



November 2023

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 IMPLEMENTS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF OF MORE THAN \$99 MILLION

If you own a home in Ada County, you have likely seen your latest property tax bill with savings and credits you'll enjoy.

Earlier this year, the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 292 to provide property tax relief to taxpayers in Idaho. "Taxpayers will see the relief on their 2023 property tax bills in two forms-- savings and credits," explained Ada County Treasurer Elizabeth Mahn. Homeowners with the homestead exemption as of the second Monday in July will see the greatest amount of relief for 2023.

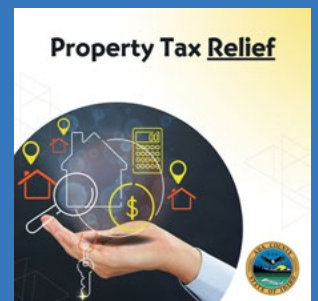
"Implementing this legislation required months of extensive collaboration, programming and testing by several County departments," explained Mahn. "We are deeply grateful to Ada County IT for its diligent programming efforts. We also thank the Ada County Clerk and the Ada County Assessor for their efforts in implementing this new law."

Both savings and credits are based on payments made by the State on behalf of taxpayers. First, the State made payments directly to school districts to pay existing school bonds and levies, thereby reducing property taxes. The resulting savings are listed on each tax bill as "School District Facilities Fund Savings." These savings are over \$25 million for Ada County property owners.

Second, the State will use funds in the homeowner property tax relief account to pay eligible taxes. This payment is listed on the bills as "Homeowner Tax Relief (HTR) Credit." For tax year 2023, the total HTR credits for eligible Ada County homeowners is \$65.9 million. Due to the State surplus, Ada County property owners will receive additional tax relief for 2023 totaling \$7.9 million, which is itemized on the bills as "Additional Tax Relief (ATR) Credit."

Property tax bills are recalculated each year. Therefore, the amount of credits, savings and taxes are specific to tax year 2023. Taxpayers have the option of paying the full amount or the first half by the due date December 20, 2023.

"Property owners in Ada County and around the state asked the Legislature to provide relief from rising property taxes at a time when inflation



keeps cutting into everyone's savings and discretionary spending," said Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley. "We congratulate the Legislature on this tax relief and look forward to collaborating with lawmakers to keep taxes low while providing essential services for everyone in Ada County."

THE PARK AT EXPO IDAHO – ONE STEP CLOSER

The much talked about **Park at Expo Idaho** is one step closer to reality. Ada County Commissioners voted in November to grant a **Conditional Use Permit** to this once in a generation 88-acre park located on the Boise River in Garden City.

A conditional use permit (CUP), also known as a special use permit, gives local government an opportunity to review in detail the potential impacts of a project. It also shows whether a particular project complies with and supports the long-range vision for an area. Speakers at the public hearing included **Josh Brown, Ada County Senior Project Manager** and **Chris Marcinkoski, PORT Urbanism Design Team**.

While the property for the Park is located in Garden City, it is part of **Expo Idaho** and is owned by Ada County. The area is considered an underserved, disproportionately impacted community located within a qualified census tract. As such it has been determined that the community lacks sufficient green spaces and has limited access to free outdoor recreation and exercise opportunities. **The Park at Expo Idaho** will change all that.

ADA COUNTY PROCUREMENT SAVES TAXPAYERS BIG MONEY

Ada County Marketplace has another banner year

If you've had success using Facebook Marketplace or other platforms like Craigslist, you know they can save you a lot of money. While you may not want that twin bed anymore, someone else may need it



and be willing to pay. The same basic concept is true of Ada County Procurement's **Ada County Marketplace**.

It's been around since 2020 and in that time has saved, drumroll please, **\$86,101**. The auction proceeds on Marketplace have yielded **\$197,031**.

Ada County Commissioners Rod Beck (Chairman), Ryan Davidson and Tom Dayley wanted to focus on creating a public space with amenities that provide lasting physical and mental health benefits and did not further contribute to the urbanization of Garden City.



If you want to follow along as the park becomes reality, please check out the Ada County homepage. A banner located front and center on the page includes plans, community outreach efforts and timelines for the park. <https://adacounty.id.gov/>

The park is expected to be completed in 2026. The design firm PORT Urbanism was selected to make the park a reality following an RFQ and design competition.

Ada County Marketplace works like this. If you have a desk, chair, filing cabinet, or a fern that you no longer want, you list it on Marketplace and allow other county employees to shop around. Anyone in the county who is looking for a desk, chair, filing cabinet or that fern can check Marketplace first and avoid having to buy something brand new. We're told the most unusual items reallocated have



been a Ficus Tree and a Courthouse Pew Bench. The most unusual things auctioned have been Barber Dam, several homes, and a very heavy electrical transformer.

Thank you to Ada County Procurement for developing a fun and creative way to save Ada County taxpayers a significant amount of money.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON SPEAKS AT LEADERSHIP MERIDIAN

Thank you to Leadership Meridian and the Meridian Chamber of Commerce for inviting Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson to speak at their Government Day Session.

Commissioner Davidson spoke about how local property taxes are distributed, plans for the much-anticipated Park at Expo Idaho (scheduled to be completed in 2026) and other prominent issues.

It is always a pleasure to meet with and speak to future leaders in our communities.



NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY – NOVEMBER 18, 2023

More than 400 foster children in Ada County are awaiting adoption. When these children find their new families, it brings joy to so many people – new parents, new siblings, new grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors and countless others.



L-R Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Janet Hoskins, Violeta Garcia, Tia Andres, Imelda Ramirez, Sandra Barrios, Chairman Rod Beck, Commissioner Tom Dayley.



Making sure the community and prospective parents are aware of the joys of adoption is one reason the Ada County Commissioners signed a proclamation designating **November 18th as National Adoption Day**.

National Adoption Day helps the dreams of children come true by working with courts, judges, attorneys, and advocates to finalize adoptions into permanent loving families. For children and families adoption is a life changing event.

Ada County is honored to join with the Idaho Supreme Court, Fourth Judicial District Court and advocacy groups promoting National Adoption Day!

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Georgann Scrima – 20 Years of Service

Congratulations to Georgann Scrima for twenty years of distinguished service with Ada County. Georgann started with Ada County in 2003 as an Exemption Clerk in the Assessor’s Office. She has been an invaluable team member ever since. Georgann has been instrumental in managing the Veterans property tax reduction benefit - single handedly managing the applications and working directly with the Idaho State Tax Commission and property owners to ensure the correct benefits are applied.

Shortly after starting in the Admin department, Georgann crossed-trained with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Working between both positions at our downtown location proved to be a benefit and she has become a wealth of information for both teams.

Georgann is uncomfortable receiving any sort of recognition for her work, but it is important for her to know that we appreciate her commitment and dedication to the County. We would not be able to accomplish this great work without dedicated team members like Georgann. Thank you, Georgann.



Ryan Paternoster – 20 Years of Service

When you’re giving kudos to a key person on your IT team who has achieved a career milestone - get ready for a lot of acronyms. People in IT live in a WOA. (World of Acronyms)

Congratulations to Ryan Paternoster on twenty years of service to Ada County. Ryan joined Ada County in 2003 as a software developer. Some of Ryan’s contributions in software development for Ada County were with: RPV, AC20, PBS and the Jury System which are still used today. Ryan’s work soon earned him his next position, software engineer where he continued to excel in his field. But Ryan wanted more. As Ada County grew so did the number of projects. Ryan showed interest in the field of Project Management. In 2016 Ryan became a foundational piece in the development of our project management office and soon after rose to the position of Project Management Office (PMO) manager. As a manager Ryan now focuses on

itself with work. He also makes sure we can complete and deliver projects on time. Thank you, Ryan, for being the kind of employee Ada County looks for and works to retain. WE appreciate your skills and your work ethic!



Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Paige and Mallory Paternoster, Carrie Paternoster, Ryan Paternoster, Board Chairman Rod Beck and Commissioner Tom Dayley.



his team and helps IT to not oversubscribe

Stephen O’Meara, Director Ada County IT, Ryan Paternoster, Program Manager Ada County IT, Antonio Serio, Deputy Director Ada County IT

GREENBELT CLOSURE ALERT

A portion of the Boise River Greenbelt Pathway on the south side of the river just downstream from the Garden City West Bridge near the Sunroc gravel pit will be closed for construction from Monday, December 11th through Friday, February 16th. Please avoid the area during this time as there will be no detours available through the construction zone.

This Phase 1 closure involves a complete replacement of the damaged asphalt pathway with a wider, safer, smoother concrete surface including centerline striping. The project affects just over a mile of the greenbelt pathway. [Ada County Parks & Waterways](#) manages eleven miles of this popular amenity that stretches from [Lucky Peak Dam and Lake - WallaWallaUSACE](#) to [City of Eagle, Idaho](#)



For more information <https://adacounty.id.gov/parksandwaterways/>



VETERANS DAY PARADE 2023

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING ALL THOSE WHO MAKE OUR GREAT NATION A PLACE WE ARE PROUD TO CALL HOME –
THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Ada County Commission
Chairman Rod Beck



Ada County Commissioner
Ryan Davidson



Ada County Commissioner
Tom Dayley

Each month we publish the Ada County newsletter the first week of the following month. Since the December newsletter won't be out until January we wanted to make sure we wished you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and good tidings for 2024. Thank you to our readers for staying engaged with the issues and events happening at the county level. We appreciate you!

Merry Christmas!

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.

WATCH NOW

Want to see what's on the Agenda?

LEARN MORE

Make sure you're following us on



NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

Board of Ada County Commissioners

Open Business Meeting

