



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel Retires



Chief Kenny Gabriel has been in the Fire Service for 37 years, 31 of those with the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department, and now he has decided it is time to hang up his hat. He has served as a reserve firefighter, dispatcher, firefighter, and engineer. He was promoted to Chief of the CDA Fire Department in October 2000. Kenny's primary

focus has always been on his firefighters, ensuring that they are the best trained firefighters in the area with the best tools to do their job safely.

Twenty years ago, he successfully moved the Department from 2-man apparatus to 3-man apparatus which was a major undertaking. His vision of adding stations and firefighters led to the opening of Station 3 at Cherry Hill, and Station 4 in the northwest area of the City. He most recently worked to find a new permanent home for the City's fireboat (Station 5) at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Marina.

On top of his responsibilities as Fire Chief, he has instructed Nationally and Internationally, stressing firefighter safety and survival; he has published articles in numerous fire service publications and is well known and respected throughout the U.S. He currently serves on technical committees for S.O.S. Fires (a national group of professionals who work on the juvenile firesetter problem in the nation); and is the chair of the State Committee for Fire Officer Development.



### CITY FACES



#### MORGAN ZAJICEK

#### FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC FIRE DEPARTMENT

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic Morgan Zajicek to learn more about her role with the City.

#### Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:

I started on the path of an emergency medical services provider in 2018 with the EMT class offered through North Idaho College (NIC). Since then, have I gained experience by working and

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Throughout his career he has served on many state, regional, and national committees and boards honoring both the City and his Department with skill and professionalism. His accomplishments are many, yet he chooses to shine the spotlight on his firefighters, rather than himself. Chief Gabriel has done a great deal to contribute to the growth of the fire service both locally and nationally.

His leadership has been the catalyst for preparing the City's firefighters to provide the highest quality service to the City's residents and guests. It will be difficult to say goodbye to such a remarkable leader and the City wishes him the best in his next chapter of his life.

## **Message from the Wastewater Department: What is Safe to Flush?**

There are many things that advertisers claim can be flushed down the toilet, but unless it is toilet paper, human waste or wastewater, chances are good it should not be flushed. If an item cannot dissolve and become part of the water flow, it should go into a solid waste receptacle.

Here is a list of non-flushable items:

- Baby wipes, facial wipes, disinfecting wipes
- Diapers
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Clothing
- Wash cloths, towels and rags
- Sponges
- Bandages
- Floor sweepers or dusters
- Dryer sheets
- Tampons and sanitary napkins
- Dental floss
- Cigarette butts
- Dental floss
- Hair
- Chemicals not used to clean toilets
- Razors, syringes and needles
- Vitamins and medicine
- Coffee grounds
- Plastic of any kind



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volunteering with a couple different agencies around the area and going through a paramedic program. My goal has been to work for the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department.

### **What kind of training do you need to be a Firefighter/Paramedic?**

A Firefighter/Paramedic is trained in both areas. The Firefighter role combines knowledge of fire behavior and building construction with proficiency in various skills using tools and hoses to perform many tasks at a fire scene. The Paramedic role requires formal training through a school, building on the foundation of what was learned as an EMT.

### **What does a Firefighter/Paramedic do?**

A big part of what we do is directed by the calls we receive. When someone in need calls 911 with a problem, get to help them solve it, fix it or, in the case of a medical call, provide initial care and transport them to someone who can give them the definitive care they need.

### **What do you enjoy most about your job?**

Every day I get to learn something about the job, about our department or about myself. This helps me understand how to perform my job better. I get to work with many individuals who are great at teaching and want to see each other succeed.

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### ***Services Offered at the Coeur d'Alene Library***

Did you know that the Coeur d'Alene Library offers a wide range of services to the public besides lending books? Stop by and let one of the Librarians help you with any of the following:



- Book-A-Librarian for help with things like word formatting, setting up email, business and market research and book recommendations
- Chromebooks, Hotspots and Roku
- 3-D Printing
- Interlibrary loans
- Early learning kits
- Wireless printing
- Meeting spaces
- Seed library

### ***Family Storytelling Workshop and Cakewalk***

Join the Library on Saturday, February 26, for a Family Storytelling Workshop! Meet in the Community Room from 2:30 pm -5:00 pm and meet guest presenter Patrick Mitchell, founder and fatherhood expert from the national organization of Down to Earth Dad.



This super fun event will engage parents and families and describe how storytelling develops literacy skills. Patrick will help families begin to share their history, heritage, and culture through storytelling.

There will be snacks, prizes, and a cakewalk! Registration is required. Give the Library a call at 208-769-2315 ext 651.

### **What about your family and interests?**

I moved up to Coeur d'Alene six years ago from Colorado to take care of my grandmother and be closer to family. I am grateful to have my parents, siblings and cousins' families in the area. I enjoy helping others and being involved in my church.

### **What do you love most about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho?**

Coeur d'Alene has so much to offer! Community involvement, enjoying the arts, summer on the lake or in the surrounding woods. I have seen and experienced that we are a community who takes care of each other.

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## PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# The Cd'A Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee now has openings.

The pedestrian/bike committee is made up of members that represent different aspects of our community. The following openings are available:

1 The Walking Community

2 The Retired Community

3 Landscape Architect/Engineer

4 School District 271/Legal Community

5 The Running Community

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

To apply, scan the QR code on the side or  
contact Monte McCully at [MMCCULLY@cdaid.org](mailto:MMCCULLY@cdaid.org), or call (208) 292-6766





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## History of Coeur d'Alene Word Search

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- AWL
- STEAMBOATS
- TIMBER BOOM
- PLAYFAIR PIER
- FUR TRADERS
- RAILROADS
- SCHETSU'UMSH
- LUMBER MILLS
- FORT SHERMAN
- SILVER
- TOURISTS
- WHITE PINES

