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.

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

MERIDIAN LIBRARY DISTRICT  
A Petition to Dissolve the District, Public Hearings, and a Decision

After holding two public hearings attended by more than 800 people and receiving thousands of messages from residents of the Meridian Library District, the Ada County Commissioners voted Wednesday March 29, 2023 to not place a measure to dissolve the Meridian Library District on the November ballot. The vote was unanimous.

The vote to not place the measure on the ballot came following a petition submitted to the board in February by a group called Concerned Citizens of Meridian. The petition by the citizens group to dissolve the district, centered on books the group considers offensive that they say are available to children at the Meridian Library District. Pursuant to Title 33, Chapter 27, Idaho Code, the board held two public hearings to hear from the community on the issue. The board’s only purview was to vote to put the measure on the ballot or to not put the measure on the ballot. The Ada County Commission has no authority to oversee the library’s functions.

While the board acknowledged there were concerns presented by the citizens group, the board said the group’s methodology to address their concerns by dissolving the district was overly broad, and overwhelmingly disruptive.

More than 800 people came to the Ada County Courthouse during two evenings of public testimony on the petition to dissolve the Meridian Library District.
If voters had chosen to dissolve the district, all property and assets of the library district would have been disposed of by the Ada County Board of Commissioners. Any indebtedness would have been retired with the remainder being placed in the county general expense fund.

Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Board Chair Rod Beck, and Commissioner Tom Dayley each expressed their appreciation for the community involvement and encouraged both parties to cultivate a productive dialogue going forward.

READ THE DECISION HERE: https://adacounty.id.gov/blog/news/meridian-library-district-decision/

TheAda County Commissioners voted unanimously to not put the issue on the November ballot.

The following link includes comprehensive information on courthouse access, media requirements, courtroom conduct and more.

https://adacounty.id.gov/judicial-court/vallow-daybell-trial/

ADA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In addition to elected offices, Ada County government includes eleven 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/
The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) signed a proclamation designating March as Certified Government Financial Manager Month. Kathleen Graves, Tim Sturges, and Sarah Lund with the Clerk’s Office, are Certified Government Financial Managers, and members of the Idaho Centennial Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. This professional organization is associated with and a part of the Association of Government Accountants, who work to advance government accountability with an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor and character in its Code of Ethics.

The BOCC recognizes the Certified Government Financial Manager program for its impact on governmental accounting and financial management in Idaho, and proclaim March 2023 Certified Government Financial Manager Month!

Of course there’s so much more that happens at Parks & Waterways including protecting fauna and educating the public on the beautiful natural resources we all enjoy. That’s why newly elected Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley toured the Barber Park facility in March to learn more about all the services and programs the department offers.

If you’ve floated the river and put in at Barber Park, or biked parts of the Greenbelt, if you’ve attended a wedding or a party at the Barber Park Events Center, or if you’ve used any of the docks at Lucky Peak, you’ve had the pleasure of using Ada County Parks & Waterways amenities.
The Ada County Commissioners signed a proclamation recognizing March as Women’s History Month. In their proclamation the Commissioners stated, “Women have led by example by inspiring both men and women to pursue leadership positions ensuring that all communities are equally represented”.

To recognize the achievements of women leaders in Ada County, a new permanent photo installation honoring the trailblazing elected officials who are women was unveiled in the Ada County Courthouse lobby in October of 2022. The Ada County Women Making History wall currently recognizes the contributions of five women who were the first women in their elected positions in Ada County. Soon another elected official will be joining these five women this month. Ada County Assessor Rebecca Arnold was elected in November 2022 and assumed the duties of her office in January. Arnold is the first female Assessor in Ada County.

The original Women’s History Month acknowledgement was organized by the school district in Sonoma, California, in 1978. The idea rapidly caught on within communities, school districts and organizations nationwide. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation designating the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration in honor of women. Six years later, the National Women’s History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.
COMING UP!

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

WATCH NOW

Want to see what’s on the Agenda?

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ATTENTION SENIORS – YOU GET A TRASH BILLING PRICE BREAK

Are your trash services provided by Hardin Sanitation?
Are you over 65?

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

Remember, you must live outside the city limits 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.