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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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Rod Beck - Board Chairman  
Ryan Davidson - Commissioner



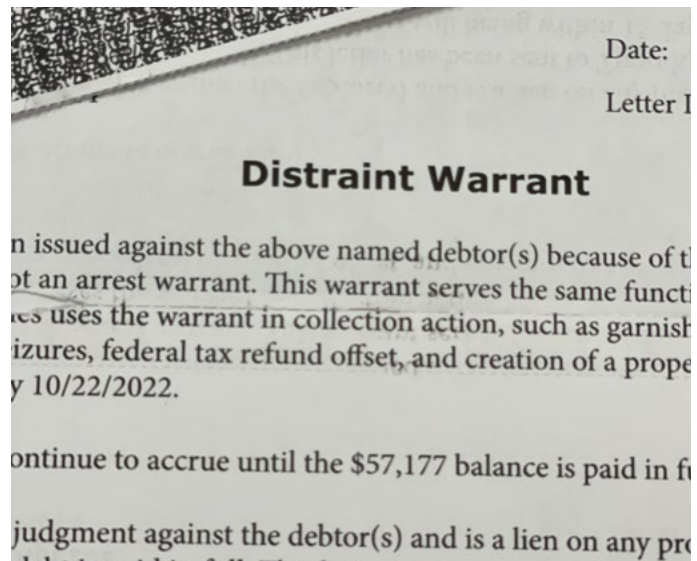
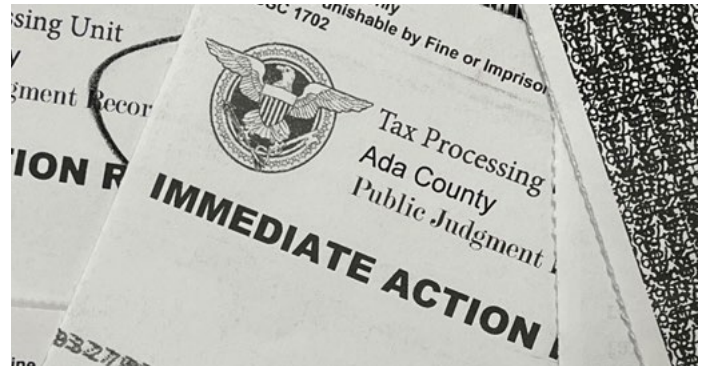
## TAX SCAM TARGETS ADA COUNTY HOMEOWNERS

Residents of Ada County are being targeted by con artists. If you receive a delinquent tax notice that looks like the ones pictured here – throw it away. This is a scam meant to victimize Idahoans.

The letters are from a place called the “Ada County Tax Processing Unit.” There is no such place. They look official but they are not.

You’ll read that you have unpaid taxes and that a lien is about to be placed on your property. If you call the number provided, the company says they are an intermediary in settlement negotiations. The Idaho Attorney General’s Office is aware of this scam and is working with Ada County to warn residents.

Thank you to the thousands of people who shared Ada County’s social media posts about the Scam Alert with friends, loved ones and family. Make sure you are following us on Facebook, Twitter, Next Door and Instagram.



## ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES – CHANGING LIVES FOR THE BETTER

Thank you to Ada County Juvenile Services for inviting nationally renowned youth justice expert John Tuell, Director for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, to share his expertise on best practices in youth justice.

Gone are the ‘scared straight’ strategies to address children and young people who are facing life challenges.

Law enforcement and probation personnel from across the Treasure Valley attended the November 10th presentation to learn about research and evidence-informed practices. Topics included adolescent development and identification of active trauma.

Learn more about juvenile services in Ada County <https://adacounty.id.gov/juvenilecourt/>



## NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY Ada County Courthouse brimming with smiling faces

November 10th was a very special day for the [Ada County Commissioners!](#) Parents of adopted children in Ada County were on hand to celebrate National Adoption Day! Thank you to the Idaho Supreme Court, Fourth Judicial Court, Ada County Trial Court Administrator and advocacy groups for promoting National Adoption Day.



The Ada County Commissioners signed a proclamation designating November 19th as National Adoption Day but the celebrating began a little early.



National Adoption Day helps to increase awareness of the ever-growing need for loving, adoptive families for the children county-wide who are waiting in foster care.

## REVIEW OF OUR RESOURCES: PARKS & WATERWAYS

Hello there again! My name is Nick Kochergin, and I am the Ada County Communications intern. This month I am reporting on Ada County Parks & Waterways. From bike parks, conservation lands, and recreation areas, Parks & Waterways has a wide range of responsibilities that protect and enhance some of the most valuable amenities Ada County has to offer.

My tour of land managed by Ada County was led by Robert Sosin, the program & education specialist with the department. One of first highlights of my tour was conservation. We surveyed a project near the Boise River and Barber Park that helps sustain natural wildlife. After a record-breaking floating season and more usage of Ada County facilities than ever before, there was much maintenance work to do. As Sosin explained, a small section of Barber Park was being improved with the help of volunteer groups who are putting in new native plant life to ensure a biodiverse and localized ecosystem. From there, we visited the on-site workshop where we met Waterways Maintenance Supervisor Jarrod Mathews. Mathews was delighted to show me all the heavy equipment being used by the department and how it is maintained internally. This was truly novel to examine how the land and its long-term management is undertaken by a hardworking group of Ada County officials who all genuinely care for their occupation and their community. The second half of the tour involved examining the other properties that Ada County has under its jurisdiction for the purpose of recreation. We visited the Ada County Hubbard Reservoir Recreation Area and Oregon Trail Recreation Areas and Ada/Eagle Bike Park where we met Davey

Brown, the Trail Crew Foreman. His job is to ensure that all the miles of trails and walkable areas in the County's control have easy accessibility and as little erosion as possible. This ensures that everyone from horseback riders to mountain bikers, have an excellent experience on our trails and recreation land.

Winter Scene. The Ada County Parks & Waterways main office at Barber Park looks a little desolate right now but come spring and summer this place is teeming with happy people.



Overall, the important work done by Ada County Parks & Waterways promotes better conservation and recreation on county land! Next time you're on the river or on the trail wave to our fine folks wearing the county emblem upkeeping these timeless treasures!



## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS!

### Glen Smallwood - 20 years!

Another outstanding Ada County employee is recognized for their incredible contributions to the county during 20 years of service.



Glen Smallwood (back row 3rd from right) started working for Ada County in 2002. He's the kind of super talented and skilled employee who will be impossible to replace - although the work he has done for the county will live on forever.

We are so fortunate to have so many subject matter experts and good people on staff. Thank you to all the folks who work behind the scenes to make sure the county functions like a well-oiled machine. Day in and day out your work is deeply appreciated!

### Halli Gardner - 30 years!

It is always inspiring to learn about the wonderful people who have made careers working for Ada County. Today we recognized Halli Gardner for 30 years of service to you and the county.

When Halli started back in 1992 people used pagers and Ada County printed paper checks. So much has changed since then but Halli is still a bright shining star. Always smiling. Always so positive. Thank you Halli for all the night shifts you pulled, for being there as IT evolved each year. Thank you for being a dedicated employee who has made a difference.



### Joshua Smith - 25 years!



Congratulations to Ada County Senior IT Analyst Joshua Smith for 25 years of distinguished service! Josh leads a crack team of software developers who are sharp, dynamic, fun and up to all challenges.

He has been growing people in the careers for quite some time, while also growing his. We cannot wait to see what the next 25 years bring! Congratulations, Josh - and thank you for being who you are.

# ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONER ROD BECK APPOINTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) HOUSING TASK FORCE



*The group will work to identify county-led solutions for addressing the housing affordability and stability crisis communities around the country are facing.*

Rod Beck has been a strong supporter of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program administered through the Boise City Ada County Housing Authorities (BCACHA). ERAP has provided

millions in assistance to eligible local families and individuals. More than 30 county leaders from across the US are part of the Task Force. The Housing Task Force will host in-person and virtual meetings, as well as produce original research, to examine the role of county governments in providing residents with more housing, greater variety of housing, and better housing affordability and value.

<https://www.naco.org/.../new-task-force-county-leaders...>

# 2022 ADA COUNTY HOLIDAY BAZAAR DECEMBER 19TH *Creative, tasty, innovative crafts and treats for your holiday gift giving*

Sometimes the best gifts to give and receive are handmade by people you know! We hope you have time to stop by and browse the annual **Ada County Holiday Bazaar**. This year it's December 19th from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM on the first floor of the Ada County Courthouse on Front Street. Come check out the amazing cakes, hats, furniture, smoked cheese, earrings, blankets and much more!

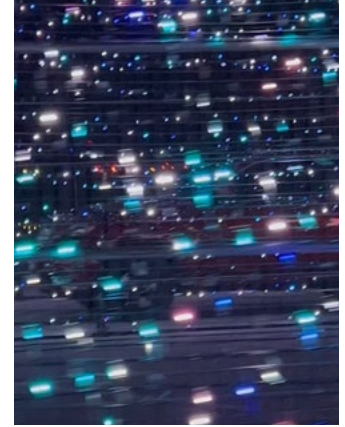


## TOO COLD TO BE OUTSIDE?

*Stay in your vehicle and enjoy some christmas cheer*



If you are looking for a fun family Christmas experience, check out Christmas in Color at Expo Idaho. More than 1.5 million lights perfectly synchronized to holiday music! Buy your tickets now - and use them through January 2nd.



<https://christmasincolor.net/boise>

## ADA COUNTY IS UPDATING OUR ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE



Ada County is updating its Animal Control Ordinance. An updated version of the Animal Control Ordinance will be discussed further during the December 27, 2022 Open Business Meeting (OBM) at 9:00 AM.

Commissioners heard initial comments during the Nov. 29th OBM and tabled their decision to the Dec. 27th meeting. Review the [DRAFT update](#) / [DRAFT update Red Lined Version](#) and share with us your thoughts at [BOCC1@adacounty.id.gov](mailto:BOCC1@adacounty.id.gov)

Remember: If you live in the City of Boise, Eagle, Star, Kuna, Garden City or Meridian please review [your city's respective ordinance](#) which would apply to you and your family. The ordinance under review right now applies to Unincorporated Ada County – areas of Ada County that are not within city limits.

The Ada County Animal Control Ordinance is enacted to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Ada County and the humane and safe treatment of various animals. The ordinance also establishes required procedures and regulations for the licensing and control of dogs and kennels.

Share with us your thoughts!  
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## ADA TREASURES

Since 2003 the Ada County Historic Preservation Council has selected properties throughout the county to be honored as **County Treasures**. Congratulations to this year's honoree - the Eagle Museum of History and Preservation. Properties honored with this designation add to Ada County's heritage and are maintained by altruistic individuals, groups and businesses. Thank you to the wonderful folks at [Ada County Development Services](#) for coordinating this meaningful event each year!



The [Ada County Commissioners](#) were pleased to be joined by:

*(L-R) Melissa Gindlesperger, Eagle City Council Member, Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Eagle Mayor Jason Pierce, Ada County Historic Preservation Council member Jay Karamales, Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck, Ada County Commissioner Kendra Kenyon, and Ada County Historic Preservation Council member Joe Gallagher.*



The Eagle Museum of History and Preservation is housed inside a former church and was moved to the Eagle City Hall complex. It's totally worth a trip to Eagle to walk through this amazing facility.

## 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](mailto:acbs@adacounty.id.gov) or by mail to:

**Ada County Trash Billing  
PO Box 2780  
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## COMING UP!

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