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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 with you information on significant news and events happening in Ada County.

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DESIREÉ KEENEY ACCEPTED TO LEADERSHIP BOISE PROGRAM



Ada County Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement is pleased to announce that Deputy Director Desireé Keeney has been accepted to participate in the prestigious Boise Metro Chamber Leadership Boise Program. Keeney will join 51 other area professionals in the 47th class of the Leadership Boise.

Leadership Boise is a highly competitive training program that seeks the “most energetic and engaged leaders in the Treasure Valley” and has graduated more than 1,700 leaders since its formation.

According to Boise Metro Chamber, Leadership Boise offers programming designed to (1) enhance and develop knowledge and understanding of our community, its complexities, and its potential; (2) motivate and encourage participants to assume leadership roles in the community; (3) provide an opportunity for participants to meet and exchange ideas with each other and with current community leaders.

Keeney says that “I was inspired to apply and participate in this program to continue my professional and personal growth and how I may be able to help our community. I look forward to working with others, challenging myself, and finding inspiration for new ideas to help develop our departments and community through innovation and change. I greatly appreciate the support of my supervisor, Adam Schroeder, and the Ada County Commissioners. Thank you!”

Desireé Keeney is the Deputy Director at Ada County Weed, Pest and Mosquito Abatement. Keeney received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with an Ecology emphasis from Boise State University and began working with Ada County in 2007. She has a passion for working in the environment and science-related fields while helping better our communities through experience, education, research, and technology. Keeney hopes to apply these interests to increase public health awareness and prevent the spread of invasive species.

“Desiree has worked incredibly hard for our agency for more than 15 years and has developed incredible leadership skills. She has a tremendous heart for service, and it comes as no surprise to me that she has been selected for this prestigious program. We are all very proud of her, and excited to see how this journey will help her become the best leader she can be.” said Adam Schroeder, director of Ada County Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement.

PROTECTING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile virus was discovered by the Ada County Mosquito Abatement District (ACMAD) for the first time in 2022 on August 5th. ACMAD traps mosquitoes at night in different locations throughout Ada County during the mosquito season (from summer through fall), and tests



collected mosquitoes for the presence of West Nile virus (WNV). WNV-positive mosquitoes have been collected in Ada County nearly every year since its initial detection in 2005—though the prevalence of WNV can change greatly from

year to year due to variations in environmental conditions. As a result, ACMAD operations follow a science-based and rigorously tested Integrated Mosquito Management program to control mosquitoes at every life stage without causing adverse effects on humans or the environment.

WNV is the most prominent cause of mosquito-borne disease in the United States. 1 in 5 people infected with WNV will experience a fever, headaches, body aches, or nausea, while about 1 in 150 people develop a severe illness affecting the central nervous system from WNV that can result in death.

In addition to ACMAD's efforts to control mosquitoes in Ada County, there are a few easy steps that everyone can take help to protect themselves and their families from WNV during the mosquito season!

Removing all standing water sources from your property may be the most important action that you can take to avoid mosquito bites. Mosquitoes can breed in the volume of water it takes to fill a bottle cap. Additionally, one mosquito species that can transmit WNV prefers to breed in "dirty water" sites, such as clogged gutters, puddles from



overwatered lawns, tires, and broken fountains. These sources need to be dumped or cleared every few days. If your lawn is soggy or you notice puddles forming, reduce the sprinkler usage on your lawn.

Additional important actions that you can take to prevent mosquito bites include checking for tight-fitting screen doors and windows without holes, limiting outdoor activities after sunset and before sunrise (when WNV vector species of mosquitoes are most active), dressing in light-colored long-sleeve shirts and long pants, and regularly applying an EPA-approved mosquito repellent (with DEET or picaridin as the active ingredient).



ADA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS HONORED

Juvenile probation officers uphold the duty of maintaining restorative and balanced youth justice. These are the working professionals who make a difference in the lives of many young people who are facing challenges as they navigate the world. In July, Ada County Juvenile Probation officers were recognized for their important contributions to our community during Juvenile Probation and Parole Week. The Ada County Commissioners designated July 18-22 as a week to recognize the critically important work these professionals do each day - using evidence-based research and best practices to appropriately implement individualized programming and interventions to help youth develop skills that will serve them now and in the future.



ATTENTION SENIORS – YOU GET A TRASH BILLING PRICE BREAK

**Do you live in Unincorporated Ada County?
Are you over 65?**

If so, you are eligible for a reduced trash pickup rate!

Remember, you must live outside the city limits (see the map) and you'll need to show proof of your age. Take advantage of this benefit for Ada County residents!

Proof of age can be submitted by email to: acbs@adacounty.id.gov or by mail to:

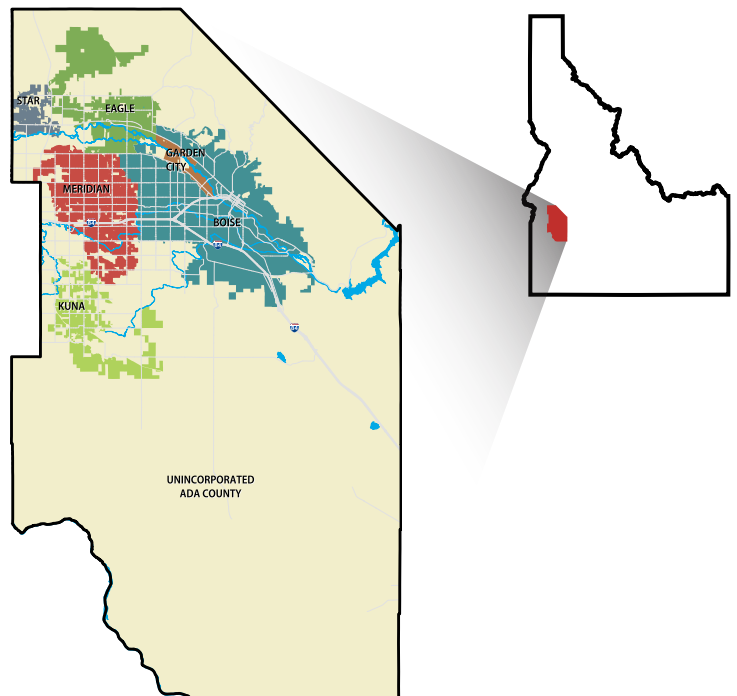
Ada County Trash Billing
PO Box 2780
Boise, ID 83701

Please reference your six-digit trash account



number or your property address to ensure proper processing of your discounted service.

Note: Residents of Ada County who live outside city limits are serviced by Hardin Sanitation.



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