



In The News

Spring Message from the Mayor

I am writing this note as the white stuff is still covering the ground and more is falling as I write. So, welcome to spring in North Idaho. Please accept my genuine appreciation for all of your efforts this winter. Whether plowing around cars, responding to emergencies in foul weather, or calming concerned citizens, winter and grey skies can be challenging.

I look forward to spring and the first blossoms that will delight our senses. For you winter types, better get in your last ski trip, snowmobiling trip, or just snowshoeing across a meadow, spring is on the way. Here is hoping for less grey and more warming rays from the sun as we transition to warmer sunnier weather.



- Mayor Jim Hammond

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TRAINING SAVES LIVES

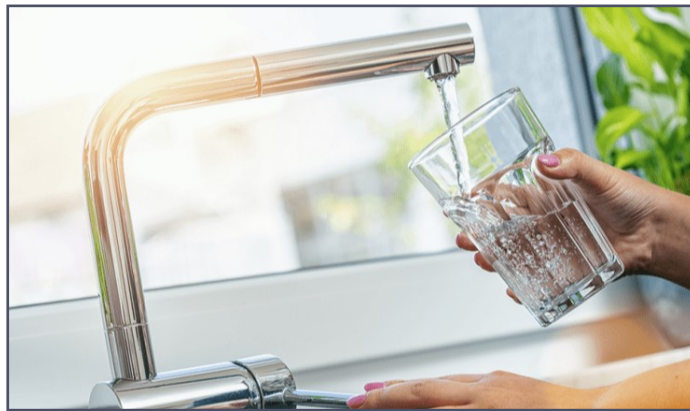
Coeur d'Alene Fire Department Paramedics received EMS Training from Kootenai County EMS System's Medical Director Dr. Luther on tools and techniques when dealing with difficult airways.



Spring Start-Up Irrigation Backflow Assemblies

Landscape irrigation systems make watering lawns and gardens convenient and save time, but water that may be contaminated can potentially be back-siphoned or backflow into your drinking water.

To protect your drinking water from potential contamination by weed killers, pesticides, animal waste, or fertilizers, it is important to have an approved backflow prevention assembly/device properly installed on your landscape irrigation system. It is equally important to be certain this backflow prevention assembly is performance-tested annually to ensure that it is functioning properly.



Annual backflow assembly testing is required by the State of Idaho and City ordinance. Irrigation backflow assemblies must be tested annually at spring irrigation start up and no later than July 1st of each calendar year. This test, performed by a private - state licensed backflow assembly tester, verifies that the backflow prevention assembly is functioning properly.

A landscape irrigation system not protected by an approved backflow prevention assembly, or protected by an assembly that is not functioning correctly, endangers the health of a household, neighborhood, and the entire community.

If you have any questions contact Gary Alan Nolan at 208-769-2298.

Coeur d'Alene Parks Facilities

The City of Coeur d'Alene has thirty two (32) parks and thirteen (13) of those have covered picnic shelters that can be reserved for events. Parks with reservable picnic shelters include:

- [Bluegrass Park](#)
- [G.O. Phippeny Park](#)
- [Landings Park](#)
- [North Pines Park](#)
- [Riverstone Park](#)
- [Shadduck Lane Park](#)
- [Sunshine Meadows Park](#)
- [City Park](#)
- [Johnson Mill River Park](#)
- [McEuen Park](#)
- [Ramsey Park](#)
- [Sunset Park](#)
- [Winton Park](#)

Information on guidelines, rules and regulations can be found [here](#). For more information on park shelters and reservations, call the Parks Department at 208-769-2252.



G.O Phippeny Park



Johnson Mill River Park



Sunshine Meadows Park



Riverstone Park

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](#).



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

Yoga for You!
Mondays in April
10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Just Add Color: Adult Coloring
Program**
April 3 and 17
12:00 pm

Community Sew-In
Thursdays
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

A Caregiver's Guide to Finances
Monday
April 10, 1:00 pm

Q&A with Author Julie Weston
Thursday
April 20, 5:00 pm

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



Earth Day Celebration - April 22



Celebrate Earth Day on April 22, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Coeur d'Alene Library. Join the Library for activities, booths, and presentations inside and outdoors.

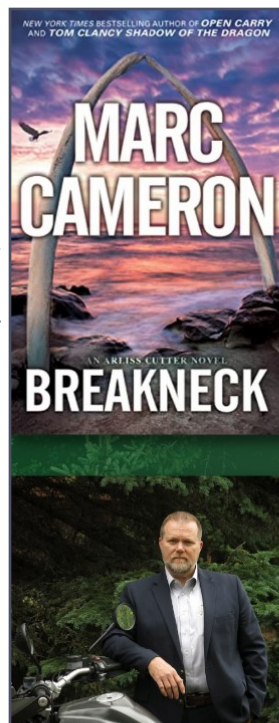
The outdoor festivities will be held on the park side of the library. The Library is bringing together a number of local environmental organizations for a fun outdoor Saturday of games, giveaways, and learning. The planet is an amazing place, but it needs help to thrive! That's why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation.

Crime. Corruption. Nature.

It's wilderness night at the Coeur d'Alene Library with New York Times bestselling author Marc Cameron on April 26 at 7:00 pm. Join the Library for an evening conversation with the Jack Ryan author.

Mr. Cameron will be speaking about his new book "Breakneck," the fifth in his Arliss Cutter Series. Cameron, a native of Texas, has spent over three decades in law enforcement. Fans of Tom Clancy, James Patterson, and Michael Connelly will enjoy this book and author. Doors open at 6:30 pm. No host bar. Unique items to be raffled off at the end of the event.

To register, click [here](#).



Spring Cleanup

The City of Coeur d'Alene Streets & Engineering Department will soon begin its annual spring clean-up program with City-wide street sweeping. Crews will sweep on arterials, hills, and collectors to pick up the leaves and needles which have fallen naturally over the winter, as well as accumulated debris. Street sweeping reduces dust and creates a pleasing environment that benefits the entire community. The stormwater drainage crews will follow with the cleaning of City catch-basin drains. The removal of sand, rock, and debris from the basins prevents pollutants from blocking the drainage system and discharging into the lake and river.

Spring Clean-up tips:

- Sweep your sidewalks as soon as possible. It is okay to sweep sand from sidewalks into the gutter of the street for sweepers to pick-up. **DO NOT** place piles of leaves, needles, and other debris in the gutter because sweepers cannot handle large piles. Any piles will not be removed by the City. Please do not blow or sweep into the travel lane or middle of the street. Once the sweepers have passed, please refrain from sweeping additional debris into the street as it will not be picked up by the City.
- Do **NOT** put debris such as sod, garden or wood waste, limbs, or branches in the street.
- If possible, move parked cars when the sweeper is due to be in your neighborhood.
- Trim low hanging branches and limbs from your curbside trees, shrubs, or plants to allow the sweeper to clean as close to the curb as possible. Tree pruning information is available on the City's Urban Forestry Division webpage. Please visit the following link for additional information: <https://www.cdaid.org/806/departments/parks/urbanforestry>.

A map on the City's website will show when crews are scheduled to move into the residential neighborhoods and it will be updated. Follow the clean up progress [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Streets and Engineering Department at 208-769-2235.

Dedicated Firefighters Raise \$20,000

Coeur d'Alene Firefighters Chad Matchell, Scott Robinson, and Greg Thaxton recently participated in the 32nd Annual Firefighter Stairclimb on Sunday, March 12, in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), raising \$20,000.

The LLS Stairclimb is the world's largest on-air stairclimb competition and annual fundraiser held at the tallest building in Downtown Seattle, the Columbia Center. Over 2,000 career, volunteer, and retired firefighters climbed the skyscraper in full turnout gear (weighing over 60 pounds) while on-air. All proceeds raised directly benefit LLS, with over \$20 million being raised since 1991.



6th Annual Free Compost Weekend

On April 15 and 16 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, the City's Wastewater Department will be giving away free compost. This is a self-serve event located at 3500 N. Julia Street. Trucks and trailers are welcome, but please no heavy equipment. Bring shovels and buckets and give your garden a head start this growing season.

For more information, contact the Wastewater Department at 208-769-2281.



Adult Softball League Information

2023 SUMMER SOFTBALL TEAM INFORMATION

League Director-208-769-2250

Alternate Numbers- 208-769-2314/ 208-769-2253

Team Registration fees and entry deadlines: **PRESEASON DEADLINE** **LEAGUE DEADLINE**

Men's/Co-Ed/Men's Church	\$745 (13 games)	April 7 th	April 14 th
Coed Church/Short Coed	\$590 (10 games)		April 28 th
Seniors	\$590 (10 games)		April 14 th

GAME NIGHTS FOR LEAGUE PLAY:

LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS

COED	MONDAY or TUESDAY	APRIL 24
MEN'S	THURSDAY/WEDNESDAY(BACKUP DAY)	MAY 4
MEN'S CHURCH	WEDNESDAY	MAY 3
COED CHURCH	WEDNESDAY	MAY 17
COED SHORT	WEDNESDAY	MAY 17
SENIORS	WEDNESDAY	MAY 3

COED Preseason tournament April 14-16th-\$100- 2 game guarantee

Men's Preseason tournament April 21-23rd-\$100- 2 game guarantee

Payment information: We accept cash, check(payable to CDA Recreation) or charge(subject to 2.5% fee). Please note that in the case of a refund request, the charge convenience fee cannot be refunded.

Teams will receive 12 game balls at the time of registration. Additional balls are to be purchased at the team's expense. Game balls must be a legal USA SOFTBALL approved ball. Men's softballs are to be 52/300 and Women's are to be 44/375.

MANAGERS MEETING ALL LEAGUES: Monday April 17th, 2023 – 6 PM – WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. A representative needs to attend so your team is aware of any new rules the city is implementing.

GAME SCHEDULES: All game schedules will be emailed to the contact person/manager listed on the roster. Please make all contact information legible at the top of the roster form.

RAINOUTS/CANCELATIONS: Information on game cancellations will be communicated via email and text message through our website. If you do not receive these forms of communication, it is your responsibility to contact the Recreation Department to receive this information. We will also post the information on our website and facebook page.

ROSTERS: TEAMS WILL NOT BE PUT ON THE SCHEDULE WITHOUT A COMPLETE AND SIGNED ROSTER FORM. ROSTERS MUST BE TURNED IN ON OR BEFORE THE LEAGUE DEADLINE.

PLAYERS MAY ONLY BE REGISTERED ON ONE TEAM PER EVENING.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 208-769-2250.