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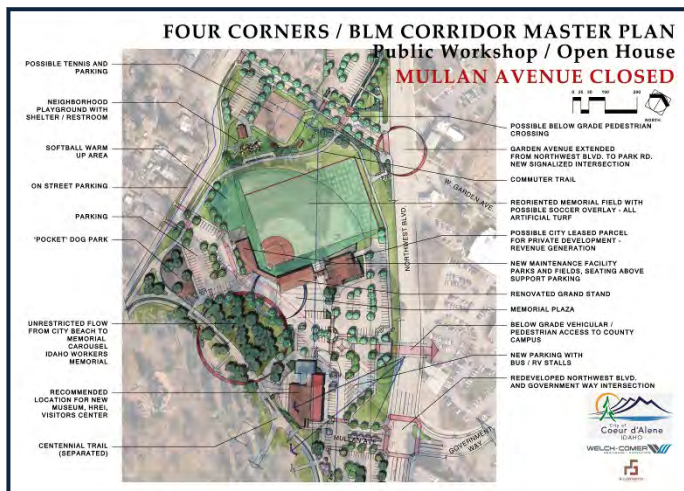
Explorers Artwork Placed at McEuen Park

The sixth piece of public art was installed at McEuen Park this week. "The Explorers" portrays two young boys and a young girl hiking on a log. It is located near the base of Tubbs Hill along the trail confluence. The \$90,000 piece of art was created by Jane DeDecker of Loveland, Colorado. The sun dial on the Front Avenue Promenade will be installed next. Existing art at McEuen includes "Allium Spring Chorus", "Rainbow Bridge", "The Great Escape", and "The American Worker".



Four Corners Plans Available Online

Conceptual plans for the city-sponsored Four Corners/BLM Corridor Master Plan have been posted on the city's website, cdaid.org. Click on the "Four Corners" tab at the top of the homepage. Visitors to this site will be able to provide input

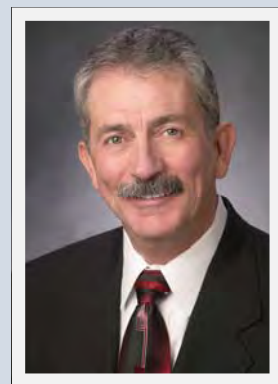


on the plans that will be shared with the Four Corners design team as they move forward with their planning efforts. The study encompasses Independence Point, parking near the Museum of North Idaho, Mullan Avenue, Memorial Field, and Bureau of Land Management property that extends from River Avenue to Riverstone. The City Council is expected to consider adoption of the master plan next April.

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CITY FACES



Jim Hammond: A Warm Welcome at Cd'A City Hall

A fixture in Post Falls city government for over 25 years, Jim Hammond recently assumed a new role in neighboring Coeur d'Alene — and he couldn't be happier. Selected from a nationwide pool of 64 candidates, Hammond was named Coeur d'Alene City Administrator in October.

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Cd'A Employees Donate \$6,300 to United Way

The city's annual campaign to raise funds for the United Way of Kootenai County brought in \$6,300 this year. The organization will use the funds to support local programs. City employees donate to United Way year around through payroll deductions and at various events.



New Cd'A Logo Appears on City Vehicles

The city's new logo will soon be seen around town on city vehicles. The street



department began affixing the logo to its fleet recently. The transition to the new logo decals will occur over a period of time as vehicles and equipment are due for services. Street Superintendent Tim Martin said logos have been ordered for 52 vehicles and 50 pieces of street department equipment. Already, the

city has made the switch to the new logo on most internal materials and business cards as they needed to be replaced.

When the Snow Flies, Cd'A Plows Will Be Ready

Although national weather experts are calling for a warmer and drier winter in the Pacific Northwest, which includes Coeur d'Alene, the city's street department isn't taking anything for granted. Over the past seven years, the street department has made seven citywide plows per winter on average and 11 arterial plows. "Our plowing operations start when there are four to five inches on the road, or with two inches on the road and more expected," said Street Superintendent Tim Martin.



Highly visible and personable, Jim is making a point of getting to know city staff and the important roles employees have in keeping government efficient and running smoothly. The former Post Falls city councilman, mayor and city administrator is elated with his new position and looks forward to helping guide Coeur d'Alene into a prosperous future.

As he educates himself on the issues facing Coeur d'Alene, Jim says the biggest surprise since moving into office at City Hall has been the employees he deals with every day.

"It's just incredible how everybody has made me feel so welcome," he said. "It's such a great working environment and you just feel like you fit in."

Working closely with Mayor Steve Widmyer, Jim says helping to nurture growth and economic development in a healthy fashion are among the city's top priorities. "I have a great deal of respect for Mayor Widmyer . . . he's a very successful businessman and the kind of guy I want to work for."

With only two months under his belt, Jim is already focusing on some of the major issues facing the city of Coeur d'Alene — including development of a master plan for the western gateway to Coeur d'Alene (Four Corners), improving the

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GIVING BACK

The Spirit of Volunteering and Fundraising

Throughout the year, city staff and our elected officials donate countless hours of their time to raise money for non-profit entities. Last weekend, Mayor Steve Widmyer joined several other Kootenai County mayors and raised more than \$21,000 for the Salvation Army Kroc Center in Coeur d'Alene. All Kettle funds received in Kootenai County support local programs to help many causes, including emergency assistance for seniors and families needing help with food, rent, utilities, prescriptions and gas cards.



Here are a few other causes the city supports through fundraising and volunteering: United Way of Kootenai County, Convoy of Hope, Food Bank, Children's Village, St. Vincent de Paul, Toys for Tots, Muscular Dystrophy, the North Idaho College Foundation, Catholic Charities and Boys and Girls Club. Kudos to city staff for their ongoing commitment to helping these community causes and many, many more!

CITY SCOPE

Mayor's State of the City Address is January 13

McEuen Park opens. Railroad land acquisition opens public access opportunities. A plan to redesign the western entrance to Coeur d'Alene is kicked off. Key city



officials hired. 2014 was a busy year for Coeur d'Alene and Mayor Steve Widmyer will highlight the successes and progress during his State of the City address at the Chamber of Commerce's Upbeat Breakfast on Tuesday, January 13, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort.

Beyond looking back at his first year on the job, Mayor Widmyer will also provide some insight into the future with major projects planned for each department within City Hall in 2015. The breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m. at the Resort.

Seltice Way corridor that links Coeur d'Alene with Post Falls, and continuing work on building a community trail system.

Although he has deep roots in Post Falls, Jim considers himself part of Coeur d'Alene now. He resides just east of the Lake City with his wife of 32 years, Cynthia.

"The biggest difference between Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene is that being in the largest community in the county and in North Idaho, Coeur d'Alene tends to get more of a spotlight so people pay more attention to what Coeur d'Alene government does in terms of function and services," he said.

At 64, Jim says he has no immediate plans to retire and will stick around "as long as they want me." Based on how well he is fitting in at City Hall, it's likely he'll be here for quite some time.

