



In The News

City of Coeur d'Alene Gives Back

Throughout 2023, the City has given back to the community through many volunteer hours, events and giveaways. Here are some highlights this past year:

- In September, the Fire Department raised \$2,944 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during their Open House and Fill the Boot events.
- Throughout September, the City, in an effort led by the Library, collected food for the Community Action Partnership. Over 890 pounds of food was collected by City employees with another 200 pounds from community members.
- On September 28, City employees spent half a day winterizing the grounds of Children's Village as part of United Way's Day of Caring.



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City of Coeur d'Alene Gives Back, cont.

- In October, the Wastewater Department, in conjunction with the Library, gave over 900 pumpkins away. It was a record year for pumpkins grown on the Wastewater Department's pumpkin patches.
- On October 5, 2023, the inaugural Lawyer in the Library clinic was held at the Library. The program provides an opportunity for low-income individuals and families in Idaho's panhandle to receive free legal advice on a wide array of civil legal issues, including family law, probate, small claims, disability, and elder law issues. Free clinics take place on the first Thursday of each month from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. More information can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.
- The Coeur d'Alene Police Department will be collecting new and used toys for the 8th Annual Children's Hospital Toy Drive which directly benefits local children who may be in the hospital during the holiday season. Last year over \$20,000 worth of toys were collected and distributed to children at Kootenai Health and Sacred Heart.
- On November 2, City employees participated in St. Vincent de Paul's "Souport" to help fund warming shelters in Coeur d'Alene.



The City looks forward to finding more ways to give back to the community in 2024!

Mobile Santa Food Drive



From December 17 -23, your Coeur d'Alene Firefighters will be driving Santa around the neighborhoods of Coeur d'Alene collecting food and cash donations for the food bank and spreading Christmas spirit. The goal is to collect over 5,000 pounds of food to help families in need in our community.

Santa's Itinerary:

- December 17 – West of 7th St, South of Appleway Ave
- December 18 – East of 7th St, South of Appleway Ave
- December 19 – East of Hwy-95, North of Appleway/Best Ave
- December 20 – West of Hwy-95, North of Appleway, South of Kathleen Ave
- December 21 – West of Hwy-95, North of Kathleen Ave, South of Hanley Ave
- December 22 – West of Hwy-95, East of Atlas Rd, North of Hanley Ave, South of Prairie Ave
- December 23 – West of Atlas Rd, North of Hanley Ave, South of Prairie Ave

Mobile Santa Food Drive, cont.

When you hear the music or see Santa's sleigh (an antique fire truck, decorated with lights), come outside, donate some food, talk to Santa and get a candy cane! Santa will be on the road from 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm each night.

Santa won't be able to visit every street in Coeur d'Alene, so please go the [Coeur d'Alene Fire Department website](#) and use the Santa Tracker to find out where he is and come track him down, so you (and your kids) will be assured to see Santa.



Recreation Department Registrations

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Boys and Girls Basketball

The Coeur d'Alene Recreation Department basketball registration will be held from December 11 - January 3 for the Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade boys and girls basketball leagues. The program is set to begin approximately the third week in January and run through mid-March. Cost is \$35.00 for city residents and \$40.00 for non-city residents.

Registration is at the Coeur d'Alene City Hall Recreation Department, 710 Mullan Avenue or online at teamsideline.com/cdaid. Scholarships are available at the CDA Recreation Department office.

Indoor Swim Lesson Registration

Registration is being held on Monday, January 8, for the next six-week session of indoor swim lessons sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Recreation Department and held at Kootenai Health's Therapeutic Pool. Classes are offered for children between the ages of 3-9 years of age, with different swim levels available. Classes will be held on either Monday or Wednesday evenings, or Saturday mornings. Parent-Tot classes are offered on Saturday mornings. Classes start the week of January 15. Registration will take place at the Coeur d'Alene City Hall, in the Recreation Department located at 710 E. Mullan Avenue. The registration fee is \$55.00. There is limited registration, and no pre-registration is allowed.

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

Yoga for You!

Mondays
9:30 am - 10:30 am

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Tuesdays
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Autumn Storytime

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

Autumn Storytime

Ages 18 months - 3 years
Thursdays
9:00 am and 11:00 am

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



Lawyer in the Library

The Coeur d'Alene City Attorney's Office worked with the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program (IVLP) over the summer to bring a free legal clinic to the Coeur d'Alene area. Through a partnership with the CDA Library, that effort came to fruition on October 5, 2023, when the inaugural Lawyer in the Library clinic was held. The program provides an opportunity for low-income individuals and families in Idaho's panhandle to receive free legal advice on a wide array of civil legal issues, including family law, probate, small claims, disability, and elder law issues. Although the volunteer lawyers are unable to assist with criminal matters or fee generating cases, and their assistance is limited to the advice given during the clinic, it is nevertheless an opportunity for those in need to receive free legal advice and counseling from local attorneys willing to give of their time and expertise to help others.

This free legal clinic takes place on the first Thursday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gozzer and Jameson Rooms in the lower level of the Library. **Registration is required** and must be done at least 24 hours prior to the clinic.

While everyone is always welcome at the Library, this event is intended for adults.

**HOLIDAY
GIFT MAKING
WORKSHOP**

Pre-School Gift Making Workshops (3-5 yo) – Wednesdays, December 6, 13 (10-11 am)	Younger Kids Gift Making Workshops (5-8 yo) – Tuesdays, December 5, 12 (4-5 pm)	Older Kids Gift Making Workshops (9-12 yo) – Thursdays, December 7, 14 (4-5:30 pm)
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REGISTER HERE:
[cdalibrary.org/library-events/
register-gift-workshops](https://cdalibrary.org/library-events/register-gift-workshops)

**COEUR D'ALENE PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Kyle Marine Promoted to Water Superintendent

Due to long-time Water Superintendent Terry Pickel's retirement, the City went through the recruitment process for a new Water Superintendent. Kyle Marine was chosen for the Superintendent position.

Kyle began his career with the City of Coeur d'Alene in April of 2004 as a Utility Operator 1 and has worked his way up through the department. Within a few years of being hired, Kyle was promoted to a Utility Supervisor. In 2016, Kyle was again promoted to Assistant Water Superintendent where he had worked closely with Superintendent Terry Pickel to manage the day-to-day operations of the Water Department.



Recently, Kyle was appointed by Governor Brad Little to a three-year term on the Board of Drinking Water and Waste Water Professionals.

A bit about Kyle in his own words:

"I am originally from Sandpoint, Idaho. I grew up on a dairy farm, which instilled in me the values of hard work and responsibility, and a deep connection to open spaces.

I've dedicated over 24 years of my career to the water industry, primarily working with the CDA Water Department. During this time, I've held a variety of positions, such as Assistant Director, Maintenance Supervisor, and Equipment Operator. These roles have allowed me to gain a wide range of experiences and responsibilities." "While my professional life has been fulfilling, my greatest joys come from spending time with my family. Cheering on my sons at their sporting events is a source of pride, and I appreciate opportunities to connect with the great outdoors through activities like hunting and camping.

The values I gained from growing up on a dairy farm, such as hard work and a love for rural life, have continued to shape my character and guide my actions. I look forward to further contributions in the water industry and cherishing the moments that truly matter in life."

Glen Poelstra Promoted to Assistant Water Superintendent

After successfully completing the competitive recruitment process for Assistant Water Superintendent, Glen Poelstra accepted the promotional opportunity to Assistant Water Superintendent. Glen joined the City of Coeur d'Alene team in November 2009 as a Utility Worker apprentice and quickly moved his way up through the water ranks and was promoted in April 2016 to his most recently held position of Utility Supervisor.



Glen Poelstra Promoted to Assistant Water Superintendent, cont.

A bit about Glen in his own words:

“My name is Glen Poelstra and I was born and raised in Sandpoint, Idaho where I grew up on my family’s dairy farm. I worked on the farm with my parents and brother until I was 19 and then began my career as an apprentice electrician working on residential and commercial wiring. Shortly after that, I moved to Coeur d’Alene and worked at R.C. Worst Co. before starting work at the City of Coeur d Alene Water Department. I have now spent 14 years dedicated to the water industry and serving the citizens of Coeur d’Alene. I started as Utility Operator, and with hard work and dedication I was able to acquire the licenses and experience to become the Utility Crew Supervisor in 2016 and now Assistant Water Superintendent. The values instilled in me from my parents while working on the family farm have contributed to my success in my career and as a person.

I grew up playing football and baseball and developed a passion for the outdoors. I love to spend time in the outdoors hunting, fishing, and camping with my wife and daughter. We have a home in Post Falls where we enjoy our time in the back yard growing a large vegetable and flower garden each year. Being a husband and a father has been my greatest accomplishment thus far and I can’t wait to see what the future brings for our family. “

Welcome New Employees!

A warm welcome to the following new City employee. The City is privileged to have this talented individual join as a new team member.

Justin Williams
Maintenance Worker
Parks Department



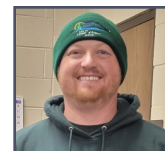
Ginger Hughes
Utility Billing Specialist
Finance Department



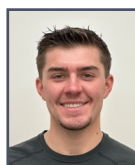
Talia Culbertson
Legal Assistant
Legal Department



Justin Fyfe
Maintenance Worker
Parks Department



Hunter Wabs
Utility Operator
Water 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](#).



***Best Wishes for a safe and happy Holiday
Season from the City of Coeur d'Alene!***