



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Don't Miss Parks Day July 12

A full day of fun and festivities is just around the corner as the city's Parks Department prepares to celebrate Parks Day at the newly opened McEuen Park on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The event begins with a free pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. cooked by the Panhandle Kiwanis. There will be a free hot dog lunch at noon sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Kiwanis and a free hamburger dinner cooked by the local Lion's Club. Kids Day activities will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



All day entertainment includes the Sorensen Jugglers, The Angela Marie Project, Carli Osika, KOSH, Jazz Northwest, Coeurly Q's Square Dancing and the Youth Marimba Band. The locally famous Rhythm Dawgs will play in the evening.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit cdaidparks.org or call 769-2252.

Record 651 Participate in IronKids



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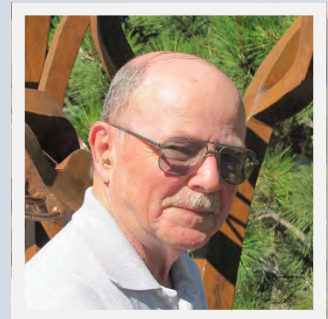
Coeur d'Alene City Park was overrun with active youngsters on June 26 as the city's Parks Department sponsored IronKids for the fourth consecutive year. For just \$5, kids up to 14 years old received a T-shirt, medal and bib number to participate in the 1-mile run.

"The first year we took over the race, we had about 300 kids participate. The next two years showed those numbers rising to close to 400 participants,"

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CITY FACES



Sid Fredrickson: Chronicling 75 Years of Wastewater Treatment in Cd'A

When you turn on a faucet and water comes out, ever wonder where the water came from? Probably not. The same is true when you flush a toilet. Not many of us think about what happens on the other end. Yet the process of dealing with the waste is a highly technical — and expensive — endeavor.

The city of Coeur d'Alene was a trailblazer in the handling of sewage, building its first

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said Monte McCully, trail coordinator for the Parks Department. “This year, thanks to increases in advertising efforts, the number of kids running in the event hit 651!”

The race is funded by Regence BlueShield. The Parks Department is responsible for advertising, registration, handing out shirts, bibs, medals and liquids. All proceeds fund improvements to trails and bikeways in the city, McCully said. “This year, we raised over \$3,200!”

Cd’A Fire Calls Set All-Time Record High in May

Coeur d’Alene firefighters had the busiest month in the history of the department in May, responding to 713 calls for service, or an average of 23 calls per day. The average number of calls for May is 572, according to Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel.



“Our increased calls for service are all over the map — it’s not any one type of call in particular,” Gabriel said.

“What’s interesting is that May is not a typical peak month because we don’t have the influx of tourists and the weather isn’t usually nasty.”

Prior to the record May, the highest monthly call total in the history of the department was 695 in July 2013, according to statistics released by the fire department. Historically, July is the busiest month for the department. “I think what we saw in May is just going to be the norm,” Gabriel said.

Cd’A Seeks \$375K Grant for 3 New Cops

The Coeur d’Alene Police Department is pursuing a \$375,000 Federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to fund three new officers. The new cops would bring the total number of sworn Coeur d’Alene police officers to 75, said acting Police Chief Ron Clark.

If the grant request is approved, the officers would work out of the substation on the 1400 block of Sherman Avenue. That office space is currently being renovated and is expected to open later this summer. “This would enhance public safety in the south part of Coeur d’Alene,” Clark said.

treatment plant 75 years ago in 1939. The secondary treatment plant was among the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest and provided an advanced form of treatment that would not be required by law for another 33 years.

“It was very unusual for a city of our size to have secondary treatment back then,” said Sid Fredrickson, Coeur d’Alene’s wastewater superintendent. “The plant was built for a population of 15,000 people and in 1940, we only had 10,000 people living in the city — and not all of those were on sewer.”

A curious history buff, Fredrickson began combing through archives to learn more about the treatment plant from its early years to the current high-tech plant with an estimated value of \$100 million. Over the past 15-plus years, Fredrickson has compiled a comprehensive history of the plant, complete with decades-old pictures and impressive data on the evolution of the plant.

There will be an Open House at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Friday, August 1st, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to recognize the 75-year anniversary of the facility, located at 765 W. Hubbard Ave., off Northwest Boulevard

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YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

McEuen Park Project Maximizes Efficiency

Several innovative components at the reconstructed McEuen Park help to lower costs of maintenance and operation of the 20-acre park. These include:

- A computerized irrigation system that adjusts watering times based on the vegetation's need for water.
- LED lighting throughout the park that uses only 20%-25% of the energy and lasts up to 25 times longer than the traditional incandescent bulbs.
- Water from the splash pad is recycled through a 60,000 gallon holding tank situated below the Harbor House and used to irrigate the park.
- Compost used at the park called Coeur d'Green™ is made from byproducts of the municipal wastewater treatment plant using an innovative form of biosolids management.
- 1.35 million cubic feet of the parking structure excavation was kept on site and redistributed for landscaping, saving the cost of hauling and dumping.

CITY SCOPE

Funding Available to Benefit Low-to-Moderate Income Cd'A Residents

The city of Coeur d'Alene is accepting competitive grant proposals for projects or services that benefit low-to-moderate income people or neighborhoods, and/or promote job creation/economic development. Any individual, profit or nonprofit organization, business, or governmental agency may apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds. Applications may be submitted for two plan year periods, 2014 and 2015, for independent programs/projects.

Available funding for 2014 is \$120,000. Funding for 2015 has not yet been determined.

A Workshop will be conducted on Friday, July 11, at 1:30 p.m., in the Coeur d'Alene Old Council Chambers at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan. The Workshop will provide basic information regarding the City's CDBG Entitlement Program, expectations for proposals under this Request for Proposals, and an opportunity to ask questions regarding the project Application and procurement process. Information: 772-0584, ext. 3023.

Fredrickson offered these interesting facts about the city's treatment of sewage:

- Since Fredrickson was named wastewater superintendent in 1991, the plant has undergone \$67.8 million in expansion and upgrades to increase capacity and improve discharge purity.
- The treated effluent released into the Spokane River is cleaner than the river water itself, with the exception of higher levels of phosphorus.
- Because of all the waterfowl and swimmers, the water at City Beach in the summer has 10 times the amount of fecal coliform bacteria than what is released from the plant into the river.
- Coeur d'Alene had secondary wastewater treatment 20 years before its larger neighbor to the west—Spokane.

Fredrickson, who plans to retire in a year or so, supervises a staff of 25 at the wastewater treatment plant. He joined the city in November of 1986 as street superintendent and became wastewater superintendent in May 1991.

Over the years, Fredrickson has been recognized numerous times for his contribution to wastewater treatment. One of the honors he is most satisfied with is the William D. Hatfield Award presented by the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association. The award is presented to operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.