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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.

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THE ADA COUNTY VICTIM SERVICES CENTER. NEW NAME SAME PLACE, SAME SERVICES.

New Name Best Reflects the Comprehensive On-Site Care Provided

The Ada County Commissioners and the Ada County Prosecutor's Office have renamed the area's foremost comprehensive victim services center in downtown Boise.

The **Ada County Victim Services Center** at 417 South 6th Street was created in 2006 as a one stop location for individuals experiencing interpersonal violence. Local law enforcement, healthcare providers, and other partners who have seamlessly provided services at the facility since its creation, believe the new name better reflects what the facility does, and how the partnerships help individuals and families in our area.

Previously the facility was called FACES of Hope Victim Center. One of the 16 partners, the FACES of Hope Foundation recently decided to pursue other opportunities. The departure of this one group has not in any way paused or affected any of the services provided at the facility. The partners have come together to fill short-term gaps and are excited to invite other community partners into the building to provide additional services to victims.



Jan Bennetts
Ada County
Prosecutor

"Since 2006, the partners co-located at the center, 417 S. 6th St., have provided necessary services to victims and survivors of interpersonal violence in their times of need. It is such a privilege to join

the numerous agencies and service providers to announce our continued partnership at the newly named Ada County Victim Services Center," said Ada County Prosecutor Jan Bennetts. "The building may have a new name, but the address, the phone number and the partners' commitment to victims in our community are the same as they always have been. To those seeking services, you can have every confidence that when you enter the Ada County Victim Services Center, the partners will be there to provide the exceptional wrap-around services they have been providing for nearly 20 years."

The facility provides wrap-around services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, or stalking. The Ada County Victim Services Center will continue operating as it has since its creation. Local law enforcement, medical providers, and community partners, have and will continue referring clients to the facility in cases where interpersonal violence has occurred.



Matt Clifford
Ada County Sheriff

“I’ve been an Ada County Sheriff’s deputy for over two decades, and I know first-hand how essential the (Victims Services) Center is for people in crisis,”
Ada County Sheriff Matt Clifford said.

“Knowing that when people get

there, they are safe — and have access to resources to remain safe — is a relief every time. It’s a safe haven and an essential resource for public safety.”

The facility at 417 South 6th street currently has sixteen partners housed within the building including the Ada County Prosecutor’s Office, the Ada County Sheriff’s Office, Boise Police Special Victims Unit, Meridian Police, Garden City Police Department, St. Luke’s, Saint Alphonsus, and Idaho Health and Welfare. The Women’s and Children’s Alliance (WCA) will be joining the partners at the Ada County Victim Services Center early next month.

“The vision of the Ada County Victim Services Center has always been to provide a facility where service providers can work collaboratively to provide the best possible support to Ada County residents during their time of need. The WCA is looking forward to working in partnership with all the entities co-located in this special facility to ensure clients get the support they need in one location.” Bea Black, CEO of the WCA.

“We are honored to continue to provide the epitome of specialty trained, compassionate, and state of the art medical care to the child victims of Ada County and their families at the Ada County Victim Services Center,” said Dr. Amy Barton at St. Luke’s Children’s Cares. “Our patients and their families can expect to access the same high quality medical care while accessing other crucial family support services just by walking in our front door.”

LIST OF PARTNERS PROVIDING WRAP-AROUND SERVICES AT THE ADA COUNTY VICTIM SERVICES CENTER AT 417 SOUTH 6TH STREET:

- St. Luke’s Children at Risk Evaluation Services (CARES)
- Community Sexual Assault Team (St. Luke’s Nurses and Saint Alphonsus Nurses)
- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Boise Police Department
- Meridian Police Department
- Ada County Commissioners
- Adult Protective Services
- Women’s and Children’s Alliance (WCA)
- St. Luke’s Medical Clinic
- Idaho Network of Child Advocacy Centers
- Ada County Sheriff’s Office
- Garden City Police Department
- Ada County Prosecutor’s Office
- Ada County Paramedics
- Charitable Assistance to the Community’s Homeless (CATCH)
- Idaho Assistance League

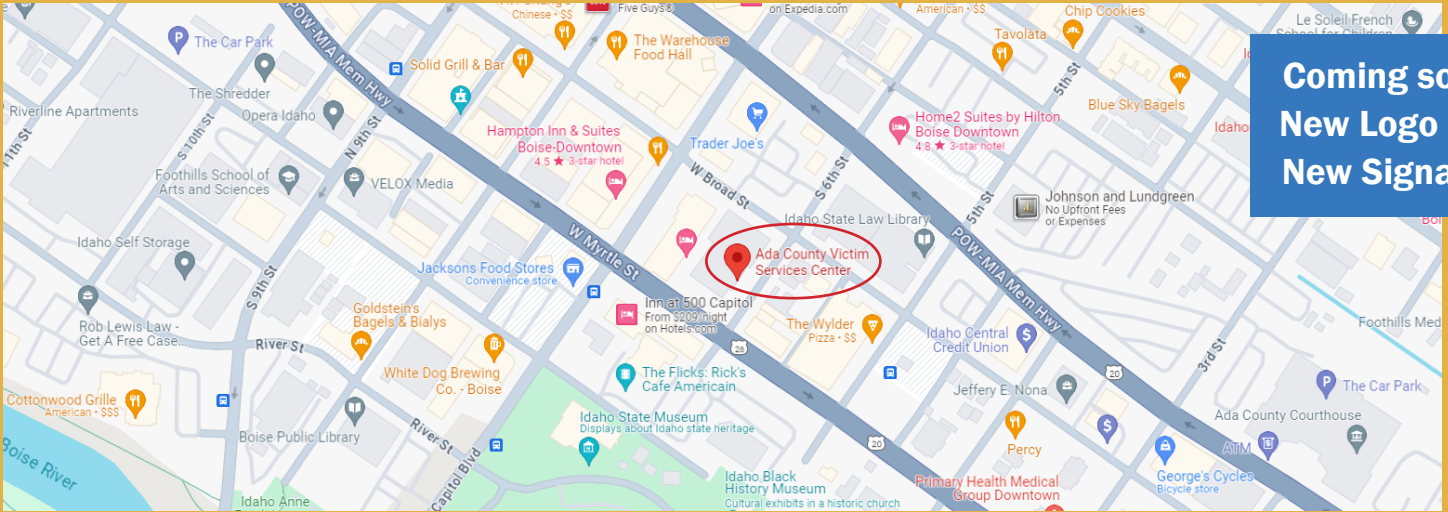
Same Comprehensive
Victim Services

NEW NAME
ADA COUNTY VICTIM
SERVICES CENTER

417 South 6th Street,
Boise, Idaho 83702
208-577-4400



**If you or someone you know experiences interpersonal violence
WALK-IN to the facility 24/7 at
417 South 6th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702
or call for help. 208-577-4400**



**Coming soon:
New Logo and
New Signage!**

ADA COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC FUNDS

Got cash? Despite the growing “cashless” economy, many Ada County residents still pay by cash. But manual cash counts can be time-consuming, diverting county employees from other important services. This is one of the many reasons the Ada County Treasurer’s Office obtained additional cash counting machines for use in county business.



Cash machines count bills

significantly faster than humans, while verifying that each bill is legal tender. “The Treasurer’s Office is committed to working with County offices and departments to safeguard public funds in an efficient manner,” Treasurer Elizabeth Mahn explained. Cash counting machines streamline operations through improved accuracy, increased efficiency and enhanced security. Ada County obtained the additional machines through banking credits, not department budgets. These additional machines will be incorporated into the cash handling procedures at the Sheriff’s Office, DMV locations, EXPO Idaho and the Western Idaho Fair.



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“BRUCE KRISKO IS RETIRING, AND THIS TIME HE MEANS IT!”



After more than 17 years with Ada County, Bruce Krisko is retiring. Bruce had planned to retire a year ago, but was asked to continue as Director of the Department of Solid Waste, working full-time at the Landfill to rebuild and reorganize Landfill Operations. In the year prior, he was serving

as both Director of Solid Waste and Director of Operations. During his time at the Landfill, Bruce and the Landfill team managed to do “years of work in eight months,” as Bruce puts it. He is

especially proud of the growth in personnel, and how the team has come together to get major projects off the ground and completed over the past year.

When Bruce first came to Ada County in 2006, he was the only Construction Manager in the Operations Department, and over the years he became Project Manager, Deputy Director, and Director. During his time with Operations, Bruce completed projects with every elected office and department in the County. Bruce helped with modernization of both Operations and the Landfill, and successfully completed hundreds of projects that will continue to serve the citizens and employees of Ada County.

Farewell Bruce, and congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!

ADA COUNTY WELCOMES NEW ADA COUNTY LANDFILL DIRECTOR

Welcome aboard to Ada County’s new Director of Department of Solid Waste.



Herb Cantu says when he first saw the Ada County Landfill, he was taken aback at how beautiful it was. “I observed healthy deer trotting along the hillside and quickly noticed the number of vehicles entering and exiting the facility, providing an appreciation and gratitude for our employees who

work long hours in very challenging conditions.” Herb says he looks forward to working with the landfill team as his department embarks on the next chapter to deliver sustainable solid waste management solutions to protect the health and safety of our community.

miles west of Fresno. Herb is married to his high school sweetheart (Carmina) of almost 20 years, and they have three active boys Herb Jr. (16), Diego (12), and Roman (10), and a dog named Maverick (4). Herb and his family love to explore the outdoors and enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, dirt bike riding, and spending quality time with the family. Herb’s boys are actively involved in athletics and enjoy playing baseball, basketball, and soccer.

Herb’s family will be staying in Santa Maria to finish the current school year and will be moving to Idaho this summer. Herb also enjoys to Bar-B-Q tri-tip, ribs, and rib-eye steak Santa Maria style (open flame over red oak wood). He roots for the 49ers, San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors. Herb’s favorite breakfast is chorizo con papas, his favorite lunch or dinner is Bar-B-Q tri-tip or rib-eye steak cooked rare with Bar-B-Q oysters, and jumbo shrimp on the side.



Welcome Herb! We are so pleased to welcome you to a vibrant and collaborative work environment.

Herb was born in Fresno, California and raised in a rural agricultural town called Mendota, about thirty

20 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE – THANK YOU JERRY!

Jerry Hastings, a graduate of Notus High School, started his surveying career in 1977 after running trenchers, plows and backhoes to install cables for the Mountain Bell Telephone Company and after attending the College of Idaho and Boise State University.

Jerry obtained his Land Surveyor Training Certificate Number S-55 in 1982 and his Professional Land Surveyors License Number L-5359 in 1986. In 1986 Jerry was the construction surveyor for the Lucky Peak Power Plant Project which started his work in the private sector. Over the next 2 decades, Jerry worked in the private sector for various private engineering and surveying firms including Treasure Valley Engineers, JUB Engineers, Roylance and Associates and Inland Engineering Company. He also ran his own surveying company for a while.

In 2004, Jerry brought his expertise to the public sector when he joined Ada County Development Services as Assistant County Surveyor. His dedication and technical skills quickly led to his promotion to Ada County Surveyor in November 2007, a position he has excellently maintained for the past 16 years.

Throughout his career, Jerry has been involved in numerous projects, including the retracing,



surveying and re-monumenting the Ada County boundary with Boise County - last done in 1883 -, collaborating with the BLM to re-monument Initial Point—the starting point for all surveys in Idaho, and the signing of around 700 subdivision plats. He has served as a Deputy Clerk Recorder, assisted in establishing survey benchmarks for the area and held leadership positions with the Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors including President, Section Director and Legislative Committee member.

Jerry is a distinguished surveyor whose unwavering dedication has left a lasting impact on our community and the citizens we serve. Please join us in acknowledging Jerry for his achievements, the impact he has made in the field of surveying in Idaho, and for his 20-years of dedicated service to Ada County!

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/>

ALAN MALONE – 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ADA COUNTY

Alan Malone is one of the longest tenured attorneys in the Public Defender's Office. Of 74 attorneys, he's 5th in seniority, only behind the really old guys. His bar number of #4861 is the second lowest in the office, only behind Gene Alexander.

Alan grew up in the Longview, WA area and graduated Willamette Law in 1993. After being in-house counsel at a company for a few years, he decided to seek a higher calling in life and was hired by Alan Trimming to be a public defender. He started at the juvenile division on Jan 12, 2004.

Alan has done a little bit of everything in the public defender's office, including felony level trial work, but his passion lies in juvenile justice. He is a true specialist and has been making a positive impact on the lives of kids here in Ada County for many years.

Unfortunately, on a recent stint downtown doing felonies, Alan realized that not all his efforts have been successful, as he represented some adult clients that he represented as kids. While this was a bit discouraging, Alan remains undaunted.

He is a true public defender and will represent his clients from cradle to grave. His work ethic, professionalism, and positive attitude, make Alan a leader in the office. He will never hesitate to



Alan's daughter Grace, Alan's Grandson Luke, Alan, Chairman Rod Beck, Commissioner Tom Dayley, Commissioner Ryan Davidson

step in and help a colleague or to provide guidance when needed. As the juvenile division supervisor, he is helping to pass his passion for advocacy for kids on to the next generation of lawyers.

On the personal side, Alan is married to his long-suffering wife Annette, a math teacher, and they have two adult children, Ryan and Grace. Alan and Annette recently welcomed their first grandchild Luke into the world and so now we call Alan "Gramps", and he's teaching poor Luke everything to know about the Seahawks and Mariners.

Alan Malone is a valued friend and colleague and is a tremendous asset to the Public Defender's Office and to the county, and despite many broken bones and surgeries, he assures us that he has another 20 years in him!

- Anthony Geddes, Ada County Public Defender



Alan's Colleagues from the Prosecutor's Office L-R:

Monica Gray, Josh Stolaroff, Dawn Trivolis, Cassandra Gray, Grandson Luke, Alan Malone, Gene Alexander, Neil Price (crouching), Tony Geddes, Courtney Packer, Katie Van Vorhis, Dave Simonaitis and Sam Murray

COMING UP!

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