



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Poll Shows Support for E. Sherman Revitalization

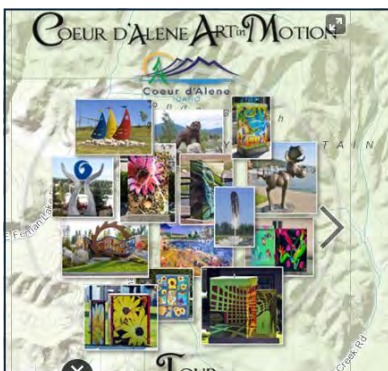
By a wide margin, a majority of citizens who responded to the July CityPoll question (Should East Sherman be Revitalized?) favored moving forward with improvements. There were 140 'Yes' votes and 38 "No" votes. Community Planning Director Hilary Anderson said she was encouraged by the results. "While we know this is not a scientific poll, it indicates that there is broad support in the community to consider ways to create more energy in the corridor." Based on public input so far, here are a few of the endeavors that may be "easy wins" for the project:



- More shade trees
- More landscaping in general
- Pocket park (community garden, green space, Bocce Ball)
- Open-air market with local food

New Brochure Highlights Coeur d'Alene Public Art

A new brochure explores Coeur d'Alene's exceptional collection of public art with a guided tour of the city's expansive collection. The brochure shows the location of 42 pieces of public art across the city. Art lovers can pick up a hard copy at Coeur d'Alene City Hall, 710 Mullan Avenue, or the Chamber of Commerce, 105 N. First Street. Here is a link to the online brochure: <http://goo.gl/21Hz2e>.



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CITY FACES



Tim Martin:

At the Helm of Making Coeur d'Alene Street Smart

The dedicated men and women who serve the city's Street Department do a lot more than patch pot holes and plow snow. The wide-ranging responsibilities of the department, headed by Tim Martin, includes maintaining over 250 center lanes of roadway, striping our streets, collecting tons of leaves, repairing and replacing pedestrian street ramps, and keeping our streets clear of debris. Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Martin to learn more about all the tasks his ever-busy department is charged with.

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Osprey Cameras at McEuen Park Back in Action

The city has restored cameras to all three osprey nests at McEuen Park. Following a brief lapse, the videos are all now in working condition. To view the majestic birds, go to cdaid.org and click on the camera icon on the right side of the page. The most frequently occupied nest is the north. Enjoy the view!



Cd'A to Save \$377K on Public Safety Bond

A lower than anticipated interest rate on a \$6 million public safety general obligation bond passed by voters in May will save the city \$377,000. City Finance Director Troy Tymesen told the City Council at the August 4 council meeting that the secured interest rate through Mountain West Bank is 2.05 percent. The projected rate was 2.96 percent. Tymesen said he was thrilled with the low interest rate offered by the local bank. "It's phenomenal and it's savings we can pass along to taxpayers," Tymesen said.

Cd'A Moves Forward with Trail Improvements

As part of its commitment to providing the best possible citywide trail system for bicyclists, runners and walkers, the city this summer is widening narrow bike lanes. The city's Ped-Bike Committee recently measured bike lanes across the city and determined which trails were too narrow to provide safe passage. "The goal is to correct any deficiencies in our trail system to become a silver-level bicycle committee," said Ped-Bike Committee Chairman Chris Bosley. "To move in that direction, we need to make existing trails as user-friendly as possible."

New Fire Station, Firefighters and Police Officers Coming to Cd'A

As city officials continue to focus on public safety as a top priority, the City Council is moving forward with a 2015-16 budget that includes construction of a \$1.2 million fire station, nine new firefighters and six new police officers. Fire Station No. 4 will be built with funds collected from impact fees (not property taxes) that are assessed to new construction within the city — growth paying for growth.



How long have you been with the city? I started part-time in the winter of 1985, and went full-time in 1987. (Tim was promoted to Street Superintendent in 2006).

Did you always aspire to become Street Superintendent? Becoming the street super was never my goal. I've enjoyed working within the department and city at all capacities.

The wide range of tasks your crews do is admirable. Can you explain? The diversity of the work that we do is very unique. I have the luxury of working with talented, dedicated men and women. Their skills allow us to broaden our scope of assignments.

Fall is "Leaf-fest" season. Our challenge is to corral 1,700 tons of leaves, haul them to a central location, process them with wood chips, and from there they are processed into fuel, and compost.

Then comes winter. Although winter is just a small portion of our budget, it creates the most visibility for the department. Since I've worked for the department I think we have had three of the top five largest snow winters recorded. Everyone here remembers the back-to-back years 2007 to 2009 where we received 300-plus inches of snow.

Springtime is when it is time to clean and wash away winter. Sweepers are out, tons of grit is swept up from the streets, sidewalks are cleaned, alleys are maintained, and streets get a fresh coat of striping paint.

Summer season arrives and with that is construction season. The department maintenance focus is on pavement maintenance. Over 1,400 tons of asphalt will be put down each season repairing potholes and asphalt deficiencies. With over 500 centerline miles we need to take care of the priorities first so a plan is devised each season.

One phase of the department that I would like to speak about is the fleet maintenance. Without their support none of the city

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Midtown Work Ahead of Schedule



Paving of the intersection at Fourth Street and Montana Avenue is ahead of schedule and the city expects work to be completed by August 17. Initially, work was anticipated to last through September 1. However, crews worked hard to finish early to minimize the impact on local

businesses and traffic. Prior to work commencing, the city personally contacted affected business owners to notify them that access would remain open, though there would be detours and delays. The city appreciates the patience and cooperation of motorists and business owners in the Midtown district.

CITY SCOPE

City Council Expected to Accept Donation of BNSF Property

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, the City Council is expected to formally accept an agreement with Ignite CDA (formerly the Lake City Development Corporation) for the donation of Burlington Northern Santa Fe right-of-way. Estimated value of the property is \$755,534, according to Ignite CDA Executive Director Tony Berns.



The land purchase will allow opportunities for trail development, improved public access and economic development along the waterfront. "Without the right-of-way, no one would look at those parcels because much of that property was tied up by the railroad," said Coeur d'Alene Mayor Steve Widmyer. "This is a tremendous opportunity because it opens it up for both public access and economic development."

departments would move. Five individuals collectively maintain over 300 pieces of moving equipment, and over 1,000 assets that go into this rolling stock. Police vehicles are literally taken apart to the frame so electronics, lighting, and various other parts can be installed before cars hit the road. When not working on the city fleet, you will see these individuals plowing snow, working on osprey nests, supporting special events, hauling asphalt, etc.... Again, versatility.

Your staff has been busy in recent years working to improve pedestrian ramps. Can you outline that program? In the spring of 2006, with leadership of Mayor and Council, the city initiated a plan to bring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Priority on ADA compliance has been in the forefront at the highest levels within the city administration and the City Council. During the past seven years, the city has moved aggressively forward and was able to blend general fund tax dollars with grant dollars to bring over 13,000 lineal feet of sidewalk into compliance as well as over 400 PED ramps built into the corners.

Your department recently helped save city taxpayers by working on the Dike Road Recertification process. Can you tell us a little bit about that and what it involved? Again, department diversity. Our talented staff was willing to take on a challenge outside the realm of what people believe they can do. Safety was our first priority on this project. Partnering with Kim Harrington and Gordon Dobler in engineering was fun and we were able to provide another great service to the city taxpayers.

What about family and interests? Spending time with wife, Michele, daughter, Alison, and 8-year-old grandson Riley are important to me. I love baseball (played collegiately), have course background studies in engineering, love the outdoors, camping, hunting, fishing, spending time with my two Labradors (Ticket and Splash) and mule (Bob). One thing on my bucket list for next summer is to traverse the Frank Church Wilderness with Bob.