



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### Mudgy & Millie's Birthday Party—September 14

The 11th celebration of Mudgy the Moose and Millie Mouse will be held on Saturday, September 14, from 11 a.m.—1 p.m., at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Community Room. Join author Susan Nipp and others as they share the stories of Coeur d'Alene's favorite characters. Come and enjoy the music and share some birthday cake!



#### PARK(ing) It on Sherman—5th Annual Block Party

Join us for a block party where parking spaces will be temporarily turned into public spaces as part of Global Park(ing) Day, on Friday, September 20, from 4 p.m.—9 p.m., at the intersection of 14th



Street & Sherman Avenue.

This 5th annual event is part of the visioning and master planning effort to revitalize East Sherman. Hosted by the City of Coeur d'Alene and CDA 2030, the event is free and open to

the public and the celebration will include fun activities, demonstrations, and entertainment. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact CDA 2030 at [info@CDA2030.org](mailto:info@CDA2030.org).

#### Job Opportunities—Coeur d'Alene Police Department

Have you ever considered serving Coeur d'Alene as a police officer? We are currently accepting entry and lateral level

### Newsletter Archives



### CITY FACES



#### **Greg Thaxton:** **Firefighter Paramedic**

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Firefighter Paramedic Greg Thaxton, to learn more about his role with the City.

**Tell us a little bit about your education and experience:** In 1998 I went through Butte College's Firefighter 1 Academy and after completion of that program I continued on to Butte College's Paramedic program. I was then accepted into Chico State University and concurrently I began my

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applications. Visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid> for more information, as well as information about other City of Coeur d'Alene job openings.

## Envision Coeur d'Alene Website Release

Imagine Coeur d'Alene in 20 years. What is your vision for your community?

Envisioncda.org is Coeur d'Alene's visioning and long-range planning project website created to help develop a roadmap to the future and a citywide plan to serve our community from 2020-2040. Visit the website for project information, answers to frequently asked questions, and ways to get involved and stay informed.



Envision Coeur d'Alene will offer a variety of surveys, community meetings, visioning sessions, mapping exercises, and much more. Stay tuned for public meetings in various locations and formats to get the entire community involved. The first such event is the **Launch Event**, which will take place on Thursday, September 26 from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at the Innovation Den, 418 E. Lakeside Avenue.

## *Your voice. Our future.*

## Saturday with the Symphony—September 28

Members of the Coeur d'Alene Symphony orchestra will play classical music in a program just right for children on Saturday, September 28, from 12 p.m.—1 p.m., at the Coeur d'Alene Public

Fire Service Career as a volunteer/paid-call Firefighter in 2000 with Butte County/Cal Fire. During this time I met the girl who would become my wife, and we embarked on a long distance relationship. Growing tired of being so far away from her, I moved back to Ventura County and accepted a full-time paramedic job with Gold Coast Ambulance. I continued to chase my desire to become a full-time Firefighter. In 2002, I was hired by the Arcadia Fire Department, where I worked for 4 years. During my employment in Arcadia, I was also able to complete my Bachelor's Degree at California State University - Long Beach. I then accepted a Firefighter job with the Ventura County Fire Department, working there for 10 years. For the last 5 years of my employment at VCFD, I had moved to Hayden and was commuting back and forth. I took a test with CDA Fire, and was offered a job here just over 5 years ago. I am happy to be living in such a beautiful place — my family and I have been living here for 10 years now.

**What are your current responsibilities and special projects that you are involved with?** I am a Firefighter Paramedic, which by the very nature of the job means that we wear many hats. I am involved with NIC's Firefighter 1 Academy as an instructor, am in charge of the CDA Fire Department's High School Cadet program, am involved in a number of other committees through the CDA Fire Department, and am always trying to learn as much as I can and help to make this the best Fire Department that it can be.

**What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job as a firefighter, and why?** I get the most joy out of helping people — from helping someone up and off of the floor, to being a member involved in a successful resuscitation effort, the end result is that as Firefighters, we truly love to help

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Library Community Room. After the short program, children can get up close and personal with musicians to find out what it is like to play an instrument. For more information, call 208-769-2315.



## Kids Costume Exchange—October 5

On Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m.—Noon, the Coeur d'Alene Public Library will be hosting a Kids Costume Exchange in the Library Community Room. Swap instead of shop for your child's costume! Have children's costumes you no longer need? During the month of September, the Library will be accepting donations of clean, gently used children's costumes at the Coeur d'Alene Library



Children's Circulation Desk. Those who donate will receive a ticket for early bird entry to our Kids Costume Exchange. Early bird admission is from 10 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Not able to donate a costume? No worries! General admission will be from 10:45 a.m.—Noon. All may come and look for costumes during general admission, regardless of whether they donated. This is a free event. Costumes available while supplies last. For more information, call 208-769-1315, or email Mandi Harris at [mharris@cdalibrary.org](mailto:mharris@cdalibrary.org).

## Become a Student Representative to City Committees!

The City of Coeur d'Alene is seeking youth representation on City Commissions, Boards, and Committees. Service on these boards gives high school students between the ages of 14-18 an unprecedented opportunity to learn about city government, special projects, and to become involved in the community. For more information, visit [www.cdaid.org/volunteer](http://www.cdaid.org/volunteer) or email Amy Ferguson at [amyf@cdaid.org](mailto:amyf@cdaid.org). The deadline to apply is September 30.

people. On a daily basis we are tasked with a variety of different calls and problems to solve, and as a team we come together to make sure that each of our customers is as happy as they can be with the outcome.

**What does customer service mean to you?** Customer service is essential to the Fire Service, and a great source of pride within the CDA Fire Department. With every call, I try to treat the customer how I would want my own family member treated, by doing what is expected and then going above and beyond that to provide exceptional customer service.

**What do you love about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho?** I love everything outdoors. I love the seasons and the weather that comes through. I love the mountains and gorgeous lakes. I love exploring the expansive backcountry and enjoy all the wildlife there is.

**What about your family and interests?** We are animal lovers. We have four dogs, four cats, two horses, and one sheep. I guess when I say "we" love animals ... it's my wife that loves them the most. I can't say no to her! We loving camping, music, sports. My daughter did 4H for several years, and is currently playing soccer at Lakeland HS. When I am not working, I also enjoy playing drums, woodworking, and anything that involves being active.

