



April 2023

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

A monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners

Welcome to the monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners. We are happy to share information on significant news and events in Ada County.

Tom Dayley - Commissioner
Rod Beck - Board Chairman
Ryan Davidson - Commissioner



EVERY APRIL WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

Thank you to our elected officials and dedicated staff who work tirelessly, and with great professionalism and transparency, to make sure we provide the best service to Ada County residents and visitors. You may not know the extent to which Ada County government serves you and your neighbors; everything from the courts, to law enforcement provided by the Ada County Sheriff's Office, the Ada County Landfill, Development Services, Expo Idaho, Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement, Juvenile Services, and Paramedics to name just a few. The individuals who have

dedicated their professional careers to county government are creative, nimble, exceedingly professional and patient. Our goal is to be efficient and to help you enjoy the incredible quality of life that so many appreciate. While unprecedented growth has changed much of the landscape and created a need to serve significantly more people we do so gladly. We want our communities to thrive and succeed as much as you do! Thank you for doing your part to make Ada County a wonderful place to live, work, raise a family, retire, and recreate.

Ada County Commissioners reflect on the importance of county government.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxrwUQ006kI>



Ada County Elected Officials

Ada County Government touches the lives of everyone who lives and works in each of our beautiful communities.

DENIM DAY PROCLAMATION 2023

Thank you to the Ada County Commissioners for signing a Proclamation recognizing Wednesday April 26, 2023 as Denim Day.

Denim Day takes place during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and encourages folks to wear denim to combat victim blaming and educate others about sexual violence. We appreciate our friends at the Women's and Children's Alliance and members of the Ada County Family Court and Domestic Violence Court for taking part in the annual event.



COMMISSIONERS TOUR ADA COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

There are three divisions within the Ada County Coroner's Office - Administration, Investigations and Forensics.

The Ada County Coroner's Office operates under the statutory obligation of determining cause and manner of death and notifying legal next of kin. Deaths are investigated for any individual who expires within Ada County including those unattended by a physician, violent or non-natural deaths and deaths of minors (children under 18) with no significant medical history.

The Coroner's Office serves the living by working on behalf of the deceased to obtain the truth and circumstances of their death. This office is independent of all other entities including law enforcement agencies, physicians, nursing homes, and hospitals.



L-R Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley,
Ada County Coroner Rich Riffle,
Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson

A new coroner's office facility near the intersection of Franklin Road and Eagle Road in Meridian is scheduled to be completed by late this year or early next year.



ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOUR THE ADA COUNTY LANDFILL

Thank you to Bruce Krisko and the awesome staff at the Ada County Landfill for facilitating a thorough and informative tour of the Ada County Landfill.



L-R Bruce Krisko Landfill Director, Judy Morris BOCC Office Manager, Ryan Davidson Ada County Commissioner, Tom Dayley Ada County Commissioner, Debbie Scott Budget and Finance Officer, and Tom Otte Deputy Director

JANELLE PENDER RECOGNIZED FOR 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE!



Pictured L-R William Pender, Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Janelle Pender, Chairman Rod Beck, Ginny Centanni, Julie Hess, Commissioner Tom Dayley, and Russ Centanni.

Some individuals are shining stars who make their work environments positive and vibrant places. Such is the case with Janelle Pender who has dedicated 30 years to Ada County! Janelle began working at the Assessor's office in 1993 as a motor vehicles clerk at the Barrister location. She moved to the downtown location in 1997 where she worked in both the DMV and the admin department. In 1999, Janelle transferred to the appraisal division as a personal property appraiser. That experience was followed in 2003 by another promotion to residential property appraiser. In 2015 Janelle became the office's manufactured home appraiser. She has excelled in this role, bringing consistency and equity to a very difficult property type, to say nothing of the process-coordination she's spearheaded with title companies, DMVs, and the Treasurer's Office.

The Assessor's office says "Given the nature of the work we do in the Appraisal Division, we don't get many heartfelt "thank yous" from the taxpaying public but, when we DO, they're almost always for Janelle. Janelle is a one-of-a-kind employee, and we are grateful to get to work with her every day."

ADA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



In addition to elected offices, Ada County government includes thirteen individual departments. Each department provides important services to our residents in Star, Eagle, Meridian, Boise,

Garden City, Kuna, and Unincorporated Ada County.

These services include law enforcement protection, emergency preparedness, election services, parks and waterways, public defense, indigent services, juvenile court, solid waste management, the Western Idaho Fair, Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement and more.

Learn more about the services provided to you by Ada County

<https://adacounty.id.gov/>

ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM DAYLEY PARTICIPATES IN BOISE METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM

Discussion centered on how Property Tax Relief passed by the legislature would affect Ada County Property Owners



Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley along with Boise City Councilman Patrick Bageant and Idaho State Senator Doug Ricks served on a panel discussion in April to explain how property tax relief passed this session by the Idaho Legislature would affect Ada County property owners.

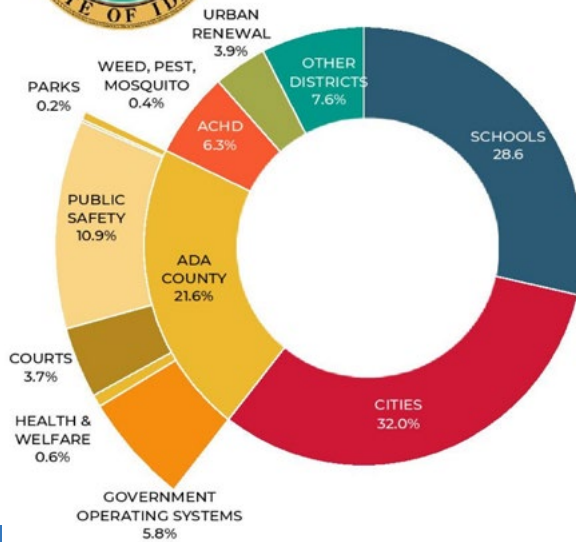
You can watch the entire discussion here: <https://fb.me/e/QqH8qNpp>

Did you know there are 42 taxing districts in Ada County? Do you know which districts you live in, and how their budgets affect your property taxes?



ON BEHALF OF LOCAL TAXING DISTRICTS ADA COUNTY WILL COLLECT \$735 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAXES IN TAX YEAR 2022.

HERE IS HOW THOSE TAX DOLLARS ADA COUNTY COLLECTS ARE DISTRIBUTED:



Ada County collects property taxes and then distributes them to various taxing districts. Of the money Ada County keeps, the lion's share goes to public safety and the courts.

DISTRICT NAME	LEVY	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT NUMBER	HEARING DATE
ADA COUNTY	0.001414784	Board of County Commissioners	(208) 287-7000	7/27/2022
PEST EXTERMINATION	0.000060517	Adam Schroeder	(208) 577-4646	7/27/2022
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	0.000076176	Shawn Rayne	(208) 287-2975	7/27/2022
ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DIST	0.000441743	Christine Tannler	(208) 387-6100	8/24/2022
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1	0.003016918	Sheila Kessel	(208) 472-2607	6/13/2022
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2	0.001093829	Jonathan Gillen	(208) 350-5951	6/13/2022
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 3	0.002048829	Elmira Feather	(208) 922-1000	6/14/2022
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 136J	0.002034865	Megan Volkers	(208) 495-1141	6/14/2022
KUNA LIBRARY	0.000240945	Tam Svedin	(208) 922-1025	8/16/2022
MERIDIAN LIBRARY	0.000328998	Nick Grove	(208) 888-4451	8/17/2022
ADA COMMUNITY LIBRARY	0.000256036	Mary DeWalt	(208) 362-0181	8/23/2022
BOISE CITY	0.003628871	Boise City Budget Office	(208) 972-8147	7/19/2022
EAGLE CITY	0.00041869	Kelli Rekow	(208) 489-8762	8/9/2022
GARDEN CITY	0.001850303	Lisa Leiby	(208) 472-2907	8/22/2022
KUNA CITY	0.001209848	Jared Empey	(208) 387-7722	8/16/2022
MERIDIAN CITY	0.00182097	Chris Johnson	(208) 888-4433	8/16/2022
DRY CREEK CEMETERY	0.000018766	Tyson Fahrenbruck	(208) 853-1940	8/24/2022
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY	0.000030074	Joan L Howell	(208) 841-7057	8/24/2022
JOPLIN CEMETERY	0.000003632	Jan Spencer	(208) 571-1103	8/25/2022
KUNA CEMETERY	0.000055515	Crystal Burress	(208) 559-4017	8/16/2022
MELBA CEMETERY	0.00006728	Lillian Briner	(208) 495-1355	8/23/2022
MERIDIAN CEMETERY	0.000026639	Drew Eggers	(208) 888-5705	7/25/2022
STAR CEMETERY	0.000017445	Judy Wheelock	(208) 286-7192	6/6/2022
N ADA CO FIRE & RESCUE	0.001506129	Shelley Vaughan	(208) 375-0906	8/22/2022
EAGLE FIRE	0.000895034	Angie McBride	(208) 939-6463	8/24/2022
KUNA FIRE	0.000587709	Krystal Hinkle	(208) 922-1144	8/10/2022
MELBA FIRE	0.000359544	Holly Romans	(208) 957-8669	8/24/2022
MERIDIAN FIRE	0.000828673	Randy Howell	(208) 888-1234	8/22/2022
STAR FIRE	0.000853642	Greg Timinsky	(208) 229-9447	8/11/2022
WHITNEY FIRE	0.000903588	Janea Sites	(208) 375-6416	8/11/2022
STAR CITY	0.000586503	Jacob Qualls	(208) 286-7247	8/2/2022
EAGLE SEWER	0.000013418	Lynn Moser	(208) 939-0132	8/8/2022
STAR SEWER	0.000296524	Terra Estrada	(208) 286-7388	8/19/2022
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT	0.00001356	Adam Schroeder	(208) 577-4646	7/27/2022
FLOOD CONTROL DIST. #10	0.000062214	Mike Dimmick	(208) 861-2766	8/18/2022
WESTERN ADA RECREATION	0.000013467	Erna Brenneman	(208) 888-4058	8/23/2022
COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO	0.000078612	VP - Finance & Administration	(208) 562-3291	6/9/2022
SUNSET FIRE DISTRICT	0.001546777	Emily Kiester	(208) 466-9272	8/25/2022
CID HARRIS RANCH 1 ADMIN/BOND	0.002874416	Boise City Financial Services	(208) 972-8174	7/19/2022
CID SPRING VALLEY1 ADMIN/BOND	0.003233388	Pam Giss	(480) 941-2800	7/27/2022
CID AVIMOR 1 ADMIN	0.000040399	Board of County Commissioners	(208) 287-7000	7/27/2022
CID AVIMOR 1 BOND	0.00013463	Board of County Commissioners	(208) 287-7000	7/27/2022

A HOME RUN FOR ADA COUNTY

Nick Kochergin,
Ada County Communications



During their monthly public hearings, the Ada County Commissioners consider a lot of diverse proposals involving development and construction in Unincorporated Ada County. These public hearings are fascinating and can often even be inspiring. Such was the case when **208 Baseball and Softball** came before the board to ask for a conditional use permit to operate their facility northeast of Kuna.

The children of the applicants grew up playing competitive baseball and softball during their youth. During their travels to other western states, they noticed that Idaho is behind in the competitive baseball and softball world.



Supporters of 208 Baseball and Softball testify in favor of being granted a conditional use permit to operate their facility northeast of Kuna.



They realized that the Treasure Valley does not have enough publicly available baseball and softball fields and it was difficult to gain access to facilities at the local high schools. Due to this shortage of options, other solutions such as the development of private facilities needed to be explored.

The proposed facility would provide Ada County youth with the opportunity to bolster character building and skill development. The applicants found that the best solution to their dilemma was to build a facility with donations from the community. Ryan & Brenda Colson and Joe Fuhrman provided a portion of their properties where recreation areas could be constructed and used by prospective baseball and softball players. These state-of-the-art facilities would include beneficial elements for members of their organization. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Rod Beck commented that, "It is remarkable", when discussing how the new batting cages would be free of charge to use by members.

Throughout the hearing, parents and players noted that 208 Baseball and Softball helped over thirty players get signed up to play baseball in college. Not only that, but they also had three of their players go on to play in Major League Baseball. Matt and Amy Payne, who are parents of a collegiate baseball player who had been one of the longest members of the program testified that, "It made baseball, travel baseball and world class coaching accessible to us". Their testimony along with many other parents and children made a strong case for the future success of the facility.

After an inspiring hearing the board gave unanimous approval for the conditional use and master site plan. "I think that it is very persuasive that the owners of nearby properties were in support", said Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson. "The issues have been well presented on how and why they are being done", Commissioner Tom Dayley added in his closing statements. This was a resounding victory for baseball and softball for many years to come in Ada County.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE



"I am beyond thrilled and grateful that the Ada County Clerk's Office was named one of the Best Places to Work in Idaho and the Treasure Valley. This recognition is a tremendous honor and could not have been done without the hard work and dedication of each and every member of our office," **Ada County Clerk Trent Tripple** said. "We will continue to prioritize the health and happiness of our employees as we work to achieve our goals of serving the community in a way that builds trust in government. Our office will keep making moves in a positive direction towards becoming and remaining the Best Place to Work in Idaho because our employees and the citizens of Ada County deserve nothing less."

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST NICK KOCHERGIN TO JOIN ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES

The Ada County Commissioners bid a very fond farewell to Communications Aide Nick Kochergin who is joining Ada County Juvenile Services.

During his tenure with Ada County Communications, Nick worked collaboratively with Public Information Officers for multiple county departments to share important messaging and showcase the county's programs and initiatives with the county's twitter followers. Nick is also a skilled writer whose pieces have appeared in the Board's newsletter. Thank you Nick for being a shining star and for infusing all your work with enthusiasm, wit and a fresh perspective! Best of Luck!



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