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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.**

Kendra Kenyon - Commissioner  
Rod Beck - Board Chairman  
Ryan Davidson - Commissioner



### ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VISIT LUCKY PEAK LAKE

***Tour provides firsthand view of how rapid population growth and drought affect recreation at this local gem***

Thank you to Ada County Parks & Waterways for hosting an incredibly informative event at Spring Shores Marina including a tour of Lucky Peak Lake. The event highlighted the robust partnerships that exist between Ada County, Idaho State Parks and Recreation, the US Army Corps of Engineers and others.



Ada County Commissioners Rod Beck, Kendra Kenyon and Ryan Davidson were on hand to hear how these agencies help one another provide the best outdoor experience possible for individuals and families. The challenges are stark - the resources are the same but the number of visitors to parks like this has exploded alongside the county and the state's growth. Compounding this year's challenges - very low lake levels and the near impossible task of hiring qualified workers who can make the commute out to places like Lucky Peak. Most staff at places like Lucky Peak commute, many for more than an hour, and with gas prices skyrocketing that has made the situation untenable.

#### ***What can you do?***

Officials stressed the importance of planning ahead, treating public servants and one another with courtesy and respect and being mindful of the fiscal challenges to operate these Idaho places that we love so much. Thank you to everyone who recreates responsibly.



# TREASURE VALLEY WATER SUMMIT

At the Treasure Valley Water Summit organized by Ada County Commissioner Kendra Kenyon water experts from a broad cross section of utilities and regional stakeholder groups outlined the challenges to water quantity and quality faced by a region experiencing explosive growth.

The population of Ada County will be approximately 1 million people in 2050. How do you accommodate the water needs of that many people? Today's experts agreed that addressing this challenge has to be a coordinated and multi disciplinary effort.

Presenters included Veolia, formerly Suez, Ada County Emergency Management and Community Resiliency, Ada County Development Services, Garden City and City of Boise Public Works, Elmore County, Mountain Waterworks, City of Meridian, City of Nampa, DEQ and Idaho Power.

While the consensus is that most of the public is unaware of our water challenges all the organizations on hand are each doing their part to amplify the message that water conservation is important.



### Interesting facts:

70% of our water supply comes from groundwater. Groundwater is the source of drinking water for 95% of Idahoans. We use more groundwater per capita than any other state.



## PARAMEDICS CHIEF HONORED

Ada County Paramedics Chief Shawn Rayne was recently presented the “EMS Service Excellence Award” by the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association.

The award is in recognition of distinguished service and outstanding commitment to members of fire association and for work done on Senate Bill 1283, an ambulance supplemental payment program which provides additional revenue for transportation of certain patients. This legislation will benefit not only Ada County, but all EMS agencies, large and small, in the state of Idaho.

Congratulations to Shawn!



## A QUICK REMINDER ON HOW TO PLAN A SUCCESSFUL BOISE RIVER FLOAT

### *Come Prepared, Stay Happy!*

It's wonderful to see so many people enjoying their time floating the Boise River. Float Season officially started July 1st this year and ends on September 5th.



Whether you're new to the valley or if you've lived here for decades here's some important info about this year's float season: please do not park

in residential areas or no parking zones around Barber Park. We recommend that you park at Ann Morrison Park and ride the shuttle or have somebody drop your party off at the loop!

Again, please remember to be friendly and patient with all park staff and fellow floaters. We hope everybody has a fun and enjoyable summer!



### *If you are floating the river this year, here are some good tips to remember:*

- *Bring sunscreen and a hat*
- *Do not park in residential areas around Barber Park*
- *Bring flotation devices built for rivers and streams.*
- *The river is made up of mountain snow runoff and can be very cold.*
- *Remember - strong currents can be hazardous to adults and children alike.*

# 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!

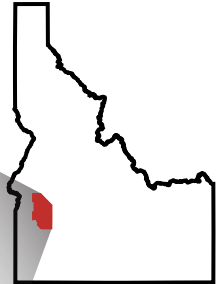
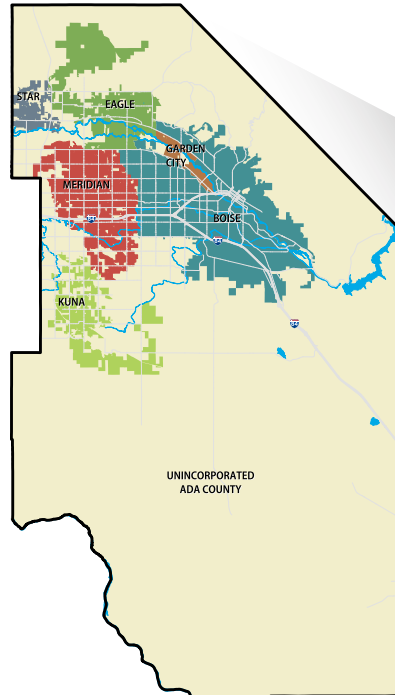
Proof of age can be submitted by email to: [acbs@adacounty.id.gov](mailto:acbs@adacounty.id.gov) or by mail to:

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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.



## COMING UP!

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