



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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Annual 4th of July Events Scheduled



The annual Kiddie Parade kicks off the 4th of July celebration here in Coeur d'Alene. This year's parade will be held on Friday, July 3. A crowd favorite, the Kiddie Parade begins at 10:00 am at 10th & Sherman in downtown Coeur d'Alene and continues to Independence Point. The theme for this year's parade will be "Salute to our Military and First Responders." For more information, call 208.769.2250.

The Parade and festival in the park are still scheduled to happen at this time.

One of the most notable annual community events is the 4th of July Celebration. The event is funded entirely by the CDA Chamber through sponsorships, member businesses and citizens donations.



The festivities begin with a parade down Sherman Avenue starting at 15th Street and ending at Government Way. Crowds will then move toward City Park for activities, live music and food vendors. The theme for the 2020 parade is "Reunited Coeur d'Alene."

Mayor's Awards In the Arts

The Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeking nominations for the 25th Annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts. Please note that nominations must be submitted by August 31, 2020. The Mayor's Awards in the Arts is an annual event, held each year in October. Please consider nominating a deserving individual, student, business or organization for this award. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Guidelines and a 2020 Nomination Form.



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TERRY LEIGH

PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Public Works Inspector Terry Leigh to learn more about his role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I have been with the City for 25 years. I started as a heavy equipment operator

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During this time of social distancing, we are encouraging citizens to utilize all services as indicated below.

Utilities Department – All payments can be made as follows:

- Drop Box in front of the main lobby at Coeur d'Alene City Hall
- By phone at 866-549-1010, Enter Bureau Code 5141077
- Online at www.cdaid.org/payments/Login

Building Department

- Most services can be done through www.cdaid.org/building
- You can drop off any paperwork in the Drop Box in front of Coeur d'Alene City Hall
- Homeowners must call the Building Department at 208-769-2267 for an Appointment
- For Inspections, please call the Inspection Line at 208-769-2391

Planning Department

- 208.769.2274
- Email: planningdiv@cdaid.org
- Online at www.cdaid.org/planning

Business Licensing

- 208-769-2229

To apply online, go to: www.cdaid.org/License

New Meeting Laws During This State of Emergency

- A Proclamation by Governor Little clarified the open meeting laws during this state of emergency, including appropriate physical distancing of 6 ft., and an option for the community to attend meetings timely through telecommunication devices. Comments will be taken during the Public comment portion of the meeting by indicating a raised hand through the Zoom meeting application. Public comments will not be acknowledged during any other time in the meeting, unless there is a public hearing noted. Public comments also can be provided in writing in advance of the meeting .

Send comments to:

- **June 16** – City Council Meeting — renata@cdaid.org
- **June 9** – Planning Commission - handerson@cdaid.org

maintaining the streets and storm drainage systems of the City. Plowing snow, chasing water, filling potholes, paint striping, and paving were just a few of the tasks over the years I experienced. I later became a field supervisor for the stormwater maintenance, then was promoted to field supervisor for Streets Department, and am now a Public Works inspector for the City. I worked for a private local contractor firm before the City, installing water and sewer lines for both private homes as well as large commercial projects and everything in between. I have had the opportunity to attend a variety of training programs that I believe have made a positive impact on my career with the City.

What are your current duties and responsibilities:

Currently as a Public Works Inspector, I monitor and inspect all things happening in the public rights-of-way. I do plan reviews for commercial projects to ensure items needed are included in the plan and review the stormwater management systems. I review and stay involved with new subdivisions from the time of review to the final stages of completion. I am involved with periodic traffic count studies at various locations throughout our City. I also do my best to keep the City stormwater GIS map up-to- date. I am happy to be able to jump in and assist in any other tasks in the Streets and Engineering Department when needed .

What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job, and why? Being a part of a large team of experienced and talented

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Anne Frank Memorial Tree Replacement

Since 2006, a Japanese Stewartia tree has been at G.O. Phippeny Park with a plaque dedicated to the memory of Anne Frank. In April, the tree suffered damage due to vandalism. It's unfortunate, and surprising, how many trees are injured due to vandalism in our parks and public spaces. To bring attention to public tree vandalism, the Urban Forestry office reached out to the Coeur d'Alene Press in hopes of getting the public's help in finding the responsible party. The response by our community was impressive, to say the least.



The Urban Forestry office was contacted by many concerned citizens hoping to help replace the memorial tree. With the assistance of New Leaf Nursery in Hayden, the Urban Forestry office was able to find a 4" caliper, roughly 12-foot-tall, beautiful Japanese Stewartia tree. Donations from the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center and the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations Board helped purchase the tree.

After working with the original donor, who has chosen to remain anonymous, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Greenwood and Urban Forester Nick Goodwin chose a new location for the tree just southeast of the toddler playground in McEuen Park. In this location, the tree is easily observed by City staff and under the watchful eye of security cameras. Parks Department staff, including two certified arborists, planted the tree on May 21st.

The Parks Department sincerely appreciates all those that took part in replacing this special tree: The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Crock Center, the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations Board, New Leaf Nursery, and the Coeur d'Alene community. And a big thank you to the original donor!

individuals is a big part of why I like to work for the City. I have witnessed many times over the years that it is not one person or one department that makes this city run smoothly, but a large network of individuals each having different skills, working together as teams. I also enjoy working with the contractors and homeowners helping to ensure that City standards are followed and that roads, sidewalks, and drainage are built safely and will last for generations to come. At times this can be the most challenging but also the most rewarding parts of this job.

What about your family and interests?

I met my wife of 28 years over 31 years ago and have a beautiful daughter who is living close by. Both are red heads so you can imagine that can be an adventure all in itself. We enjoy road trips and getting out to see the country. I enjoy tasting all the craft beers and seeing all the new breweries that are popping up wherever we travel. Another of my interests is working with outdoor lighting and having people enjoy the odd creations I have come up with using both new and old discarded lights and fixtures.

What do you love about Coeur d'Alene, and North Idaho?

Everything about this area is fantastic; over 8 seasons of weather, long and short days, wide open spaces and crowded cities, rolling hills and flat farm land. Travel in any direction and within a few hours you can be in a completely different landscape and climate. The bottom line is everything about this area is a beautiful in its own way.

