

BITS & PIECES OF TAX NEWS

AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Historical Timeline

- 1991** Building was converted to Commercial use; built in 1957 as a single family residence.
- 1992** First Tax Season
- 1994** Paved 3 stall parking lot. Acquired Dan Barclay's clients
- 1995** 1st Preparer employed, Suel Alford.
- 1996** Acquired Walt Johnson's clients.
- 1998** Miri hired as receptionist.
- 1999** Moved from one computer to a local area network of 3 computers.
- 2001** E-filing becomes the norm instead of the exception.
Miri prepares her first tax returns.
- 2002** Office Refurbishing.
- 2006** Joe Caldwell's clients migrated to Ada Tax Professionals.
- 2007** Purchase of Neighboring Property. BBB Integrity Counts Award.
first year-round receptionist employed, Yvonne. Gribskov Inc created,
dba Ada Tax Professionals. Ustick Road widened from 2 lanes to 5 lanes.
- 2008** Major remodel and addition to the building.
Moved out in Sept and back in on Dec 31.
- 2015** Miri promoted to Office Manager.



The difference between death and taxes is death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets. — *Will Rogers*

TAX HUMOR

I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money. — *Arthur Godfrey*

For every tax problem there is a solution which is straightforward, uncomplicated and wrong. — *Anonymous*

There may be liberty and justice for all, but there are tax breaks only for some.

— *Martin A. Sullivan*



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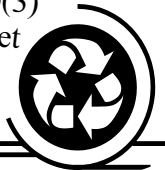
New Federal Tax Law May Affect Some Refunds Filed in Early 2017.

A refund with the **Earned Income Tax Credit** or **Additional Child Tax Credit** on the return will not be issued before **February 15th**.

This action is driven by the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (PATH Act) that was enacted Dec. 18, 2015.

Recycling Corner

Drop off your old, unused electronics at the **Reuseum** on Chinden Blvd in Garden City. They accept used, sort of working, or nonfunctional technology and e-scrap for reuse and recycling. If you'd like to recycle your old computer or dispose of e-waste, stop in! They are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit too, so don't forget to ask for your donation receipt.



Ada Tax Professionals also provides Notary Services. Next time you have a document that requires your signature to be notarized, we can help.

The Idaho Tax Commission is sending letters asking for identity verification. If you get one, respond online at tax.idaho.gov

ITINS : Individual Tax Identification Numbers will begin expiring. All ITINS issued before 2008 will expire on January 1st, 2017. It's not clear if affected individuals will be notified. New ITINS must be used each year to stay active.

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Raiding your Retirement Accounts – how expensive is it really...

It might sound like a good idea to pay off those high interest rate credit cards with money from your IRA, but it might end up costing more than you expect. As with most tax-related issues, it's very individualized, so call us. We love the "If I do this, what will happen?" questions. The withdrawn amount is added to your taxable income and could even bump you into the next tax bracket. There is an additional 10% penalty charged on retirement withdrawals before age 59 ½, but there are some exceptions. If you don't qualify for them though, it might be an ugly surprise when you file a tax return.

I'm self-employed and know my tax return needs to include a Schedule C or C-EZ, but what other reporting requirements could apply to me?

File Form 1099-MISC to report certain payments of \$600 or more made by your business for services to people (not employees) like subcontractors, attorneys, directors, etc. This includes rent payments made to anyone other than a real estate agent. Also use this form if your business awards prizes and awards to anyone of more than \$600.

Form W-2 must be filed to report wages, tips and compensation paid to employees.

File Form 8300 to report cash payments received by your business in excess of \$10,000. Cash does not include personal checks or wire transfers, but does include US or foreign currency and coin. It also includes traveler's checks, money orders, and cashier's checks if the individual amounts are under \$10,000, but the transaction totals more than \$10,000. Example: If Joe buys a car from your dealership and he pays with \$4,000 cash and an \$8,000 cashier's check, you still need to file a Form 8300.

A Gathering to Celebrate 25 Years

On May 14, Ada Tax Professionals held an open house for clients and past employees on the office grounds. The current staff handled the serving, led tours, and handed out door prizes while relaxing and visiting. It was a perfect day to spend outside. Those who visited had a chance to tour the office and learn the history of the building and the transformations it has gone through including seeing pictures of the major remodel of 2008. Everyone helped themselves to refreshments, lingered to visit, and even tried their hand at mini golf. We are grateful to all who helped make it a special day.

Check out the pictures on the website.

Do You Have Any Foreign Accounts?

Did you know...

Special reporting requirements exist for anyone (or business entity) who has monetary accounts outside the United States. The Bank Secrecy Act requires you to file an annual report, if at any time in the year the combined cumulative value is \$10,000 or more.

I know, you're thinking about all the stories of people hiding money in Switzerland or the Bahamas, but this affects lots of ordinary people. You might have signature authority over an account related to your job or you have an assignment overseas and you need a local account. Maybe you're a trustee and the trust holds assets outside the country or you're just a signer on a family member's account.

The penalties for not filing are severe. Just another reason why we keep asking lots of questions...



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SPOTLIGHT..... on **Darci Shields**

We are very pleased to welcome Darci to the Ada Tax Professionals team. She is an outstanding asset with her 11 years of tax experience. Her area of tax specialty is with individual returns, but she would like to branch out into Trusts and Estates as well as Client Representation.

Darci and her husband recently moved to Boise from Anacortes, Washington. She was born in Oregon and grew up in Alaska. Darci attended community college in Salem, Oregon then back to Anchorage at the University of Alaska. She studied computer science and was a software developer for many years. She is married and has two grown sons. Her husband loves to cook, so the kitchen is his domain and the yard is hers. Darci is left-handed as well as her two sons and she loves that they are the majority in her family.

Some hobbies and interests in her life are hiking, gardening, knitting, sewing and riding her bicycle. She and her husband are going on a bicycle trip in October to ride along the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. Darci thinks that living her life honestly as well as treating all people with respect is what you should do each and every day.

She was asked what she enjoys most about Ada Tax Professionals and her response was “I love the people. My coworkers are wonderful and, of course, we have the best clients. Everyone here really works well together”.

One of Darci’s life motto or words to live by is: “Goals are Dreams with Deadlines”.

