



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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Vacation Rentals Survey

The City of Coeur d'Alene's zoning code currently does not allow vacation rentals by right (enforcement is complaint-based), and it is seeking to gather feedback from a wide range of local stakeholders as the city works toward providing a legal means of operation for vacation rentals. Please click the link below to take the survey—your time and honesty is appreciated!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VR4CDA>



Fire Department 2015 Stats

In 2015 the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department responded to 7,835 calls for emergency service, with increases in certain types of calls such as structure fires, and wildland fires due to the hot, dry weather. In September of 2015, the council approved the 2015-16 budget which included the hiring of nine new firefighters and the building of a new fire station 4 near Hanley and Atlas. This station will be paid for using impact fees from new development and will help to provide a faster response to



citizens in that area of town. Station 4 will also help to ensure that the apparatus in the other three stations have a better chance to stay in their areas and provide faster responses to the rest of the City, a strategy outlined in CDA Vision 2030.

In addition to emergency responses, FD crews amassed a total of 13,249 hours of training. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter with the City of Coeur d'Alene, we will be testing for positions in May. Check the City's webpage, www.cdaid.org, the Fire Department's website, www.cdafire.org, or the FD

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CITY FACES



Bill Greenwood: Creating Opportunities for Rest, Relaxation and Recreation

Bill Greenwood, the City's new Parks & Recreation Director, walks the talk when it comes to healthy living and an active lifestyle. Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Bill (it wasn't easy!) to learn more about his new role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your professional background: I started out as a Forestry major in Central California and then turned toward a more horticultural pursuit. I began working as a landscaper and propagator. I then worked for a savings

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Facebook page for more information.

Panhandle Kiwanis Grant

The Panhandle Kiwanis Club has provided a \$500 grant to the Coeur d'Alene Public Library in support of the 28th annual Writers Competition at the library. The Writer's Competition is for fiction and nonfiction prose up to 2,000 words judged in age groups from 6 to adult. The Panhandle grant will support cash prizes given in each age group and category—\$100 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. Entry forms and rules are available at the library, 702 E. Front Avenue, the Lake City Public Library at 6101 N. Ramsey Road, and under the EVENTS link at cdalibrary.org. The deadline for entries is March 31st.



Become a Volunteer on the City's Urban Forestry Committee!



The City of Coeur d'Alene has a vacancy on the Urban Forestry Committee. Members of the committee are appointed by the Mayor & Council and serve for a 4 year term. To fill out an application and receive consideration for appointment, please visit www.cdaid.org, click on "I want to ...", and then click on "Volunteer." Applications can also be picked up at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue. For more information, please call Katie Kosanke, Urban Forestry Coordinator, 769-2266.

Library Computer Workshops Offered for March

Computer workshops for beginners and those who want to improve their skills will be offered at the Library during March. Participants can register for the workshops by calling the Library at 769-2315 or by visiting the Research and Information Desk at the library, 702 E. Front Avenue. The free 90-minute workshops will be at 10:30 a.m. for each session and will be offered in the Community Room. The workshops are supported in part, by a grant to the Library Foundation from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Workshops will include: PowerPoint on March 14th; E-Mail on March 22nd; and Facebook on March 29th.



Become a Volunteer on the Arts Commission!

The City of Coeur d'Alene has two vacancies on the Arts Commission. Members of the commission are appointed by the Mayor and Council and serve for a 3

and loan in Fresno California maintaining the landscape of a 15 acre business complex and overseeing landscape maintenance at 7 banks. After that, I ran my own business for 16 years and then decided to make a change and moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1997 and began working for the City of Coeur d'Alene in 1998 as a Lead worker. Seven months later I became the Parks Superintendent and in January 2016 I accepted the position of Parks & Recreation Director.

What is your vision for the future of the Parks & Recreation Department?

I have been extremely fortunate to have two outstanding individuals that I have worked closely with, Doug Eastwood and Steve Anthony, who paved the way before me. We have a great team in all of our divisions and are excited about what the future holds for us. We will be breaking ground soon on the Mullan Road Improvements which include the Memorial Plaza, with a placeholder for the Carousel, some new parking, and with the softening of Mullan we will have a safer pedestrian crossing between City Park and Memorial Field. We have another park to build near the Hawks Nest subdivision, another softball field to build at Cherry Hill, and 29 acres of BLM corridor to develop. We are currently working on the Fernan Trail system and last year completed the accessible trail on the east side of Tubbs Hill. With the pending approved lease of the BLM corridor along Northwest Boulevard we will be acquiring the "Blue Building" at River and Northwest Boulevard and our Recreation Superintendent is excited about the programing possibilities there. We continually have our finger on the pulse of the community to provide new programs for different needs.

Tell us about some of the functions of the Parks Division? "Build it and they will come" and, boy, do they ever! Since I began with the city 17 years ago we have built 13 parks and

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Idaho Disaster Dogs

Idaho Disaster Dogs is a non-profit (501(c)(3) group that trains and maintains disaster search dogs as part of the Idaho Technical Rescue Team. Started 11 years ago by two Coeur d'Alene Firefighters, team members now include firefighters from the Coeur d'Alene FD, Northern Lakes FD, and several volunteers from the community. The canine team currently has six active live find teams and 1 recover team. Most recently added is Captain Lucas Pichette (CDAFD) and K-9 Reggie to the team and they have begun training. Training a canine team includes both the handler and the canine. It typically takes two years to get a team fully trained. At the end of the training period, the canine team must pass several evaluations to become certified. The team is voluntary and is supported by fund raisers and donations.



Sewer Rate Increases Take Effect April 1, 2016

The City of Coeur d'Alene is in the middle of a series of multi-year sewer rate increases which take effect on April 1st. The final year of the increases will occur in 2018. The increases were approved by council in 2013 and are necessary to pay for the bonds needed to finance improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. To view the sewer rate schedule, visit www.cdaid.org/63/utilities/sewer-service.

Planting for the Future: Re-Leaf CDA Offers Residents Free Street Trees



The City of Coeur d'Alene has announced the availability of street trees to be planted in public right-of-way area within the city limits through the CDA Re-Leaf program. Trees are planted at no cost to the homeowner to enhance our neighborhoods. More information, and a response form are available online at www.cdaidparks.org. You can also send an email to

kkosanke@cdaid.org, or call the Urban Forestry Division of the Parks Department at 769-2266.

open space parks. The Parks division offers an outstanding parks system that rivals much larger cities and our crew takes great pride in their stewardship of the 30 public parks, trails and open space totaling 584 acres. We also manage Forest & Riverview Cemeteries and greenspace near the cemeteries for a total of 35 acres along with providing burials and lot sales.

Tell us about some of the functions of the Recreation Division: The Recreation Division does all of the programming and planning of our 40 activities. This division works 7 days a week supervising open gyms as well as all gym programs. The recreation staff also provides all of the infield maintenance and lining of the ball fields, and also works in conjunction with the Specialized Needs Recreation of Kootenai County.

What is Urban Forestry? Urban Forestry takes care of the forest within our urban setting, which is over 21,000 street trees, 5,000 park trees and all the open space that is parkland. We have been awarded Tree City USA for 31 years. We have four certified arborists on staff and just completed the pruning for our street overlay and are continuing to prune for the damage of the 2015 Windstorm and the snow load damage.

What about your family and interests? I have four children and one granddaughter, including a son living in California and one living in Australia. I live in Hayden with my wife, Ruth and my two stepchildren, Tristen and Megan, and Jack, the 20 pound cat. We are a soccer family and both kids played high school ball, club soccer, and now Meg plays NIC soccer. Most weekends during the season you will find us on a field somewhere in the northwest. My hobbies include cooking for friends and family, hiking, fishing, kayaking, shooting trap, playing percussions and taking care of the landscaping at home.