian Pool. Meridian High School, Rocky Mountain High School, and Kuna High School will also be using the Meridian Pool for swim practices and swim meets through November.
2. Homecourt continues to have strong participation, even with the warmer weather outside.
3. Lakeview Golf Course continues to perform well and has begun its fee review process.
4. All of our special events have been running smoothly. Summer is the department's busiest season, with many events scheduled back-to-back.
5. Staff is working on the Fall Activity Guide, which is expected to be published in early August.
6. Registration for fall volleyball is currently open.
7. Lots of work going towards the Community Center, working on the playground, dog park, restrooms, revamping the existing parks shop to be safe and hold more storage. He is also working with ACHD and Brighton through the cooperative

development process to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Venable Street and Ustick Road.

The floor was opened for questions.

1. Commissioner Terri Dennington asked if Homecourt offers pickleball classes.

Garrett responded that Homecourt does offer introductory classes, which are listed in the Activity Guide.

No further questions were raised by the Commissioners

Pathways Project Manager Kim Warren reported on the following:

1. The Pathways Master Plan is complete.
2. Working with Parks Superintendent Jeremy to create a safe pedestrian pathway over the Ridenbaugh Canal.
3. The Rail with Trail project has been paved and is pending a final walkthrough. Staff is also working on obtaining additional easements to allow for future pathway extensions.

The floor was opened for questions. No further questions were raised by the Commissioners.

NEXT MEETING ~ Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 4 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Jo Greer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mandi Roberts moved to adjourn. Vice Chair, Jennifer Bobo, seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:03PM.

2026 All-Commission Goals:

1. Support construction of the new Community Center and the expansion of Settlers Park.
2. Complete the Pathways Master Plan Update.
3. Support development of a connected pathway system across the City of Meridian, with a focus on user experience amenities and improved connectivity. Meet with the rest of our neighboring cities to coordinate continuous pathway planning beyond our boundary.
4. Add a new playground to Tammy Street Park and give the park an official new name as a City park.
5. Participate in the partnership with the Meridian Arts Commission to add theming and identity reinforcing art in Meridian parks and along pathways. Focus this year on completion of the Public Art Master Plan and art for the new Community Center.

6. Continue to provide feedback for ongoing park improvements and enhancements.
7. Support future improvements at Lakeview Golf Course, including new signage for the course, fencing, and improvements to the irrigation pond area.
8. Engage other task forces, commissions, entities, and agencies through workshops and other outreach for partnership opportunities.
9. Support ongoing operations of the Meridian Pool.
10. Pursue improved communication tools and opportunities to engage the community and diverse interests.



NICK GROVE
LIBRARY DIRECTOR





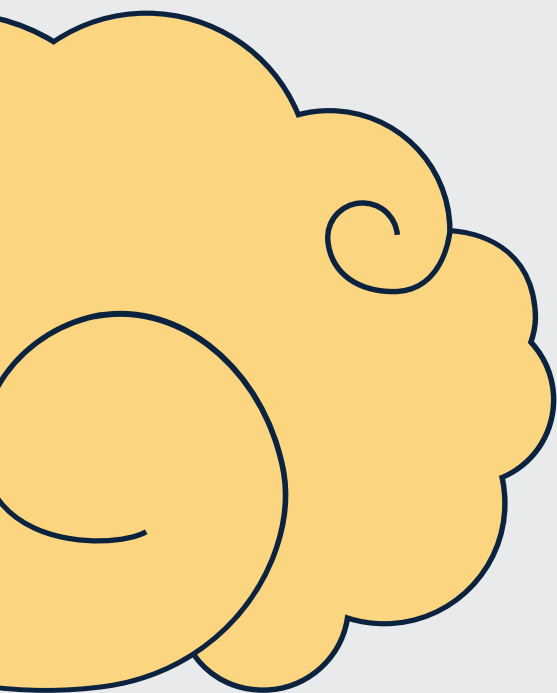
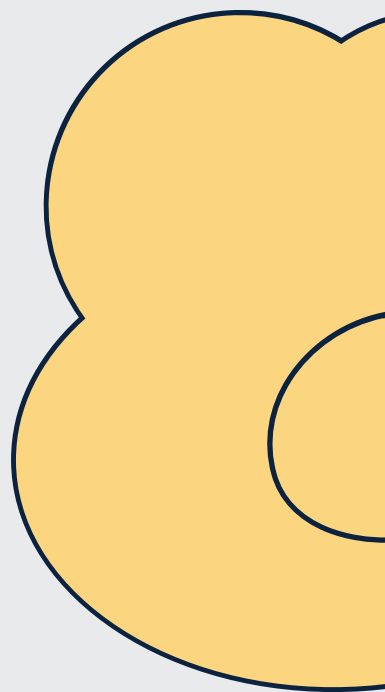
NICK GROVE

Library Director since 2022

Started at MLD in 2011

First library job in 2000





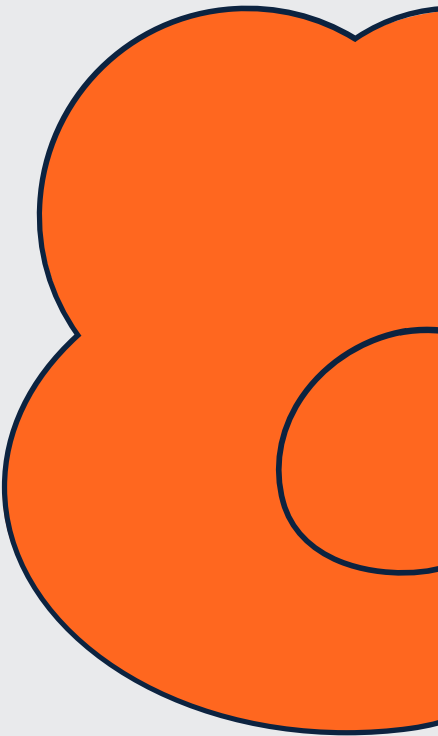
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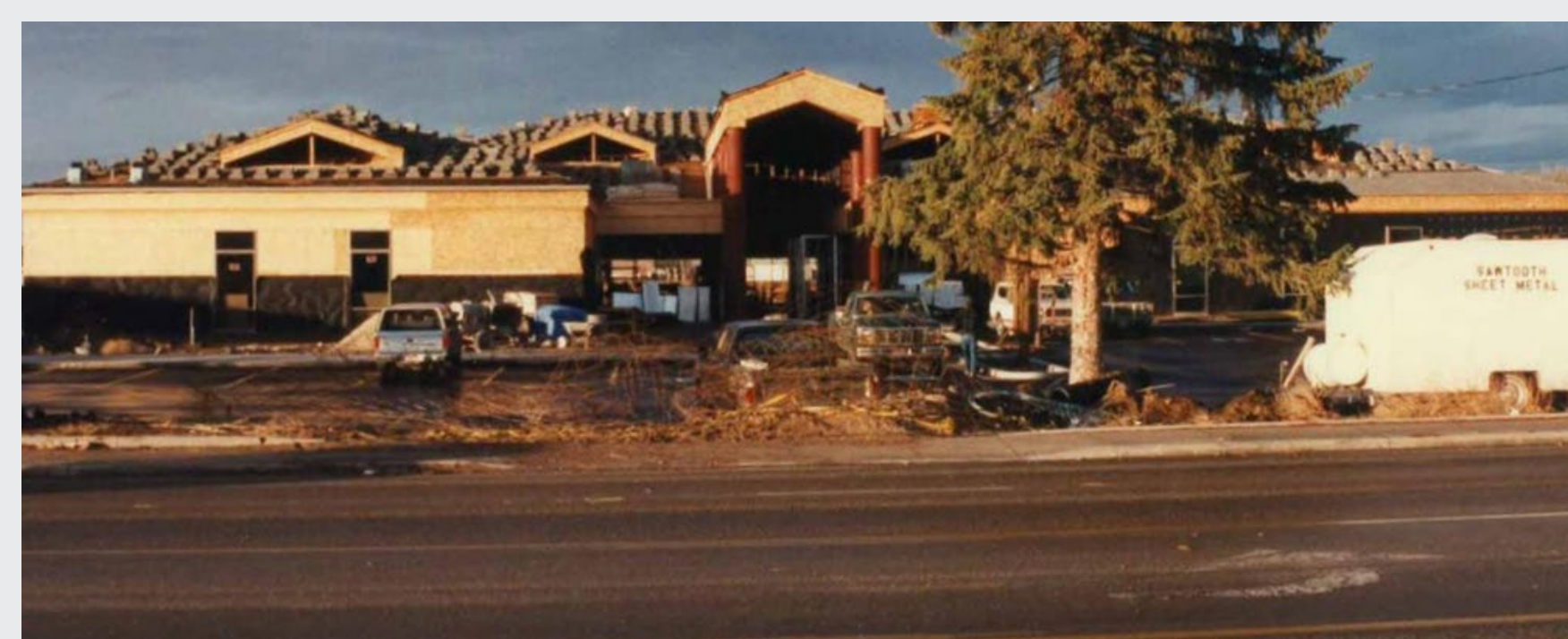
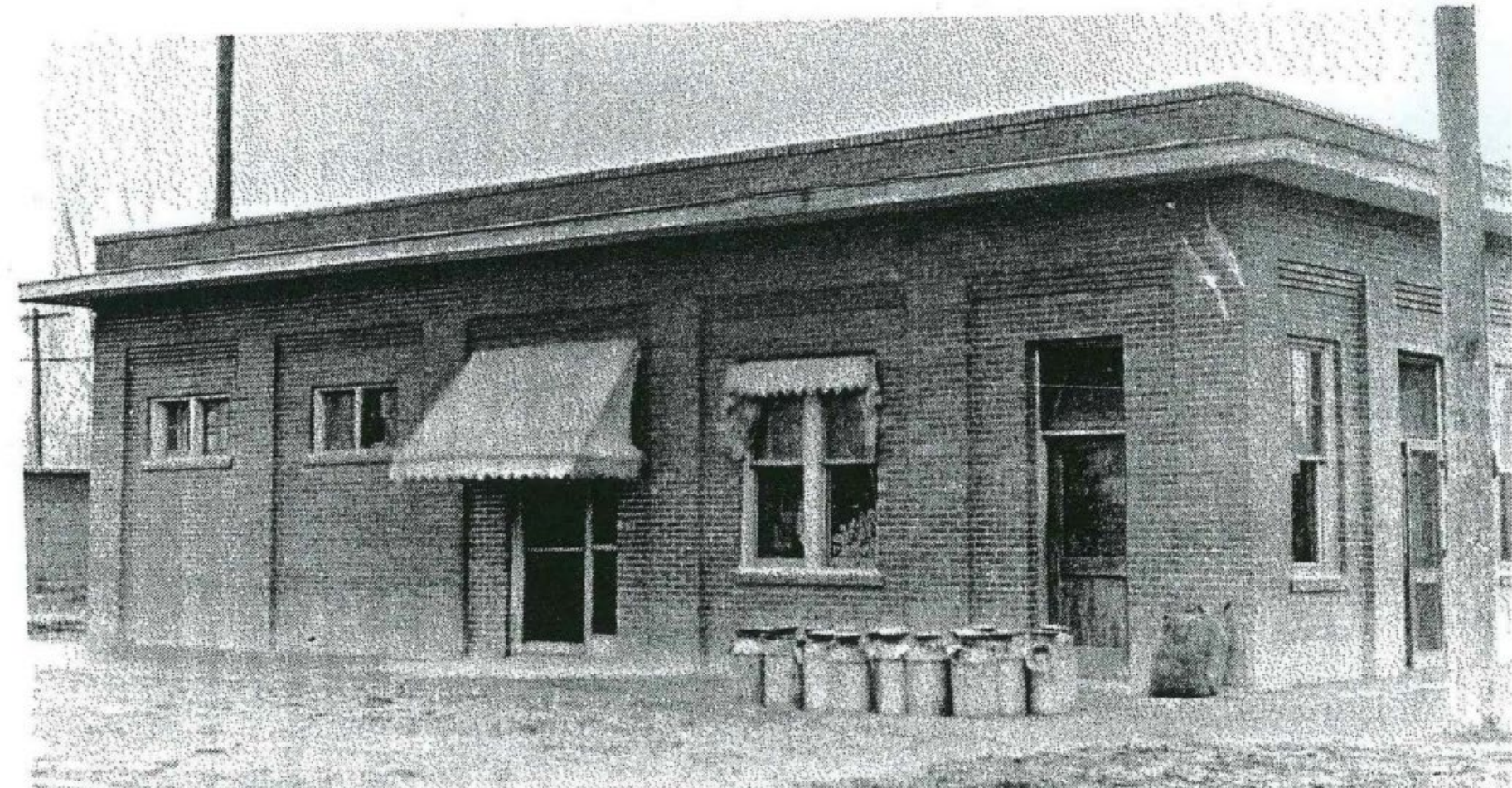


MLD HISTORY



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MLD BUILDINGS

THROUGH THE YEARS



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MERIDIAN LIBRARY DISTRICT BRANCHES

CHERRY LANE



ORCHARD PARK



UNBOUNDED



MERIDIAN LIBRARY DISTRICT LOCATIONS & SERVICES

BOOKMOBILE



HISTORY CENTER



HOME

DELIVERY

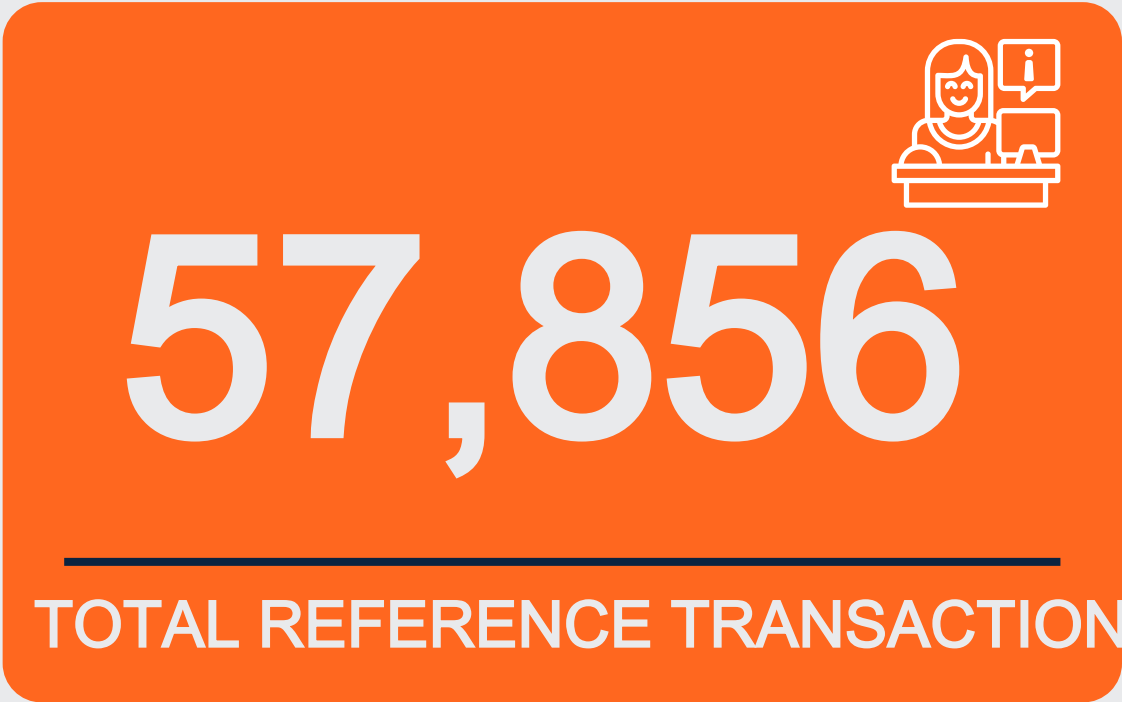
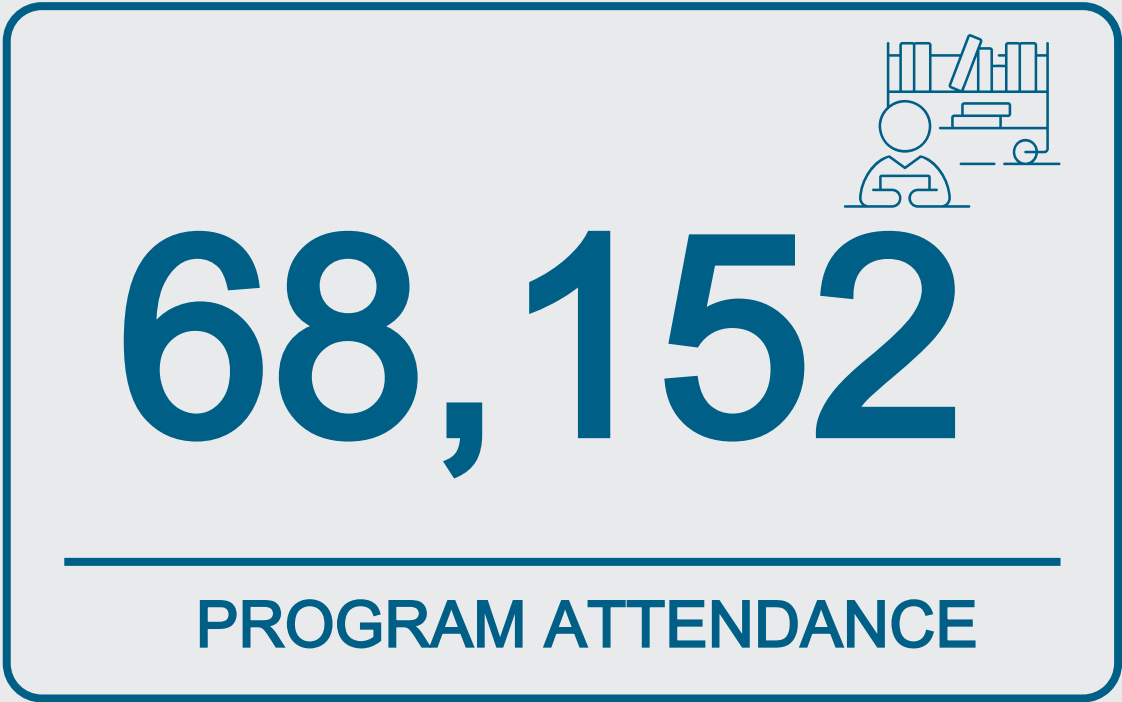
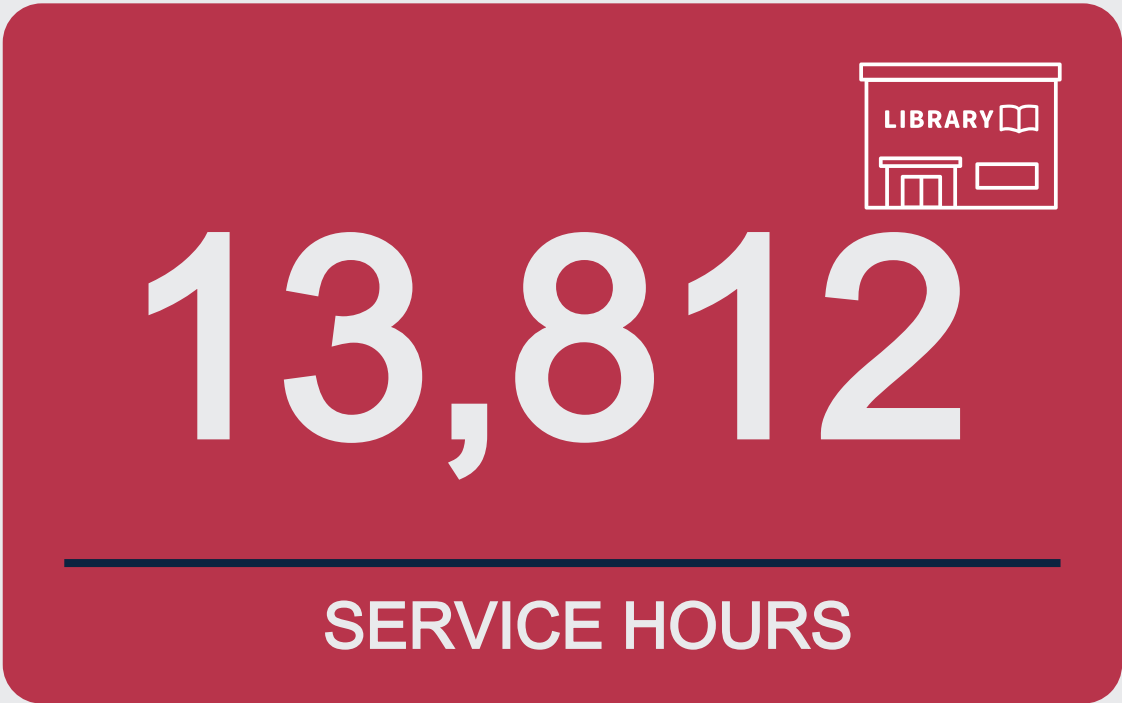


TINY LIBRARY



KEY NUMBERS

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



KEY NUMBERS

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

97



STAFF AS OF 12/31/25

5



AVERAGE TENURE

6



NEW TEAM MEMBERS JOINED US

152k



HOURS WORKED



KEY NUMBERS

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



1.1m

PHYSICAL ITEM CHECKOUTS

542k

DIGITAL ITEM CHECKOUTS

12,463

HOME DELIVERY ORDERS

108k

SRP READING SESSIONS LOGGED

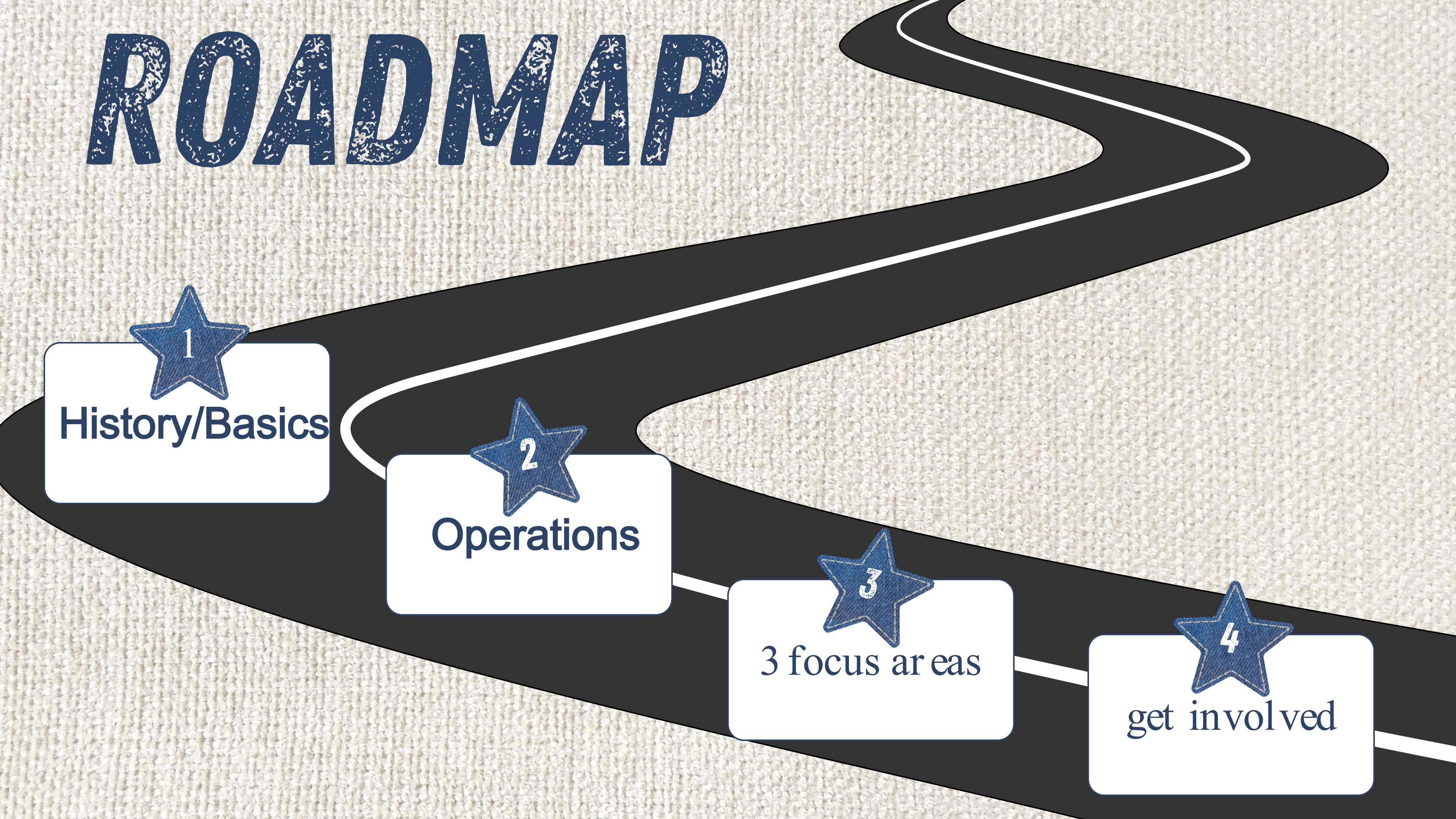


MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Brenna, Idaho Fine Arts Academy, MYAC Chair of Community Service
Sahand, Programs & Events Specialist, Mayor's Office



ROADMAP



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Operations

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3 focus areas

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get involved

WHO?

★ Mayor Tammy de Weerd launched MYAC in mid-2000s

★ Open to any high school student (grades 9-12) living in or attending school in Meridian

★ Other MYACs exist throughout Idaho



History/Basics

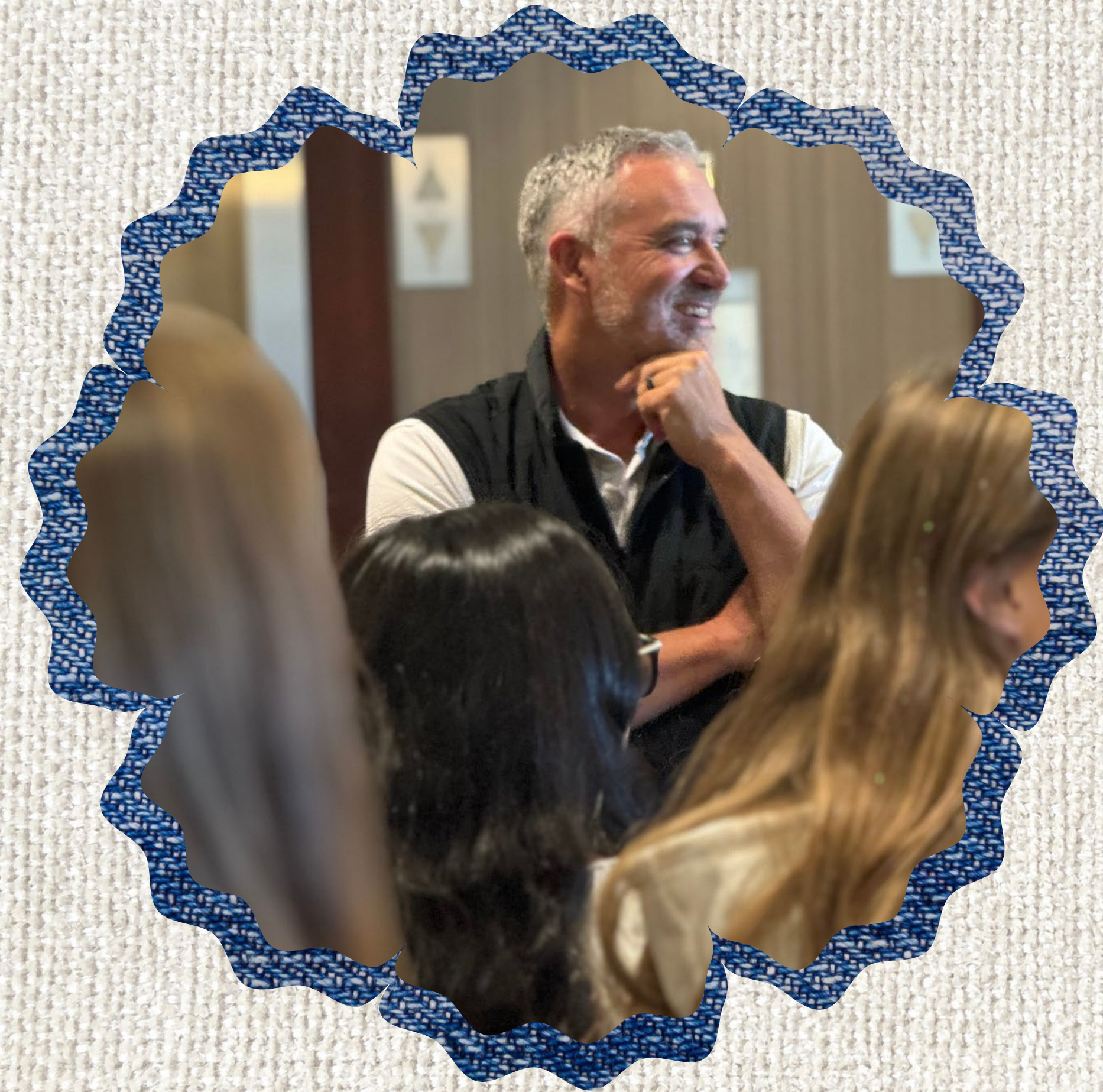


WHY?

- ★ Build civic understanding among youth
- ★ Provide practical knowledge not regularly seen in academic curricula
- ★ Foster the growth of leadership skills and self-confidence



History/Basics



WHEN & WHERE?

★ Program year aligns with WASD academic calendar: August → May

★ Afterschool meetings held on Mondays at Meridian City Hall

★ Events and opportunities outside of City Hall all throughout the year



History/Basics





History/Basics



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History/Basics



History/Basics

MEMBERSHIP

**GENERAL
COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL**

2

Operations

SAMPLE CALENDAR

Updated 11 August 2025

August

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- General Council Meetings (all members)
- Executive Council Meetings (officers only)
- Special Events
 - 08/20 MYAC Kick-Off
 - 10/07 Youth Safety Summit
 - 10/23 Trunk or Treat
 - 11/17 Friendsgiving
 - 12/15 Holiday Party
 - 04/06 Chalk Art / DTR Service Project
 - 04/09 Do The Right Day
 - 05/18 End-of-Year Celebration
- No School Grades 9-12 (West Ada School District)

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM MYAC

At General Council Meetings, MYAC Members network with peers, gain insights about leadership and career development from engaging guest speakers, learn about the functions of local government, and contribute to the betterment of the community through student-led service projects. All meetings are organized and led by student leaders. MYAC events, activities, and projects that are planned throughout the year are directly shaped by students through discussion, consultation, and voting, and thus reflect their collective priorities and interests in any given year.



PROGRAM CALENDAR

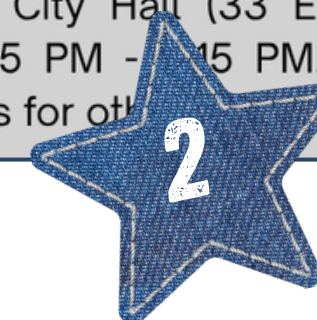
FALL '25 - SPRING '26

Any high school student (grade 9-12) living in Meridian or attending a school located in Meridian is welcome to join MYAC.

Any student wishing to regularly attend General Council meetings should formally join the group by filling out the online application form on our webpage:

www.meridiancity.org/myac

All MYAC General Council Meetings (**yellow on the calendar**) are held at Meridian City Hall (33 E Broadway Ave), 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM. Locations and times for other meetings vary.



Operations

SAMPLE
AGENDA



MYAC General Council Meeting Agenda

Call to Order/Welcome

1) Icebreakers

3:45 - 3:55 PM

→ Social Coordinator Izzy Magsamen leads a fun, interactive activity for the group.

2) Guest Speaker: Brandon Woolf

3:55-4:25

→ Members will hear from Idaho's State Controller.

3) Nonprofit discussion

4:25 - 4:40

→ MYACers will discuss potential ways to assist the Meridian Food Bank and vote on

Date: Monday, March 9, 2026
Time: 3:45 - 5:15 PM
Location: Meridian City Hall - Council Chambers

Notes



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Operations

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Community

Business

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Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

MYAC HELPS YOUNG LEADERS GROW

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) benefits the Meridian youth community through leadership activities, community service projects, and enriching events. Youth grades 9-12 are welcome to [become a MYAC member](#) to gain skills, experience, confidence. MYAC has 3 focus areas for students: Leadership Development, Gov Affairs, & Community Service.

FALL 2025 GENERAL MEETINGS



Operations



Join MYAC

First Name: *

Value is required.

Middle Name:

Last Name: *

E-mail *

Phone number:

Can you receive text messages?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a returning MYAC member? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Mailing Address: *

Street Address

Address Line 2

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- General Council Meetings (all members)
- Executive Council Meetings (officers only)
- Special Events
 - 08/20 MYAC Kick-Off
 - 10/07 Youth Safety Summit
 - 10/23 Trunk or Treat
 - 11/17 Friendsgiving
 - 12/15 Holiday Party
 - 04/06 Chalk Art / DTR Service Project
 - 04/09 Do The Right Day
 - 05/18 End-of-Year Celebration
- No School Grades 9-12 (West Ada School District)

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM MYAC

At General Council Meetings, MYAC Members network with peers, gain insights about leadership and career development from engaging guest speakers, learn about the functions of local government, and contribute to the betterment of the community through student-led service projects. All meetings are organized and led by student leaders. MYAC events, activities, and projects that are planned throughout the year are directly shaped by students through discussion, consultation, and voting, and thus reflect their collective priorities and interests in any given year.



PROGRAM CALENDAR

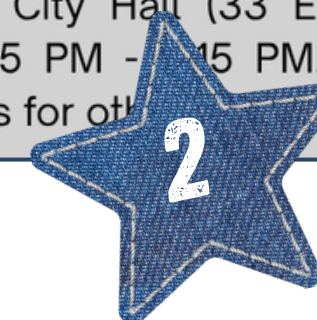
FALL '25 - SPRING '26

Any high school student (grade 9-12) living in Meridian or attending a school located in Meridian is welcome to join MYAC.

Any student wishing to regularly attend General Council meetings should formally join the group by filling out the online application form on our webpage:

www.meridiancity.org/myac

All MYAC General Council Meetings (**yellow on the calendar**) are held at Meridian City Hall (33 E Broadway Ave), 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM. Locations and times for other meetings vary.



Operations

FOCUS AREAS



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

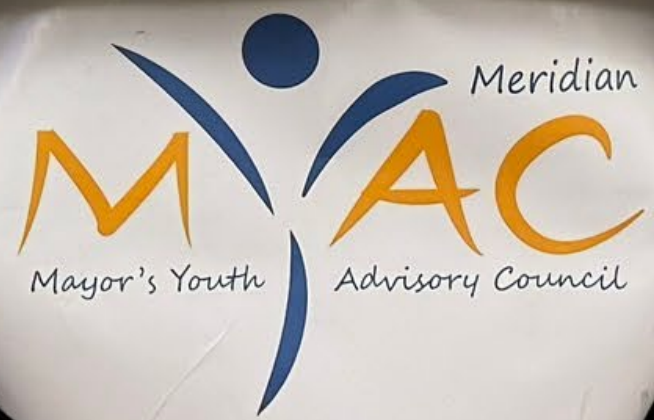
- ★ Time management
- ★ Communication styles
- ★ Budgeting & financial planning
- ★ Resume building
- ★ Public speaking
- ★ Advocacy



3 focus areas



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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- ★ Familiarity with different ‘types’ of government (school district, library district, ACHD)
- ★ How public meetings work
- ★ How decisions are made
- ★ How citizens (including youth!) can participate constructively



3 focus areas





🏠 Home

Welcome To

Transparent Idaho

Enhancing transparency in government by
making financial and operational data visible and
accessible to all Idahoans.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

★ Internal projects (Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens, friendship bracelets for Faces of Hope, "Senior Prom" at the Meridian Senior Center)

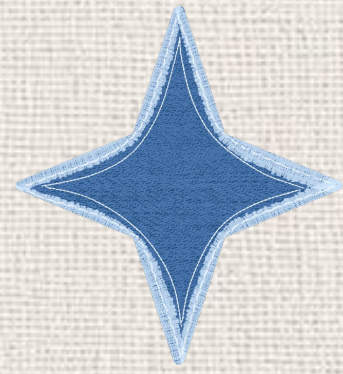
★ External projects (Rake Up Meridian, Idaho Humane Society, Walk to End Alzheimer's, Meridian Food Bank)



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GETTING INVOLVED



- ★ Guest speakers / workshop facilitators
- ★ Community service opportunities
- ★ Student feedback opportunities (surveys & focus groups)
- ★ Tours / excursions of local facilities, amenities, and organizations
- ★ Connections to business sponsors

CONNECT WITH US:

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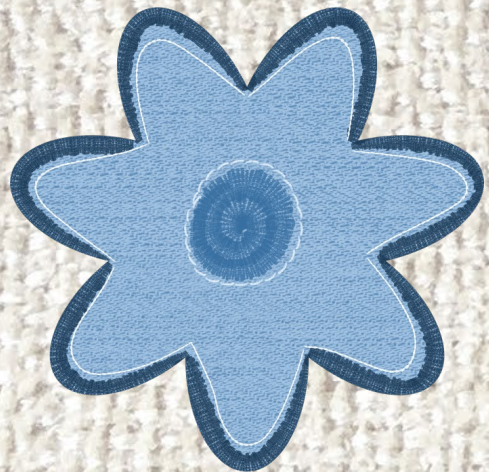


get involved

THANK YOU!



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Parks and Recreation

The Power of Service

CITY OF MERIDIAN VOLUNTEERS

JULY 2026

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Front Desk



Park Ambassadors



3rd Grade Tours

VISION & MISSION

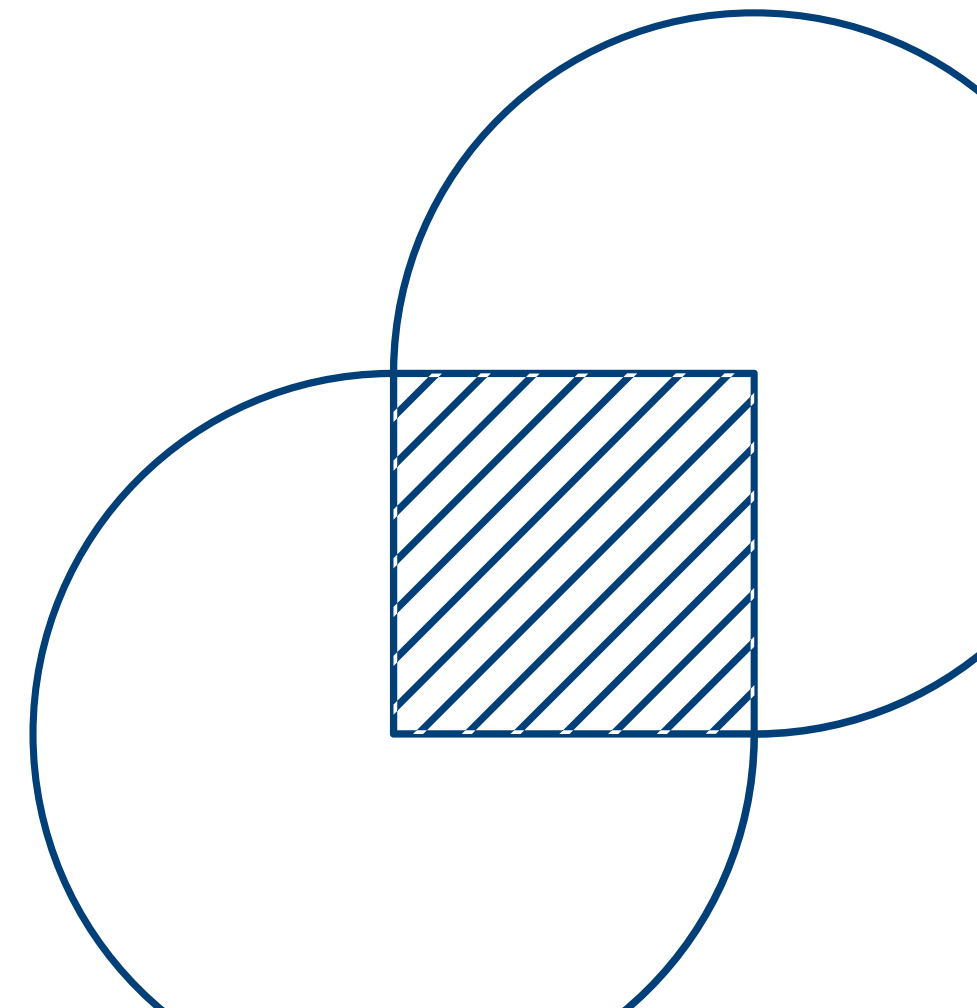


Our Vision

- To create lasting community impact through engaged volunteers who serve with purpose, compassion, and dedication.

Our Mission

- To recruit, support, and recognize volunteers by creating rewarding experiences that inspire service and community pride.



FRONT DESK

A WARM WELCOME
TO THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN



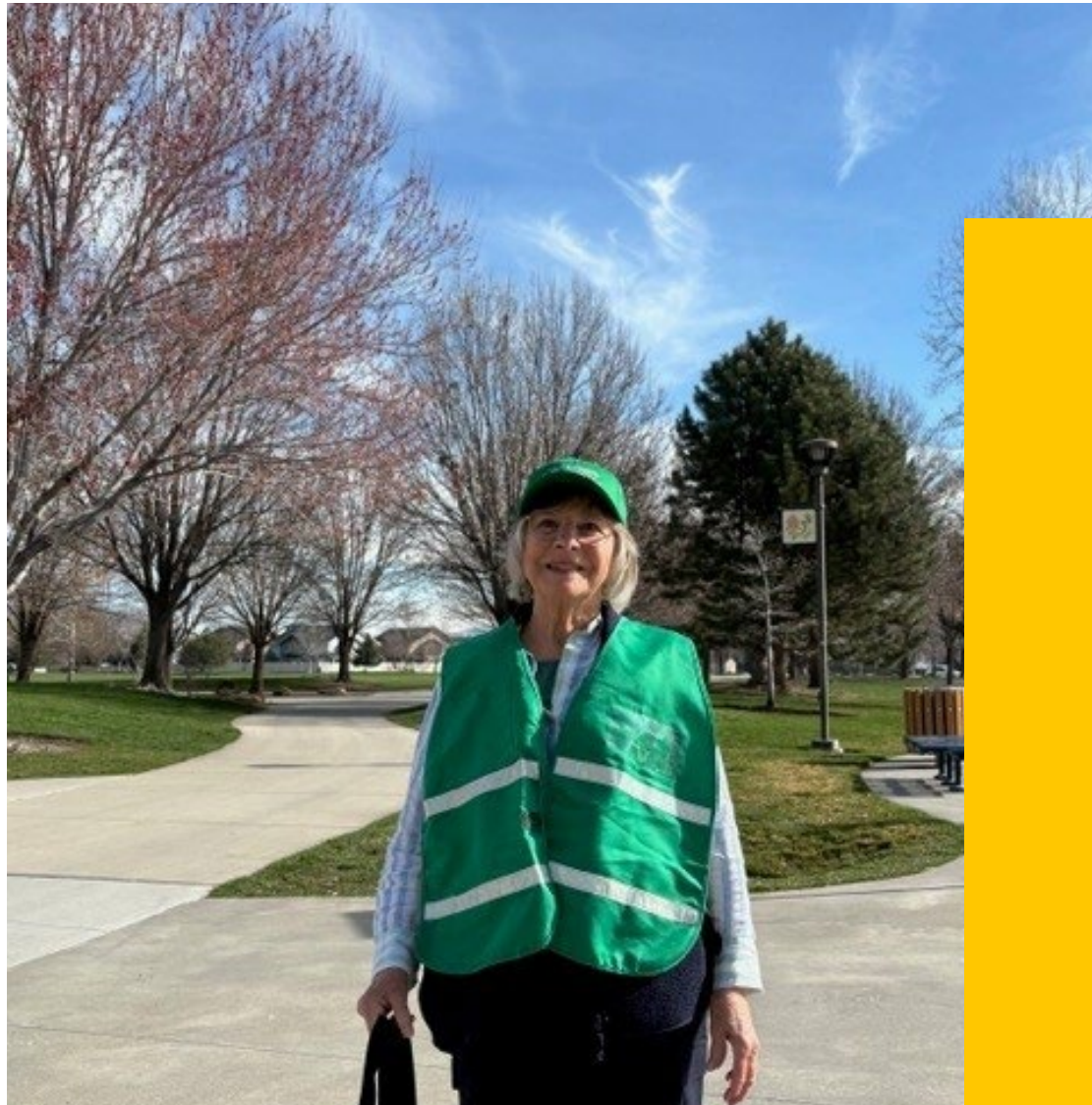
Front Desk Volunteers play a vital role in creating a welcoming and positive experience for everyone who enters the building. They greet visitors, offer assistance, answer questions, share information, and connect individuals with available resources. In addition to serving as the first point of contact for guests, these volunteers provide front desk coverage for other departments during lunch breaks, meetings, and other staff absences, helping ensure seamless customer service throughout the day.



CURRENT FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS: 23

PARK AMBASSADORS

Supporting safe and
enjoyable parks for
all



Park Ambassadors serve as friendly, visible representatives in Meridian parks, helping create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for visitors. Using a "buddy educator" approach, they provide information, encourage park safety and etiquette, assist park users, and serve as additional eyes and ears for Parks staff by observing and reporting concerns when needed. Their presence supports the care of Meridian's parks and amenities while enhancing the overall visitor experience.

CURRENT PARK AMBASSADORS
VOLUNTEERS: 15

PARK AMBASSADORS

Friendly faces at our parks



JULIAS M. KLEINER PARK

Volunteers can either walk or use the “egg” cart for shifts



DISCOVERY

Volunteers can either walk or use the provided golf cart



SETTLERS

Volunteers walk for these shifts

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3RD GRADE CITY HALL TOURS

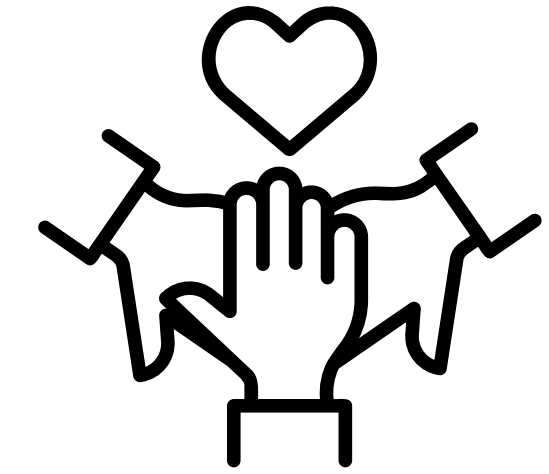
Hands - on learning
experience



INTERACTIVE TOURS

Led by Jacob Cluff, the 3rd Grade City Hall Tours offer students an interactive introduction to local government. These hands-on experiences increase civic awareness, provide insight into City operations, and help young residents understand the important role local government plays in their daily lives.

CURRENT 3RD GRADE TOUR VOLUNTEERS:



A COMMUNITY THAT GIVES

CURRENT ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

34

TOTAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED IN 2025

3,785.50 HOURS

TOTAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED AS OF JULY 1, 2026

1,717.25 HOURS



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CHALLENGE COINS

The Challenge Coins honor the dedication and contributions of our volunteers, symbolizing their lasting impact on the City and community. These coins celebrate volunteer commitment, longevity, and exceptional service.



BRONZE 100 HOURS

**19 COINS
AWARDED**



SILVER 500 HOURS

**11 COINS
AWARDED**



GOLD: 1000 HOURS

6 COINS AWARDED



ANY QUESTIONS?



Together,
We Can Make a
Difference