



In The News

Spring Message from the Mayor

As we welcome the rejuvenating season of spring, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for what lies ahead for our beautiful city. The blooming landscapes and warming weather are a vivid reminder of the natural beauty that surrounds us and the community spirit that binds us.



As we move forward, I encourage each of you to become involved in our community's development. Whether it's by participating in local events, volunteering, or simply enjoying the beauty of our city with friends and family, your engagement makes the City of Coeur d'Alene a better place for everyone.

Let us embrace this spring with hope, determination, and a shared vision for a brighter future. Together, we can achieve great things for our city and its people.

- Mayor Hammond

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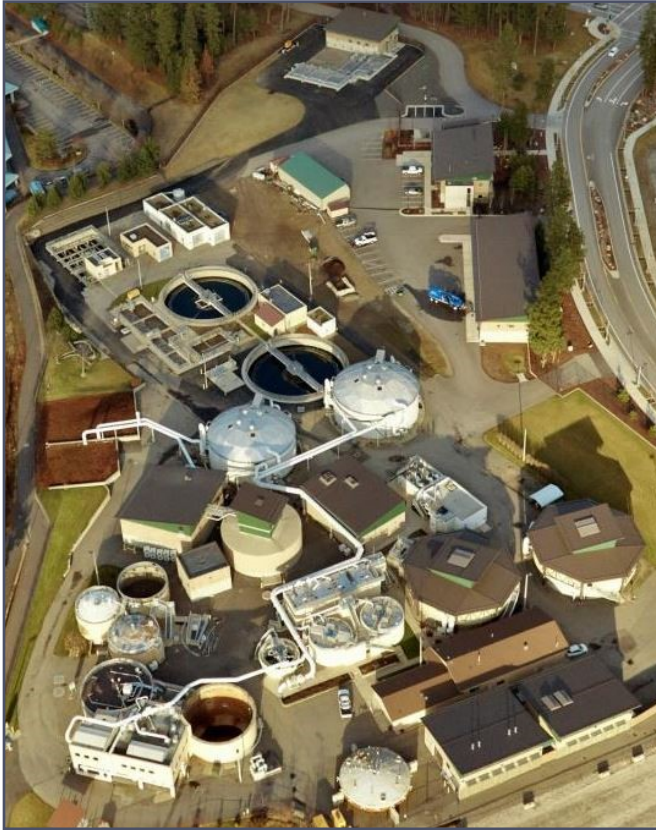
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Protecting Public Health Through Wastewater Standards



Wastewater treatment often goes unnoticed by many, yet it plays a critical role in a community's well-being. Situated along the banks of the Spokane River, the City operates a state-of-the-art treatment plant, diligently processing all of its wastewater. Ensuring the effectiveness of this facility falls under the jurisdiction of the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Their task is to verify that the City's treatment facility adheres to federal, state, and local standards. But why do these standards matter to the community?

Standards protect public health by ensuring efficient treatment and minimizing the risk of harmful pollutants affecting the community. In addition, standards contribute to environmental preservation by preventing contamination and safeguarding the delicate ecosystems

of the Spokane River, along with the biodiversity it supports. Moreover, these standards hold the City accountable, as compliance inspections verify adherence to regulations. Early detection of issues during inspections allows for prompt fixes, which can prevent potential environmental incidents.

Finally, transparency is key. Public awareness of inspection findings fosters trust and encourages community engagement in environmental stewardship efforts.

In January, the State's Department of Environmental Quality conducted a critical inspection of the City's Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility. The City is proud to report that no violations or findings of concern were noted regarding these important standards. The outcome speaks to the professionalism of the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility staff and the dedication the Department has to ensuring the health and well-being of the community and environment.

More information about the City's Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility can be found on the plant's [website](#).



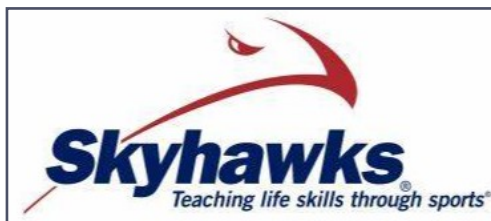
Boys Baseball and Girls Softball Registration

Registration for boys baseball and girls softball, grades K - 7, runs from May 1 through May 17. Registration can be done in person at the City's Recreation Department located at 710 E Mullan Ave, or [online](#). Practices are scheduled to begin after June 10 and the season will start around July 1 and run through the first week of August. Game days are Monday through Thursday after 5:00 pm.

Fees are \$25 for city residents and \$35 for non-city residents.



Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps



Skyhawks sports programs, co-sponsored by the City's Recreation Department, are where children discover and develop athletic skills and life lessons, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. Children are offered a positive sports experience while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

For a list of all camps held in the Coeur d'Alene area or to register, visit the online registration at www.register.skyhawks.com.

The Recreation Department is Hiring!

The City's Recreation Department is hiring a swim instructor. Work hours are Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Interested parties please apply online through the City's website at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid.

Youth soccer officials are needed for the City's Recreation Department's spring soccer program. Age requirement is 14 years of age and above. Games are held Monday through Thursday, from 5:00 pm to 8:15 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The season runs from the middle of April through the middle of May. This is a great way for a student or adult to make a little extra money. Apply at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid.

**THIS MONTH'S
EVENTS AT THE
LIBRARY**

Crochet Wednesday!

Wednesdays April 10 and 17
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Spring Baby Story Time

Ages 0-18 months
Tuesdays
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Lawyer in the Library

1st Thursday of the Month
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Hive of Creativity

Ages 6-12
Tuesdays
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Stronger in Mind & Body

Wednesdays
10:00 am

For more information on any
Library event, call
(208) 769-2315, or
visit the Library's
[event calendar](#).



Knotty Plant Party

Saturday, April 6 at 12:00 pm, join fellow plant lovers for an afternoon of plant talk and crafting! Bring any cuttings or houseplants you would like to swap and stay for a lesson in beginning macrame. Learn how to use simple knotting techniques to create useful and beautiful art out of cord and rope. Participants will be making mini plant holders; all supplies are included!



Spring Walking Adventures

Learn about the natural wonders and history that are right in your backyard! The series of walks will take groups around Tubbs Hill and the surrounding area as they explore the flora, fauna, geology, and history of the local area. Each walk will be led by a local community member eager to share their passion and knowledge. The group will meet at the lower entrance of the Library (outside the Community Room) unless otherwise specified, and walk towards the destination together. Each walk will be about two hours. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes for a moderate hike, and bring water. For more information, visit the Library's Spring Walking Adventures [event page](#).

Crochet Wednesdays! April 10 & 17



The class will focus on how to make your very own granny square. This staple of the crochet world is super fun to make and can be used on its own or become a larger project. Plan to learn about crochet materials, terminology, and a handful of basic stitches. You might even get hooked and walk away with the confidence to tackle new projects at home! Registration is required along with a commitment to attend the two (2) classes.

The event is designed for children ages 9-12. Registration is required and can be done [here](#).

Coeur d'Alene Police Department's School Resource Officer Program

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department has partnered with the Coeur d'Alene School District 271 for decades to have School Resource Officers (SROs) in most area schools and as a result, tens of thousands of local kids have grown up with police officers positively impacting their lives. The Police Department currently has nine (9) SROs filling assignments at three (3) Coeur d'Alene (CDA) high schools, three (3) CDA middle schools and at North Idaho College. Additionally, two (2) SROs are assigned to rotate through the eight (8) local elementary schools.

A SRO is a sworn police officer assigned to a school on a full-time basis. Even though SROs have many responsibilities, the three major roles are safety and security for students and staff, being a positive role model for students, and enforcing laws.

Having a police officer at school full time provides reassurance to students and staff. The knowledge that a SRO is there to protect students and staff alleviates worry and allows teachers to create an effective learning environment where students can grow and develop. Because they are already at the school, a SRO can respond immediately to disruptive situations thereby reducing interruptions to the students' learning environments.



An equally important responsibility for a SRO is to be a positive role model for students. Each SRO is assigned to a specific school and gets to know students personally because they work with them daily. SROs build trust with students, and many students confide in them about challenges they face in their lives. SROs recognize when students begin making poor life choices and work to intervene. They hold students accountable and coach students about the impact of poor decisions and the effect, both short and long term, on their lives. They continually work to help students make good decisions, positively affecting students long after they've graduated.

SROs enforce the law and hold students accountable when they break it. The purpose for a penalty when breaking the law is to invoke change in a student. In this process, SROs work with school administrators and prosecutors to determine the best way to help students make better decisions.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

City Council Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
6:00 pm
Library Community Room
[Council Agenda Packets](#)

Ped/Bike Committee
1st Wednesday each month
4:00 pm
City Hall

CDA TV Committee
2nd Monday each month
8:00 am
City Hall

Parking Commission
2nd Tuesday each month
3:00 pm
City Hall

Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday each month
5:30 pm
Library Community Room

Urban Forestry Committee
3rd Friday each month
8:00 am
City Hall

Park and Rec Commission
Monday before 3rd Tuesday
5:30 pm
Library Community Room

Childcare Commission
4th Monday each month
6:30 pm
City Hall

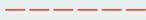
Arts Commission
4th Tuesday each month
4:00 pm
City Hall

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**CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMISSION
MEETING
INFORMATION,
CONT.**

**Historic Preservation
Commission**

4th Wednesday each month
12:00 pm
City Hall



Library Board Meeting

4th Wednesday each month
4:00 pm
Library Community Room

For more information, please visit the [Calendar page](#) on the City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

Find the City on Facebook!

[City of Coeur d'Alene](#)

[Coeur d'Alene Fire Department](#)

[Coeur d'Alene Police Department](#)

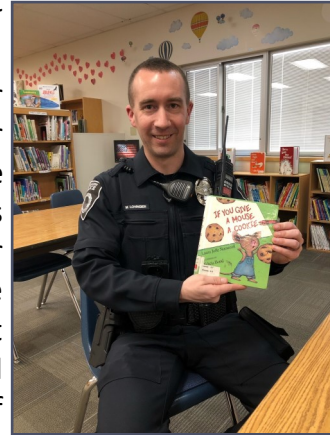
[Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec
Department](#)



SRO Officers, cont.

SROs care about students and want what's best for them.

The top priority for the Coeur d'Alene School District 271 and for the Coeur d'Alene Police Department is to provide students with a multi-faceted foundation for a successful future. The Police Department is grateful to be a part of this foundation and looks forward to positively impacting the lives of students for many years to come.



***Garden District Historic Nomination
Community Meeting***

Please join the Coeur d'Alene's Historic Preservation Commission and your neighbors on Monday, April 8, at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room, located at 702 E. Front for the Commission's second community meeting. At the meeting, hear updates on the Garden District's National Register of Historic Places nomination and what the next steps are.

For more information, contact Administrative Assistant Traci Clark in the Planning Department at 208-769-2240.



Photos: Coeur d'Alene Press

Fire Department Holds Annual Awards Banquet

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department (Fire Department) held its Annual Awards Banquet at the Hagadone Event Center. The Annual Awards Banquet is an opportunity for the Fire Department to share a night of recognition with its members, their families, the City Council and Mayor, and our community partners.

There was much to celebrate this year. The CDA Fire Department set a record for the number of emergency responses, having been called for service 10,022 times. Many stories were shared of difficult calls, which required skill and professionalism.

Fire Chief Thomas Greif reflected on his second year as the Fire Chief of the Fire Department. Having settled in to his new role, he looks forward to a future of fostering and building a premier Fire Department for the citizens and valued guests of the City of Coeur d’Alene. He laid out plans for completing a Strategic Plan using input from both the members of the Fire Department and community partners.

Engineer Josh Hoston was awarded Employee of the Year and the Union Service Award. Engineer Hoston was described as caring, professional, and a true brother to the Fire Department members and the fire service in Idaho and beyond. Captain Jake Beiker said “Engineer Hoston only knows friends that he hasn’t met yet. His smile and laugh light up a room. He is a true brother to all and he cares deeply for his family, our Fire Department and our community.”



Other awards given:

- **Ironman (individual with the most calls for service):** Firefighter-Paramedic Morgan Zajicek
- **1,000 Club (responded to more than 1,000 calls for service):** Firefighter-Paramedic Morgan Zajicek and Firefighter-Paramedic Trenton Fleury
- **Award of Commendation:** Captain Matt Tosi, Firefighter-Paramedic Cody Moore, and Firefighter-Paramedic Chad Matchell
- **Unit Citation:** Battalion Chief Lee Holbrook, Captain Joe Lind, Engineer Erik Loney, Firefighter Keith Benz, Firefighter-Paramedic Travis Georgius, Firefighter-Paramedic Lavoryn Nguyen, Captain Chris Kieres, Engineer Jeff Butcher, Firefighter-Paramedic Mike Bowlin, Firefighter Chad Tortorelli, Firefighter-Paramedic Nick Pozzesi, Engineer Bill Dodd, Firefighter-Paramedic Cory Miles, Captain Matt Tosi, Engineer Josh Hoston, Captain Matt Sowa, Engineer Ben Hector, Firefighter Greg Thaxton, Firefighter-Paramedic James LaVille, Firefighter-Paramedic Sean Liebelt, Firefighter Blaine Porter, Engineer Kelan McKeirnan, Captain Eric Paul, Captain Tom Hiltenbrand, Engineer Matt Church, Captain Nate Hyder, Engineer Dave Tysdal, Firefighter Matt Glenn, Firefighter-Paramedic Trenton Fleury, and EMSO Steve Jones.

Preservation Month

Did you know that May is Preservation Month? Coeur d'Alene's Historic Preservation Commission is hosting the first annual Historic Preservation Reception and Awards event on May 1 at 6:00 pm at the Jewett House (1501 E Lakeshore) to kickstart a month of celebrating historic preservation through events, education, and outreach. More details coming soon on the City's Facebook page at [Historic Preservation Reception & Awards Facebook](#)



Welcome New Employees!

A warm welcome to the following new City employees. The City is privileged to have these talented individuals join as new team members.

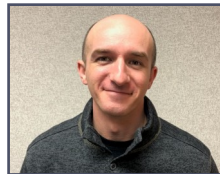
Aaron Chaumont
Police Officer
Police Department



Aaron Denson
Police Officer
Police Department



Kyle Felix
Police Officer
Police Department



The City of Coeur d'Alene is Hiring!

Visit the City's employment website if you are interested in working for the City of Coeur d'Alene. Up-to-date job postings are listed [here](#).

