



In The News

Message From the Mayor

Holy Moly! It is a new year! It is said that time flies when you are having fun, we must be having fun, it seems like only yesterday that we were trying to remember to write 2023 on all the assorted forms we use.

Heading into a new year gives us the opportunity to reflect on our successes of the last and set goals for 2024. I encourage you to set some goals for yourself that will create more joy and good health in your life. Set goals, not out of guilt, but to ensure you provide time for fun and enjoyment of family and friends. Diet and exercise goals are great but try to be realistic so the goals are activities you will enjoy and will be good for you.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with some very kind and competent staff who ensure the success of city operations keeping us safe and healthy. I am thankful for the kindness and spirit of the good people of Coeur d'Alene who continue to contribute to our common prosperity. Blessings to all and best wishes for an excellent year in 2024.

-Mayor Hammond



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Engineering 208.769.2235

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Legal 208.769.2348

Library 208.769.2315

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Planning 208.769.2274

Police 208.769.2320

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Preventing Frozen Pipes



When cold weather arrives, the city receives calls regarding frozen pipes. Most often the freeze-up occurs on the customer's side of the meter due to exposed pipes. This is the customer's responsibility.

Customers can reduce their chances of having their pipes freeze by taking a few steps as outlined below:

- Make sure you have disconnected all outside garden hoses.
- Check your foundation or crawl space vents – if they aren't covered, or the vents aren't closed for the winter, they should be, and they can be insulated.
- Along with foundation vents, check for any other openings that might cause wind to blow into your crawl space. A frosty draft quickly primes a pipe to freeze.
- Exposed pipes freeze first. If you have a crawl space, make sure these pipes are covered with appropriate insulating material and possibly heat tape.
- On very cold nights, you might want to open the doors on any cabinets installed near an exterior wall. Opening cabinet doors allows warmer, room-temperature air to circulate which helps prevent freezing.
- Be prepared – know where your water shut-off is located in the house or apartment.

If a freeze-up occurs and if the structure is a trailer or a home with a crawl space, go into the crawl space and check the pipe bringing water into the structure. This is most commonly the problem. **DO NOT THAW WITH AN OPEN FLAME!** The best way to thaw the pipe is to use a hair dryer, although it can also be done with a portable or area heater that does not use an open flame. Any electric devices used to thaw frozen pipes should be placed in such a way so that they do not get wet should the pipe begin leaking water once the ice is thawed.

You can prevent a recurrence by making sure the pipe is covered with insulation (heat tape is best) and ensuring that the vents and openings are closed. The second most common cause of a freeze-up is an outside faucet where a hose has been left in place. You can use the same methods as above to thaw it out. It is not recommended that people leave water running. While this can be an effective way to prevent freeze-ups, people often run too much of a stream of water and end up with very high utility bills. Utility billing will not adjust bills for customers who choose to do this.

When thawing a frozen pipe, it is a good idea for the customer to know how to turn off the water. Most houses have a master shut off. If ice has split a pipe, the water won't run until it has been thawed out. Water pipes usually aren't high maintenance household items until they freeze and burst. With a little preventative care now, you can avoid frozen pipes.

If you have any questions about preventing freeze-ups, call the Water Department at 208-769-2210.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Happy New Year! The CDA Fire Department would again like to ask for the community's assistance to "Adopt a Hydrant." During a structure fire, every minute counts for the Fire Department's ability to save a structure from complete destruction and water is the best weapon.



As the snow falls and temperatures get colder, the Fire Department asks that citizens take a few extra minutes while shoveling to ensure that neighborhood fire hydrants are also clear and accessible for the Fire Department.

Please take a few extra minutes to clear out a space three feet (3') in diameter around a hydrant. Once snow freezes or the berms from the snow plows cover a fire hydrant it takes precious time and manpower for crews to locate and dig them out for use.



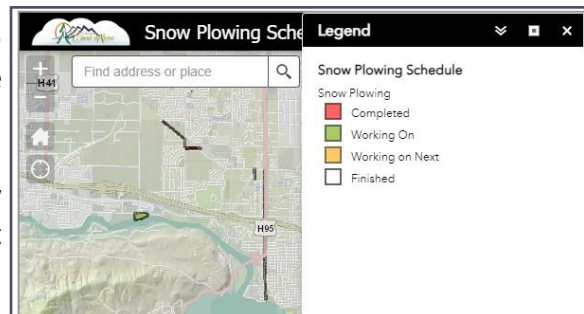
A bit of extra time now could make the difference for citizens if the Fire Department needs a hydrant. Coeur d'Alene is a wonderful community and there have been great efforts in the past to help neighbors and the Fire Department.

Please share photos of your clear fire hydrants to the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department's Facebook page or email them to cetherton@cdaid.org. Thank you from the CDA Fire Department.

Snow Information

To stay up-to-date on how snow can impact the city, visit the [Snow Information page](#) on the City's website.

Here you can find information on the City's Snow Plan, storm names, and an interactive map that follows the plowing schedule in real time.



If you have a specific question, please call the Streets and Engineering Department at (208) 769-2235.

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

Yoga for You!

Mondays
9:30 am - 10:30 am

Winter Baby Story Time

Ages 0-18 months
Tuesdays
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Paws to Read

All Ages
January 8: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
January 22: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturdays with Gizmo

Ages 12 and up
January 27: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Stronger in Mind & Body

Wednesdays
10:00 am

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



Cover to Cover with Levity Theater

Calling all book and comedy lovers! Come experience live comedy like you've never seen before! On Thursday, January 11, at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room, join local improv group Levity Theatre for an exciting family-friendly show as they interview local author Amber Laura Young to discuss her work and journey of becoming a published author. Her answers will be used to inspire a series of improvised comedy sketches that will leave you in stitches!



Reserve your tickets [here](#). Donations and walk-ins are welcome.

Financial Education for Kids

Financial Education (Grades K-3)

Thursday, January 18, from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



What is money? Join Global Credit Union at the library to learn all about money, how it works, and the value of saving. This is a great opportunity to prepare young kids for the future with money management skills and responsible financial habits. There will even be fun goodies to take home to make this a memorable experience. [Registration is required.](#)

This event is intended for children grades K-3.

Financial Education (Grades 4-8)

Thursday, January 25, from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Plan for tomorrow! Join Global Credit Union at the library to learn how to make money, set goals, and budget responsibly. An experienced instructor will help your child become a future consumer that's knowledgeable in financial matters. In addition to the tools they'll need for the years ahead, participants will also go home with some fun goodies! [Registration is required.](#)

This event is intended for children grades 4-8.

Lock It or Lose It

Auto burglaries are on the rise and it's common for victims to be targeted when stopping briefly to drop a child off at school. Recent burglaries occurred when the victim stopped briefly to drop off a child at school. The victims were only away from their vehicles for a few minutes. During the time they were away, the suspect opened a door and took each victim's purse.



This specific type of auto burglary is often committed by large criminal organizations from outside of Coeur d'Alene. Criminals travel to different cities targeting schools, daycare facilities and gyms because wallets, purses and other items of value are often left inside unsecured vehicles. Criminals then cash checks and use credit/debit cards from the victim's bank.

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department would like to remind citizens to lock vehicles when they leave them, even if only for a few minutes. Take wallets and purses with you and leave other valuable items at home or out of view. By taking a few easy steps, you can avoid being a victim of this type of crime.

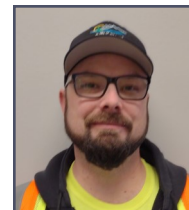
Welcome New Employees!

A warm welcome to the following new City employee. The City is privileged to have these talented individuals join as new team members.

Patricia Sacco
Permit Technician
Building Department



Christopher Polsgrove
Collection Operator I
Water Department



Jacob Millard
Treatment Operator I
Wastewater 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](#).



Mobile Santa Was a Big Success!

A heartfelt thank you to the Coeur d'Alene community for supporting another year of the Mobile Santa, who visited local neighborhoods over seven (7) nights this Christmas season.

Here are some stats shared by the Fire Department:

- 7 nights of Mobile Santa
- 250+ hours volunteered by department members
- 75+ hours volunteered by family members
- 3,000 candy canes handed out
- \$2,808.84 dollars collected
- 7,777 pounds of food donated

