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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



HAPPY
New Year's

Each month the **Ada County Newsletter** features stories that affect our lives. From the swearing in of newly elected county officials, to high profile and newsworthy public hearings. Each month you can read about programs and projects that will directly impact the more than 512,000 people who call Ada County home.

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FINAL AIR QUALITY BOARD MEETING

Monday Dec. 11th was the final meeting of the Air Quality Board at COMPASS in Meridian. Vehicle emissions testing, which the Air Quality Board implemented, has been required in Ada County for almost forty years due to past violations of health-based standards for carbon monoxide. Our area has come into compliance with health-based standards for carbon monoxide, based on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines. That means the area has been designated as having reached attainment by the EPA. Since the federal mandate for emissions testing



Pictured L-R Meg Larsen COMPASS Director of Operations, Denny Beroiz, Ada County Citizen Representative, John Evans, Garden City Mayor and Chairman of Air Quality Board, Matt Stoll, Air Quality Board Executive Director, Ryan Davidson, Ada County Commissioner, Thomas Brengle, Citizen Representative for the City of Eagle and Todd Lakey Air Quality Board Attorney

was removed cities and counties repealed their ordinances requiring emissions testing.

“It was an exciting day for me to be able to end a government program that was no longer needed,” said Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson. Improved automotive technology makes the need for emissions testing obsolete. I know our citizens will be happy to be done with this yearly chore, which means more money in their pockets. That’s our Christmas present to the voters.”

“This is a day for our communities to celebrate,” said Matt Stoll, Air Quality Board Executive Director. “This is the result of hard work and a countywide partnership in cleaning the air. This does not mean our challenges are over. As the region continues to grow we will need perseverance by state and local officials, and our residents on a proactive basis to ensure we continue to maintain good air quality in the future.”

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES SELECTED FOR ACORN PROGRAM

Another great achievement to share involving The Bridge Youth and Family Resource Center. Ada County’s successful program to keep juveniles from entering the system and instead referring them to community services, is one of six centers in the US to participate in the National Assessment Center Association’s ACORN program.

The ACORN initiative will result in well-defined measures to consistently report outcomes and performance that align across centers. It will provide guidance to improve business practices and measure success so The Bridge can continue to provide meaningful services to improve outcomes for youth and families in Ada County.

At the Bridge, youth and their family members will

be screened, referred to community services, and provided with case management and support. Youth resource centers are a proven method to keep kids out of the system and provide better outcomes for them and their families while also conserving scarce resources in the justice system.



August 2023 Ribbon Cutting for The Bridge Youth and Family Resource Center



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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.

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