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=bxrwUQ0O6kI

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 statuary 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.

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.
JANELLE PENDER RECOGNIZED FOR 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE!

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 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?
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. 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 Fuhriman 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.
**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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**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.”
COMING UP!

You can watch the Ada County Board of Commissioner’s weekly Open Business Meeting on YouTube.

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