INVITATION FOR BID
DOWNTOWN TREE BOX REPLACEMENT 2014
CITY OF MERIDIAN

The City of Meridian is requesting sealed Bids for DOWNTOWN TREE BOX REPLACEMENT 2014. Bids will be received by the City of Meridian, Purchasing Department, at the City Hall Building located at 33 East Broadway Avenue, Ste. 106, Meridian, Idaho 83642, until 2:30 p.m., prevailing local time, FEBRUARY 13, 2014. A complete bid package is available at City of Meridian Purchasing Department located at 33 East Broadway Avenue, Ste 106, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2014
Keith Watts, Purchasing Manager
THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
STOREY PARK DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF MERIDIAN

The City of Meridian is requesting sealed proposals for CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES – STOREY PARK DEVELOPMENT. Proposals will be received by the City of Meridian, Purchasing Department, at the City Hall Building located at 33 East Broadway Avenue, Ste. 106, Meridian, Idaho 83642, until 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time, FEBRUARY 21, 2014.

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All questions concerning this Invitation for Bid or requests for additional information should be directed to: Kathy Wanner (at (208) 489-0416).

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Run Dates: January 27, 2014 and February 3, 2014

Kitchen remodel

By Rich Nesbit

So you want to remodel your kitchen? I love the idea. The trick is to not over improve the kitchen if you want a realistic return on the cost.

Kitchen remodels can be inexpensive with fresh paint and flooring or costly with a complete remodel including removing walls and opening the space up to other areas. Budget, budget, budget.

Spend your money on cabinets, appliances and flooring. If you have money left over, look at removing walls and adding lights or windows etc.

Do you need a $5,000 dollar range? Maybe. Cabinets that cost over $10,000? Perhaps. Look at the value of your home and the total remodel cost should not exceed about 10% of your home’s value. Some folks say 5%; others, 15%.

Again, how are your budget and timeline looking? Remember, just because you spend that much it does not mean you have increased the home’s value by the same dollar amount. A cabinet is a cabinet is a cabinet. I expect nicer cabinets in a home worth over $100,000 than in a $100,000 home.

What’s trending in kitchen remodels? Stainless steel is still sought after, with over 65% of buyers choosing it. Some 50% choose granite countertops and 36% choose quartz countertops. About 35% choose hardwood floors, 32% choose tile. Does that mean the other one third choose vinyl and others? Most, some 77%, want to open the space up to another area.

About 49% of homeowners want to be greener in the kitchen. Run Dates: January 27, 2014 and February 3, 2014

Perspective: Mother, I’d rather do it myself

By Eagle Mayor Jim Reynolds

Cities and counties in Idaho have long desired more financial independence from the State Legislature. They seek ways to develop capital projects that elected officials and citizen groups deem either necessary or desirable. Perhaps it is a light rail line in Boise or infrastructure to attract business like Chobani Yogurt in Twin Falls.

That desired independence has once again taken the form of a local option tax. Typically, that would be a small independent added to the local sales tax and the increased revenue from it can be significant.

It is estimated that a one-percent increase in both Ada and Canyon counties’ sales tax could generate $40 million a year. The trouble is, those taxes usually become permanent, and our conservative legislatures have rejected all efforts to pass such measures in the past.

Senator Chuck Winder (R-District 20) is floating the idea once again, but this time with a different twist: No debt. The citizens of Ada and Canyon counties will be asked to consider supporting a bill when it is crafted, so let me give you a preview.

Advocates hope the “no-debt” provision will be more attractive to the legislature. Consequently, the entire cost of the project would have to be accumulated before construction could begin. Further, it would limit the sales tax increase to one percent for an entire county.

In other words, if a county took the whole 1% increase, the cities within the county would be ineligible to pass their own local option tax until the county’s term was completed. In theory, the county and cities could share the one-percent additional sales tax. For instance, let’s say that Ada County took one-quarter percent; Boise could take a quarter, Meridian another quarter and Eagle, another quarter percent.

The idea would be to use the local option tax for capital projects like those stated above, and not fund day-to-day operations. The city or county wishing to enact the tax for operations would be limited to one-quarter percent increase with a maximum 2% per year.

As you reach your tips, take a deep inhale, hold it and work those swelling muscles. Continue until all oars have been consumed.

As a finale; sit back in the easy chair, close your eyes as you enter into a relaxing meditation, stretch your neck and allow your chin to fall forward to your chest, and breathe. This is the perfect way to end an evening of strenuous indoor exercise.

Now, dream about sunshine and get back to real life tomorrow. Humor, adventure and attitude can make winter days less dreary, so experiment a bit, bounce out of that comfort zone and share a few laughs along the way.

Get creative and take a 10 minute health assessment at www.coach.usana.com for more great ideas.