



# In The News

## Coeur d'Green Giveaway 2023



What a terrific weekend to give away compost! This year the Wastewater Department rerouted traffic to get people in and out faster. The result was a record setting 800 cubic yards of compost. That's almost 20% of their annual production.



In fact, they gave so much away, they're nearly out of compost. However, thanks to community support, this is truly a renewable resource and they already have more "cooking" that will be ready in a month.

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

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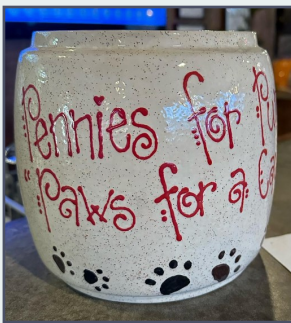


## **SUPPORT FOR IDAHO DISASTER DOGS**

Thank you to the Coeur d'Alene Cider Company for sponsoring a Bingo Night to benefit the Idaho Disaster Dogs Search and Rescue Team!



From left to right:  
Bear, Murphy and Scout



Firefighter/paramedic  
Chad Matchell

## **Coeur d'Alene Police Need Your Help**

Video surveillance has always been an important tool to help solve crime and often becomes an extremely important piece of evidence detectives look for when solving cases.

In Coeur d'Alene, detectives frequently use surveillance footage to help solve all types of crimes from homicide to thefts, and the quicker video surveillance footage is obtained, the quicker suspects can be located and arrested. As surveillance technology has developed and become less expensive, more and more people have installed video surveillance at their homes and businesses, including both video doorbells and home and business surveillance cameras. Video surveillance footage is also used for successful prosecution of offenders.

In an effort to more efficiently investigate crime, the Police Department is working to compile a list of people and businesses who have surveillance cameras. This will allow detectives to contact anyone who may potentially have surveillance of crimes faster and possibly prevent further crime. **The information the Department is collecting does not give anyone at the Department access to surveillance footage, it only gives detectives the names and addresses of people to contact in the event a crime occurs at or near someone's home or business.**



Anyone who is interested in signing up to be contacted in the event a crime occurs near their home or business may go to the Department's [website](#) and scroll down to "Voluntary Public Camera

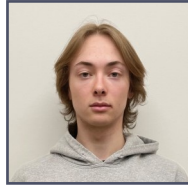
Registration". Again, the information entered will not give anyone at the Department access to surveillance footage.

For questions, please call the Police Department at 208-769-2320.

## *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.

**Ross Berger**  
*Utility Operator*  
Water Department



**Robert Amos**  
*Mechanic*  
Streets Department



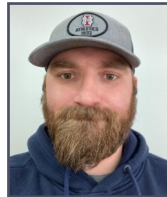
**Georg Earley**  
*Utility Operator*  
Water Department



**Cody Wilson**  
*Utility Operator*  
Water Department



**Bryan Eiting**  
*Mechanic*  
Wastewater Department



**Tyler Rhoads**  
*Utility Operator*  
Water 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](#).



## *Youth Baseball and Softball Registration*

Boys and girls ages 5-13 may register May 1 – 12 for our summer baseball and softball program. League play begins around July 5 and lasts for 5 weeks. The age deadline in all divisions is July 10, 2023. The fee is \$25 for city residents, and \$35 for non-city residents. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 208-769-2250.



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

**Yoga for You!**

Mondays  
10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Wildflower Wednesdays**

8-12 year olds  
Wednesdays  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Historical Feet Club**

May 9 and 31  
9:15 am

**Community Sew-In**

Thursdays  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Friends of the Library**

Tuesday, May 23  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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



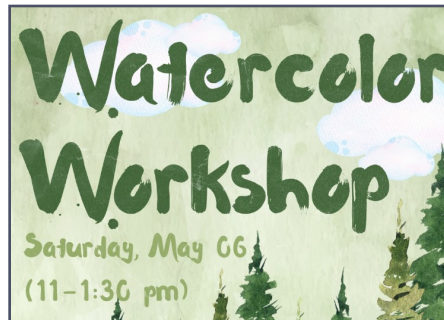
**Wildflower Wednesdays - Wednesdays in May**

Calling all young naturalists! Join the Library on Wednesdays in May from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm to learn about the wild world around Tubbs Hill.



Have fun learning about the area's wildflowers, including what they are called, where to find them, and why they are important. Special focus will be placed on being respectful and responsible while out enjoying nature and having fun. The group will meet in the Children Library's Story Room, before moving outside near the base of Tubbs Hill. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

**Free Watercolor Workshop - Saturday, May 6**



Are you a new artist, or just hoping to learn more about working with watercolor? Join local artist and instructor Donna Bain on Saturday, May 6, from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm for this one-day class.

Participants will practice painting techniques, learn the unique characteristics of watercolors, and create a piece to take home. All supplies for the class are provided free of charge. For more information, contact the Library at 208-769-2315.

**Historical Feet Club**

Join local historians and speakers for two (2) walking tours during the month of May. Tuesday, May 9, there will be a walking tour to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. On Wednesday, May 31, walk the main loop of Tubbs Hill and learn about the geological history of the area.

For more information and walking times, visit the Historical Feet Club on the Library's [website](#).

## *May is National Bike Month*

May is National Bike Month, a celebration of biking as transportation, as recreation, and as essential to our well-being and everyday lives. 40% of all trips in the United States are less than two (2) miles, making bicycling a fun and feasible way to get around.

The City of Coeur d'Alene has partnered with locals, businesses and organizations to provide [fun, safe bicycling events](#) for the whole month of May, with special emphasis on Bike to Work Week. Bike to Work Week is set to take place May 15 through May 19.

Here are a few activities scheduled for Bike to Work Week:

### **Monday, May 15, 7:00 am to 9:00 am**

**What:** Bike to Work Week Kickoff Pancake Breakfast

**Where:** Coeur d'Alene Resort front lawn by the flag

**Why:** To celebrate the start to Bike to Work Week, all cyclists are invited to stop by and enjoy a complimentary breakfast of pancakes, eggs, fruit, pastries and DOMA coffee

**Sponsored by:** The Coeur d'Alene Resort and DOMA Coffee.

### **Friday, May 19, 7:00 am to 9:00 am**

**What:** Bike to Work Day Morning Ride Energizer Stations

**Where:** Pilgrim's Market, University of Idaho Harbor Center, Centennial Trail

**Why:** To celebrate the end of Bike to Work Week, all cyclists are invited to stop by any of the energizer stations across town for a complimentary beverage, snack, and encouragement.

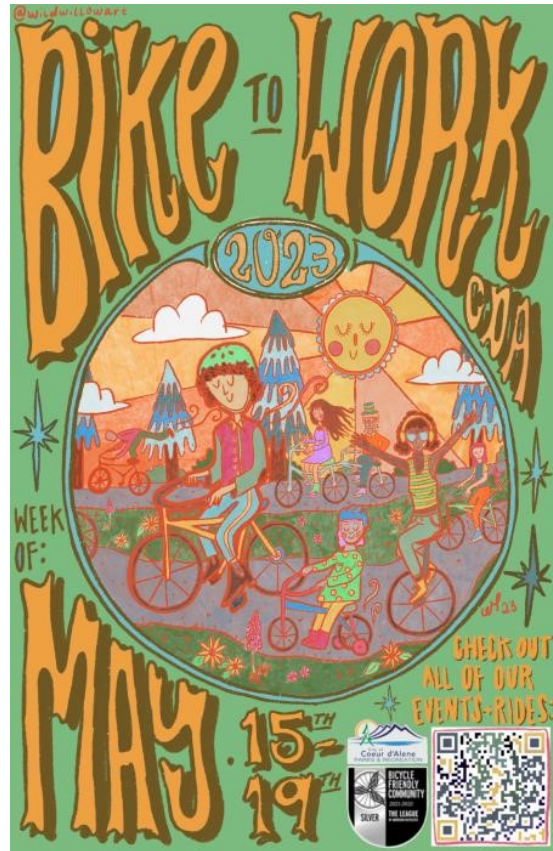
### **Friday, May 19, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**What:** Bike to Work Day Post Ride Celebration

**Where:** CDA Taphouse Unchained & Bottleshoppe

**Why:** To celebrate the end of Bike to Work Week, all cyclists are invited to stop by for a happy hour food spread, two (2) complimentary drink tickets, music and lots of raffle prizes for bicycling participants.

**Sponsored by:** The Coeur d'Alene Resort and CDA Taphouse Unchained and all of the raffle donors.



## *Guidelines for the Protection of Tubbs Hill*

When it comes to public spaces in Coeur d’Alene, it would be hard to find a place as special, important or valued as Tubbs Hill. From hiking and exploring nature to swimming, “Tubbs” provides the public with recreational opportunities year-round. It has a rich history and makes a positive impact on the Coeur d’Alene community, resulting in a public natural area that is treasured by all. It has created memories for both locals and visitors that have impacted generations of “Friends of Tubbs Hill.” Although managed by the City of Coeur d’Alene Parks and Recreation Department, Tubbs is not a park; it is a Natural Area and the City works hard to keep this place as natural as possible.



As people use Tubbs, there are several practices you can follow to protect it for the future. The Hiking trails at Tubbs range in difficulty and there is the opportunity for hikers of all abilities to enjoy a trail. Any trail signage added to Tubbs is done so by the Parks Department with input from the Tubbs Hill Foundation. No private signage, decorations or construction of any kind is allowed on Tubbs.

For safety reasons, biking on these trails however is not allowed. If you want to engage in mountain biking, try out Canfield Mountain and similar natural areas throughout Coeur d’Alene. Always follow the posted rules for any park or natural area.

Bringing your dog on a hike is certainly allowed and encouraged. In fact, there is an off-leash dog park right at the base of Tubbs. If you chose to bring your dog to Tubbs, they must be on a leash. There is a leash law in Coeur d’Alene that will be enforced. For your dog’s safety, as well as the safety and enjoyment of others, please keep your dog leashed and always clean up after your dog.



One of the things that makes Tubbs special is its forest. The trees and wildlife on Tubbs add to its beauty and public enjoyment. Being a natural area, we have a policy that only native trees and plants can be planted on Tubbs. The City plants seedlings through reforestation efforts. If you would like to take part in a planting, we ask that you look for volunteer opportunities and do not take it upon yourself to plant trees on Tubbs. For more information about this, please contact Nick Goodwin at 208-769-2266.

## Guidelines for the Protection of Tubbs Hill, continued



Tubbs is a great place to relax and take in nature. Camping, however, is not allowed on Tubbs Hill. While you are relaxing, do not smoke or start a fire on Tubbs. Pack-in, pack-out and leave nothing but footprints. There are no trash cans in this natural area and so, please, do not litter. It is always important to show respect and consideration for those who will follow you.

If, on your hikes, you ever find a tree that is concerning or if you have questions about tree removals, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department. Removal of or damage to any trees or vegetation on Tubbs or any other City property is not allowed.

Tubbs could have become anything when it was privately owned property. What it became was a gift to this community; it is to be a public space in perpetuity. If it is to remain a safe, clean and natural area, there must be a partnership with the public to keep it safe, clean, healthy, and natural. The City of Coeur d'Alene Parks and Recreation Department asks for your help in following these guidelines and rules, and spreading the word to your friends and neighbors. We ask that you enjoy Tubbs to its fullest extent, while giving it the respect it deserves. We do not take this special place for granted and neither should you. As the weather changes, please come and enjoy Tubbs Hill.

The City of Coeur d'Alene Urban Forestry Division is your ally in caring for public trees and all trees properly. If you have any questions regarding public trees, natural areas, Urban Forestry ordinances, or tree selection and care, you may contact Urban Forester Nick Goodwin at (208) 769-2266, or email at [ngoodwin@cdaid.org](mailto:ngoodwin@cdaid.org) for more information.



## *The City of Coeur d'Alene Building Department is Recognizing May as Building Safety Month*

Building Safety Month is an international campaign celebrated in May to raise awareness about building safety.

### **The Benefits of Building Permits**

The truth is, building permits are very beneficial to you and your community. By working with expert code officials, you will benefit from their knowledge of building codes to ensure your construction project is built right, will be safe, and will last.

More information about Building Safety Month can be found [here](#).

## *The Simple Permit Process with the City*

### *1. Talk to Your Local Code Official*

Your code official wants your project to be a success and will help you avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money. You will be asked some basic questions (What are you planning to do? Where?), advised of any requirements, and, if necessary, referred to other departments for their approval. The code official will provide you with the resources and information needed for compliance with the applicable building codes. You will then receive an application for a building permit.

### *2. Review Process*

The code official will review your plans and determine if your project is in compliance with local requirements. If your plans meet these requirements, a permit is issued. If not, the code official may suggest solutions to help correct the problem.

### *3. Receive Permit*

Now that you have been approved for a permit, you have legal permission to start construction. A fee, based on the size of the job, is collected to cover the cost of the application, the review, and the inspection process. An experienced code official is available to you should you have any questions concerning your project. You should consider your code official as an ally who will help you make your project a success. Separate permits are typically required for electrical, plumbing, and heating or air-conditioning work.



## *The Simple Permit Process with the City, continued*

### *4. Job Site Visit*

On-site inspections will be required to make certain the work conforms to the permit, local codes, and plans. Again, you will have access to the expertise of the code official to help you with questions or concerns regarding the project and to minimize potentially costly mistakes. The code official will let you know approximately how many inspections may be needed for your project. Usually, a one- or two-day notice is needed when requesting visits.

### *5. Final Approval*

The code official will provide documentation when construction is complete and code compliance is determined. You will then have the personal satisfaction of a job done right. Enjoy your new surroundings with the peace of mind and the knowledge that they meet the safety standards in your community. It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores, and other buildings safe for public use. Your safe construction practices help protect you, your family, your friends, and your investment. Be sure to get your local code official involved with your project, because the building department is an important ally, from start to finish.

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***For questions on the Building permit process, call:***

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