



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Farewells and Welcomes

December is always an exciting time, but this year it comes with a touch of bittersweetness. Sadly, the time has come to bid goodbye to Mayor Steve Widmyer. Mayor Widmyer has faithfully and expertly served the City and the people of our community as mayor for the last eight years. Beginning with his first election in 2014, he spearheaded and devoted much time and energy on such defining projects as the beautiful Atlas Waterfront, the inspiring K-27 Memorial, the visionary East Sherman revitalization, the innovative relocation of the White House for the Museum of North Idaho, and the much-needed Downtown Parking Garage. His passion for history led him to help rescue the historic Hamilton House, which now is home to a music conservatory. Mayor Widmyer presided over many community events throughout his tenure, including countless parades and dedications, and he enjoyed giving back to the community he loves---reading to children at the Library, ringing the bell at Christmas, and participating in backpack donations and food drives. It is without any doubt that he will continue to support and give back to the community as he returns to private life.



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NATALIE MOSS RECORDS SPECIALIST POLICE DEPARTMENT

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Records Specialist Natalie Moss to learn more about her role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:

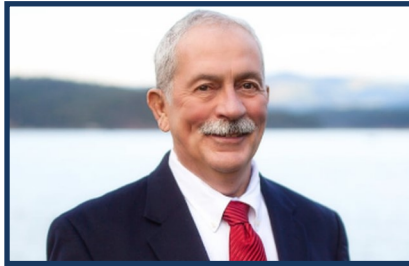
I grew up in Northern California and graduated in 2002 from California State University Monterey Bay with my bachelor's degree in marine

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In January we will welcome Jim Hammond as our new Mayor. No one comes to such a responsible position with more experience, talent, and vision. Mr. Hammond has served our community and the region for many years as an Idaho State Senator, Mayor of Post Falls, and City Administrator for Coeur d'Alene. We at the City look forward to his return to our team and to the leadership he will bring.

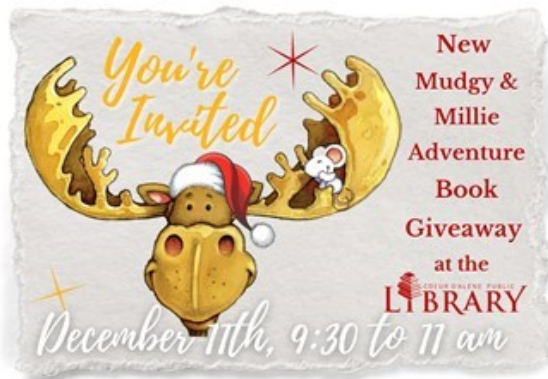


Finally, we welcome (again) re-elected Councilmembers Woody McEvers, Kiki Miller, and Amy Evans, who will continue to serve our great City and its citizens with distinction.

Congratulations to our new and continuing elected officials. We are looking forward to another productive year at the City of Coeur d'Alene.

Troy Tymesen, City Administrator

New "Mudgy & Millie" Book Giveaway



Join the fun on Saturday, December 11, from 9:30-11:00 am, in the lower parking lot on the McEuen Park side of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library, for a new "Mudgy and Millie" Adventure book launch and free giveaway. There will be a drive-through for the

new "Mudgy & Millie Adventures: Africa" book. Participants will remain in their vehicles and "Mudgy & Millie", author Susan Nipp, Santa, and Library helpers will hand each child a paperback copy of the new adventure.

biology. I then started my law enforcement career in 2007 when I was hired as a dispatcher for the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. I spent twelve years with that agency where I was a training officer, tactical dispatcher, and a dispatch supervisor. I continued my dispatch journey when I got hired by the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office where I worked as a dispatch supervisor for two years. I am excited to take this next step in my law enforcement career with the Coeur d'Alene Police Department.

What kind of training do you need to be a Records Specialist?

My background in dispatch has helped with having knowledge of the computer aided dispatch system, familiarity with the area, and knowledge of the different record management systems that the department uses.

What does a Records Specialist do?

My job includes helping citizens when they come into the lobby of the police department with various requests such as fingerprinting and public records request. The job includes processing and entering all paperwork for arrests, citations, accidents, and other miscellaneous reports.

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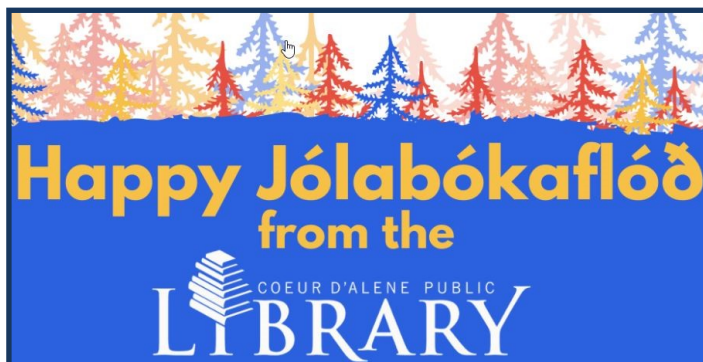
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The original “Mudgy & Millie” was published in 2008 with its royalties, and those for “Mudgy & Millie” merchandise, going to the Coeur d’Alene Public Library Foundation. Its release coincided with the unveiling of Terry Lee’s bronzes and the opening of the 2.5-mile trail in cooperation with the City of Coeur d’Alene. The “Mudgy & Millie” Trail Map continues to be a popular attraction for visitors and community members alike and is asked for frequently at the library.

“Mudgy & Millie Adventures: Africa” is author Susan Nipp and illustrator Charles Reasoner's fourth “Mudgy & Millie” adventure; “Mudgy & Millie Adventures: Australia” was published in 2018, and “Mudgy & Millie Adventures: Costa Rica” was published in 2019. Hardback copies of the new book are available to purchase at Figpickels Toy Emporium and they will be holding a book signing event on December 12.

Celebrate Jólábókaflóð with the Library this December and receive a free book!

Jólábókaflóð (pronounced yo-la-bok-a-flodt) is the Icelandic tradition of book giving. It began in WWII, when paper was far cheaper than imported goods so Icelanders began a tradition of giving books as gifts. The Coeur d’Alene Library started this tradition last year and is excited to continue it! This December, community members are invited to stop by the library to pick up a free gift-wrapped book. We have books for people of all ages, though the adult books are the most numerous.



What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy that I get to do different tasks on a daily basis. I work with a great group of people who help each other out and make the Police Department a great place to work.

What about your family and interests?

My boyfriend Brian and I have lived in North Idaho for a little over two years. We have two dogs, a horse and chickens. We love to go camping and hiking whenever we can. We love that there are so many areas to explore here and hope to see them all. We are grateful for the opportunity to live in such a beautiful place.

What do you love most about Coeur d’Alene and North Idaho?

I love how beautiful the land is here and all of the outdoor activities it has to offer year round. I love that North Idaho has all four seasons and each one has its distinct beauty. It truly is a beautiful place to live and I really enjoy the slower pace of life.

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Coeur d'Alene Firefighters Local #710 Mobile Santa Food Drive 2021

December 17 -23 your Coeur d'Alene Firefighters will be driving Santa around the neighborhoods of Coeur d'Alene collecting food and cash donations for the food bank and spreading the Christmas spirit. The goal is to collect over 5,000 pounds of food to help those families in the community that need it this holiday season.

Santa's Itinerary:

- December 17 – West of 7th ST, South of Appleway Ave.
- December 18 – East of 7th ST, South of Appleway Ave.
- December 19 – East of Hwy 95, North of Appleway/Best Ave.
- December 20 – West of Hwy 95, North of Appleway, South of Kathleen Ave.
- December 21 – West of Hwy 95, North of Kathleen Ave, South of Hanley Ave.
- December 22 – West of Hwy 95, East of Atlas Rd, North of Hanley Ave, South of Prairie Ave.
- December 23 – West of Atlas Rd, North of Hanley Ave, South of Prairie Ave.



Santa's sleigh is an old fire truck that has been decorated with Christmas lights and plays Christmas music. When you hear the music or see the sleigh, come outside, donate some food, talk to Santa and get a candy cane! Santa will be on the road from 4:30 pm-8:30pm each night.

Santa won't be able to visit every street in Coeur d'Alene, so please go the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department [website](#) and use the Santa Tracker to find out where he is and come track him down, so you (and your kids) will be assured to see Santa.

City of Coeur d'Alene Holiday Closures

On Thursday, December 23, Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31, Coeur d'Alene City Hall will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Most other city offices and facilities will be closed as well. Emergency calls for Police, Fire, and Streets can be made by dialing 9-1-1. Other city facilities have emergency numbers and can be reached if the need arises: Sewer Back-up 208.769.2241 and Water 208.755.9729. There will be no delay in garbage pickup.

City Hall and other city facilities will open Monday, December 27, and Monday, January 3, at 8:00am. For more information, please call 208.769.2300.






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CDA Police Foundation Hospital Toy Drive

The CDA Police Foundation kicked off its annual children's Hospital Toy Drive on Saturday, November 27, at the Hayden Walmart. Many children will spend the holiday season in a hospital fighting through or recovering from illnesses. These young patients will be without the comfort of home, family and gifts. While they can't bring home and family to these young patients, the goal of the CDA Police Foundation is to bring some holiday cheer by providing them with gifts, smiles and well wishes. CDA Police Foundation members and Coeur d'Alene Police Explorers will be volunteering to collect donations on December 11, and December 18, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Hayden Walmart located at 440 W. Honeysuckle Avenue. During the past five (5) Toy Drives, the community has generously donated approximately \$93,000 in gifts and cash, all of which was delivered to local hospitals in time for the children to enjoy new toys Christmas morning. All toy and cash donations are tax deductible.

2021 Hospital Toy Drive Wish List

Please note that all donations must be new. Donations can be dropped off with us at the Hayden Walmart between 9 and 3 on 11/27, 11/11, and 12/18. They can also be dropped off any during business hours at Anchored Coffee Company, the Coeur d'Alene Cosmic Cowboy, and in the CDAPD lobby. You can also donate and get additional information through our website www.cdapfdn.org.

<p>Infant/Toddler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rattles and Teethers Pop-up Toys Light-up Stacking Toys Ocean Sound Aquarium (or similar) Musical Light-up Toys Wipeable Blocks (such as Duplo) Stuffed Animals <p><i>Fisher Price, Leap Frog and Vtech Brands suggested</i></p> <p>Preschool/School Age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego sets for boys and girls (top request) Fisher Price - Medical kits, Little People Sets, and Imaginext Transformers Nerf Toys Match Box cars Plastic Cars & Trucks Thomas the Train & Friends Bluey themed toys and games Action Figures Barbies RC Cars, trucks, small drones, etc. LOL Dolls Dress-up costumes <p>For Parents of Hospitalized Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candles, lotion sets, shaving sets Portable batteries for electronic devices Aroma therapy, throw blankets, gift cards Wallets, slippers, socks, scarves, gloves Cooking utensils, tools, fishing gear 	<p>Teens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nintendo Switch Games (top request), Xbox Games, PlayStation Games—rated E or T Wireless Controllers Pajama Pants/Sets, Sweatshirts, Fuzzy Socks, Hoodies Sports Equipment Gift Sets Gift Cards—Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc. <p>Books, Crafts, Games & Entertainment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uno! (top request) Fidget Toys— Bubble poppers, stress balls, monkey noodles, spinners, etc. (top request) Coloring Books—all ages (top request) Board Books and Golden Rule Books Bluetooth Speakers (top request) Bluetooth Headphones (top request) Padded Headphones Puzzles sized between 20 and 500 pieces Activity kits Movies and Books (Spanish and English) Rubik's cubes Crayola brand crayons, markers, colored pencils and watercolors Craft Kits and Books Play-dough and cutting/rolling accessories Model Magic <p>Donated toys and other items help comfort kids and ease their fear and anxiety during their hospital stays.</p> <p>Thank you so much for helping bring them a bit of joy during their difficult time.</p> <p>Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Coeur d'Alene Police Foundation.</p>
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Holiday Word Search

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- PRESENTS
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- FIREWORKS