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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

A monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners

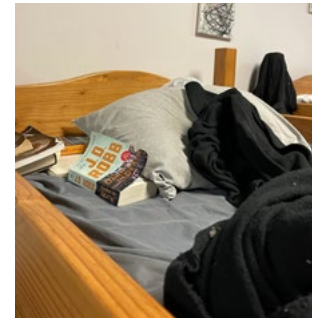
Welcome to the monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners. We are happy to share information on significant news and events in Ada County.

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



ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOUR INTERFAITH SANCTUARY IN BOISE

Ada County Commission Board Chairman Rod Beck and Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley toured the Interfaith Sanctuary shelter on River Street in early June. Interfaith Sanctuary provides shelter and a warm meal to individuals, and families with children, who are experiencing homelessness and need supportive services. The tour allows the commissioners to ask questions and see first hand how the Boise facility is operated.



Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck, Interfaith Sanctuary Shelter Executive Director Jodi Peterson, and Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley at the River Street Interfaith Sanctuary Shelter

“Interfaith Sanctuary invited our Ada County Commissioners to visit us at our shelters so they could meet our staff and guests and get to know us and our operations on a deeper level,” said Jodi Peterson, Executive Director of Interfaith Sanctuary Shelter. “We are grateful for the support they offered us this year and really value this new relationship with our Ada County Leaders. Our hope is to keep talking and sharing what our work looks like and find ways to partner on more and better solutions together. Thank you for spending the day with us, asking great questions, and showing up to learn more about the guests we serve! It meant a great deal to all of us.”

**Jodi Peterson, Executive Director
Interfaith Sanctuary Shelter**

ADA COUNTY'S BARBER PARK HOSTS 2023 FLOAT SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT NEWS CONFERENCE



Float the Boise is a partnership between Ada County Parks & Waterways, Boise Parks and Recreation, and Boise Fire.

Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck and Commissioners Ryan Davidson and Tom Dayley, joined [Ada County Parks & Waterways](#) Director Scott Koberg and our partners with the City of Boise to formally kick off the Summer 2023 Float season June 29th. Ada County was happy to host the event at our Barber Park facility off Eckert Road – the put-in location for floaters ready to enjoy this beautiful experience.



Interesting Facts:

- Ada County has been putting on the Float Season with our partners for decades.
- The success of the annual float season is due in part to the collaboration between Ada County and the City of Boise. Each government entity manages a specific part of the event so it's a joint project.
- Visitors are encouraged to park at Ann Morrison Park and take a shuttle to Ada County's Barber Park.

Ada County is proud to have worked collaboratively with our partners to create a helpful website where you can view an interactive map, check on current conditions, view an incredibly helpful Safety Checklist (especially if you're new to the float) and learn how the parking & shuttle service works.

<https://www.floattheboise.org/>



The Park at Expo Idaho

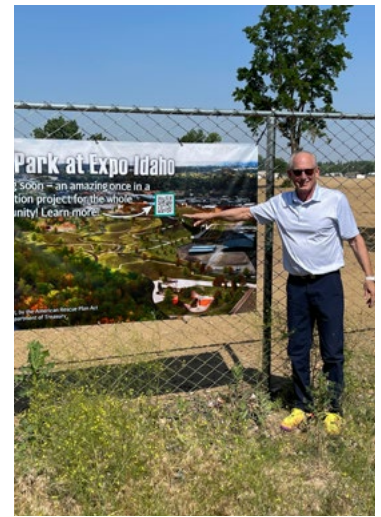
Keeping the Community Informed

We are happy to be sharing progress updates on **The Park at Expo Idaho** on Ada County's social media platforms like Facebook and NextDoor as well as on the Ada County home page.

<https://adacounty.id.gov/> We want you to know what's happening every step of the way as this once-in-a-generation park becomes reality (Expected Completion Date 2026)

For folks who walk or ride bikes along the Greenbelt behind the Expo Idaho property we've put up banners with a QR code that explains what's happening.

We'll be updating you as the plan continues to take shape! Stay tuned for lots of exciting developments!



**Do you live near Expo Idaho?
We'd love to share with you
what's in the works!**

Community Meeting

Public Invited!

Learn more about **The Park at Expo Idaho**
Wednesday July 19, 2023 6:00-8:00 PM

Les Bois Turf Club at Expo Idaho

5610 N. Glenwood St. Boise, ID 83714

BUILDING PATHWAYS TO LONG TERM SUCCESS

Ada County Juvenile Services changes lives and keeps kids out of the system



During the June graduation ceremony at Ada County Juvenile Services for students who received their high school diploma or passed their GED, Programs Manager Jeff Schatz held up his high school diploma from 1982. "This is not just a piece of paper,"

Schatz told those attending the ceremony. "This diploma says a lot about a person. It says you can stick with something and accomplish a goal. A diploma or a GED says you have what it takes to not quit. That piece of paper tells a potential employer that you have staying power."



"Ada County Juvenile Services gave me a chance to continue moving on with my life and doing something extraordinary."

Riley Koslowski

17 year old Riley Koslowski with his Grandparents Harold and Terri.



In one year the teachers, staff, and leadership at Ada County Juvenile Services have guided and mentored 22 kids as they finished high school, or earned a GED. This annual graduation is way to acknowledge the hard work required by youth who may face additional challenges.

17 year old Riley Koslowski was just one of the graduates this year. He was proud to have his grandparents attend the ceremony and watch him take the next step in his career. Riley says he wants to save up money and get a business degree and then open a restaurant.

"Ada County Juvenile Services gave me a chance to continue moving on with my life and doing something extraordinary." Riley Koslowski

Idaho Education News covered the graduation ceremony and interviewed key players who make Ada County Juvenile Services a community success story. <https://www.idahoednews.org/news/ada-county-staff-connects-kids-to-classrooms-instead-of-prison-cells/>



Pictured L-R Programs Manager Jeff Schatz, Teacher Kristi Swanson, Program Supervisor Deonda Thompson, Director Juvenile Services Alison Tate

ADA COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Keeping lean during challenging times

The average homeowner in Ada County will pay approximately 12% less in property taxes for the Ada County portion of their tax bill in the coming fiscal year. This is the result of fiscal restraint and difficult choices made by the Ada County Commissioners during the FY24 Ada County budget deliberations.



All Ada County offices and departments present their budgets to the Board of Commissioners each year in June. During budget deliberations the goal of the board is to balance the need for more services for a rapidly growing county, with the reality that inflation is eating into individual and family budgets. This savings to taxpayers acknowledges the challenges that households in our communities face including higher utility bills, the higher cost of goods and services, gasoline, and food to name a few.

“Households are being increasingly squeezed at every turn. Our budget will provide some relief to homeowners who are trying to stay afloat. We will continue to live within our means so individuals and families can thrive and prosper in our beautiful county. Each elected official and department head in Ada County worked together to present budgets that were lean without compromising outstanding customer service. The Board worked hard to push back against budget increases and fought to keep taxes as low as possible.” - Ada County Board of Commissioners

Ada County live streams these public presentations each year. You can watch each one on the Ada County YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@adacountyidaho7995/streams>



4TH OF JULY PARADE 2023

Stars and Stripes Forever



The 4th of July Parade near the Idaho Statehouse was a festive and inspiring event. Our own Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck and his wife Rhonda were among the local dignitaries who read the **Declaration of Independence** to the crowd.

Thank you for all the folks who make this annual event so inspiring.



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/>

COMING UP!

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

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