



In The News

CDA Water Department Selected as Drinking Water System of the Year

Every year, Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA) holds a spring water operator conference in Boise. The conference provides much needed operator technical training, and networking with other public water systems to exchange ideas, knowledge, and techniques. The conference also recognizes operator skills and accomplishments as well as system operational expertise and improvements. The City of Coeur d'Alene Water Department has been selected as the Drinking Water System of the Year with the award to be presented to staff at the spring conference. Water Department Maintenance Supervisor, Glen Poelstra, will be presented the award at an evening banquet.

Public water systems are invited to apply for the award by submitting a detailed description of what their water system has accomplished in technical training and operational improvements. Also, as a part of the discussion is what the system does for routine and emergency operations, customer service, system service reliability, and recent improvements made to improve system performance. The IRWA Board, and its staff and employees, known as Circuit Riders which routinely work with water systems all over the state, review the detailed summaries and vote on the recommendations of who should receive the award. Previous winners include the City of Gooding (2022), City of Nampa (2021), City of Ketchum (2020), and the City of Bellevue (2019).

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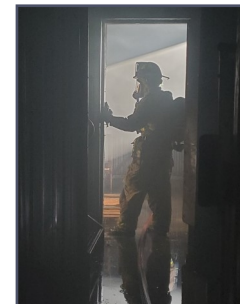
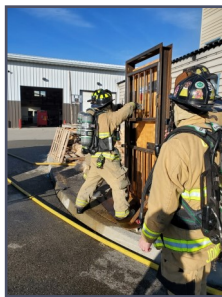
Congratulations to Fire Academy Graduates

A big congratulations to Coeur d'Alene Fire Department recruits on graduating from the City's Fire Academy! The graduates put in a lot of hard work during the eight (8) week Academy and the Fire Department is proud of them. Now they'll go out to care for the wonderful citizens and guests of Coeur d'Alene.



From left to right:

Firefighter/Paramedic Justin McGarvin
Firefighter/Paramedic Cory Miles
Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Munson
Firefighter/Paramedic James LaVille



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

The City of Coeur d'Alene has a number of street trees that need good homes! Street trees are planted at residential locations within public right-of-way areas in the city limits through the CDA Re-Leaf program. Trees are planted at no cost to the homeowner to enhance the neighborhoods and provide many street-side benefits such as mitigating storm water and reducing pollution.

Trees are available to homeowners who are willing to provide care, including watering and protection from mowers and trimmers. Those that are interested should contact Urban Forester Nick Goodwin at 208-769-2266 or by email to



ngoodwin@cdaid.org. There are a limited number of trees and they will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. These trees cannot be used to fulfill street tree requirements/for a refund.

The tree species still available are Emerald Sunshine Elm, Skyline Honeylocust, Kentucky Coffee tree and Princeton Sentry Ginko. If you have powerlines over your planting space, there are a limited amount of powerline rated trees for the sites. Don't worry about the planting; trees will be planted by a contract tree planting crew beginning in April. Interested homeowners are encouraged to apply beginning February 13, as there are a limited number of trees available. The deadline to apply for this program is March 17, 2023. Click [here](#) to download the application form.

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](#).



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

Yoga for You!

Mondays in March
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Construction Crew

Ages 5-12
Tuesdays in March
4:00 pm

Community Improv Night

Ages 13+
Thursday
March 16, 6:00 pm

Weekday Matinee

Tuesday
March 28, 10:30 am

Friends of the Library

Tuesday
March 28, 10:30 am

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



Call to Artists: Library Mural or Sculpture

Coeur d'Alene Public Library is looking to obtain the services of a dynamic artist to visually enhance the external entrance that leads to the Seagrave Children's Library. The Library is requesting proposals from artists that meet its goals while still allowing for independent expression within the concept.

Submissions can consist of mural or sculptural work. The theme is open-ended but artwork should be tailored towards children's interests, fit in with the building's design aesthetic and be reflective of the Library's role within the community.

The allowable budget for artists is up to, but no more, than \$10,000.00. The application deadline is Friday, March 10 at 5:00 pm PDT.

For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

For questions, please contact [Michael Priest](#), Library Director at 208-769-2315 ext. 436 or [Sharalee Howard](#), Youth Services Librarian at 208-769-2315 ext. 439.

Weekday Matinee at the Library

On the last Tuesday of the month through June, start your morning with laughter and free popcorn. At 10:30 am on March 28, the Library will feature the 1940's version of *The Philadelphia Story* in black and white. Running time is 112 minutes.

The *Philadelphia Story* is an American romantic comedy film directed by George Cukor, starring Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, James Stewart, and Ruth Hussey. Based on the 1939

Broadway play of the same name by Philip Barry, the film is about a socialite whose wedding plans are complicated by the simultaneous arrival of her ex-husband and a tabloid magazine journalist.



Save the Date

Shred Day at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library will be Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. For more information, contact the Library at 208-769-2315

Spring Youth Soccer

The City of Coeur d'Alene Recreation Department coordinates a spring youth soccer program for boys and girls in grades K-8.

- K and 1st grades play micro soccer 3 on 3.
- 2nd grade - 8th grade play is 7 on 7.



Children must currently be enrolled in Kindergarten or be 5 years of age to be eligible for the Kindergarten League. Registration will be held at City Hall, located at 710 E. Mullan Ave., from February 20 - March 10. Games will begin in mid-April. Fee is \$25 for city residents and \$35 for non-city residents. For questions, call the Recreation Department at 208-769-2250.

Welcome New Employees!

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

Breven Bazzar
Police Officer
Police Department



Nickolas Blake
Maintenance Worker
Parks Department



Colin Colquhoun
Maintenance Worker
Parks Department



Tyler Long
Maintenance Worker
Parks Department



Jonathan Wychopen
Police Officer
Police Department



Brayden Carman
Collection Operator I
Wastewater Department



Heart of History Award - March 7



The Coeur d'Alene City Council and Historic Preservation Commission will be recognizing the Hamilton House's volunteers, visionary leaders, and property owners who successfully saved the structure from demolition with the first ever Heart of History Award at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. being held in the Library Community Room (downstairs) located at 702 Front Avenue.

Built in 1908 for the 2nd mayor of the city, Boyd Hamilton and his wife, Alta, it has been the home of a number of notable residents of local, state, and national prominence.

Its architectural style, design, and prominent location sets the cornerstone of the historic character of the entire Government Way neighborhood corridor. While serving and enhancing the culture of the community as the home of the Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene, it stands as a beacon of community cooperation and resolve in the face of looming demolition.

The Historic Preservation Commission created the Heart of History Awards Program to recognize historic preservation efforts and encourage other historic property owners to preserve their properties. Awards are available for preservation of historic structures (commercial and residential) including period appropriate restoration, successful listings on the National Register of Historic Places, adaptive reuse of historic buildings, and other honorable preservation efforts. The City's first Heart of History Award will be presented to the Hamilton House.

The City's Historic Preservation Commission recognizes the efforts of the current owners of the Hamilton House, Former Mayor Steve Widmyer and Don "Pepper" Smock (Windermere/Coeur d'Alene Realty, Owner and President), Julianne Dance (Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene, Founder and Director), and historical researchers such as Deb Mitchell, Cindy Nunn, and other collaborators for engaging effectively and steadfastly in rallying the community to act in saving this historic residence, representative of the period and the iconic Government Way neighborhood character, and pursuing a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The volunteers who saw its higher and larger purpose, the visionary leadership, the donors, and particularly the generous investors who purchased it and continue their stewardship and generous philanthropy for community use are collectively recognized. They truly have exhibited a "Heart for History."

For more information about the Commission, visit <https://www.cdaid.org/historic-preservation-commission> . For more information, please contact Hilary Patterson, Community Planning Director, 208-769-2270 or hpatterson@cdaid.org.