



# In The News

## City Council Election Results

The results are in! All three Coeur d'Alene City Council incumbents won reelection and will remain in their positions for another four (4) years. Congratulations to the following City Council election winners:

### Christie Wood, Seat 1

The election was a strong referendum that our citizens are happy with the direction of the City. Our City leaders and our employees work hard to maintain our beautiful community. I am very grateful to the voters for showing so much support. -Christie



### Dan Gookin, Seat 3

I'm grateful to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene who chose credible leadership over extremism this election, and to the support of the many fine employees of the City who showed such tremendous support. The city remains in good hands for the years to come. - Dan



### Dan English, Seat 5

I am very happy and proud that I get to be on the City team for the next four years. Thank you for all your hard work for our citizens. - Dan



### MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

#### Mayor

Jim Hammond 208.666.5754

#### City Council

Dan English 208.819.0940

Amy Evans 208.819.1349

Dan Gookin 208.667.5200

Woody McEvers 208.691.5303

Kiki Miller 208.661.1778

Christie Wood 208.819.5274

### CITY DEPARTMENTS

Main Line 208.769.2300

Building Services 208.769.2267

Engineering 208.769.2235

Finance/Utilities 208.769.2227

Fire 208.769.2340

Human Resources 208.769.2205

Legal 208.769.2348

Library 208.769.2315

Municipal Services 208.769.2300

Parks 208.769.2252

Planning 208.769.2274

Police 208.769.2320

Recreation 208.769.2250

Streets 208.769.2235

Wastewater 208.769.2281

Water 208.769.2210



## *Safely Winterize Landscape Irrigation Systems*

City of Coeur d'Alene water customers will soon start preparing their lawn and garden irrigation systems for the coming cold weather. In this area, the most common practice is to use compressed air to blow out the leftover water in the irrigation piping. When performed correctly, this can be an efficient method to prevent expensive damage to irrigation systems caused by freezing. If performed incorrectly, however, costly damage to backflow assemblies may occur. You also run the risk of contaminating not only your water, but that of your neighbors. The following guidelines will help provide protection to you and other community members from irrigation system contamination.



1. Make sure that the blow-off port where air is introduced into the irrigation system is downstream of your approved backflow assembly. Blow-off ports installed upstream of the backflow assembly may allow oil and contaminated air from the air compressor tank to be back pressured into your potable water service as well as the city water main. High pressure air introduced upstream of the backflow assembly may also damage the internal components of the assembly, resulting in the assembly not properly protecting our drinking water supply, as well as costly repair/replacement of the assembly.
2. If your irrigation system is protected by a pressure or atmospheric vacuum breaker, it must be removed before the introduction of compressed air. These assemblies may be damaged if subjected to air from either upstream or downstream of the assembly.
3. The City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Code requires the backflow assembly to be installed with unions so it may be removed before the introduction of compressed air and stored inside for the winter. If the assembly was installed without unions and cannot be removed to prevent freezing, then it must be thoroughly drained.
4. Remember to perform your required annual backflow assembly test at spring start-up, no later than July 1, to ensure the assembly is operating correctly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Alan Nolan in the City of Coeur d'Alene's Water Department at 208-769-2298.

*Santa Photos and Food Drive at Fire Station #3*



**SANTA PHOTOS  
& FOOD DRIVE**

**DECEMBER 2**  
**10AM - 2PM**

Fire Station #3, 1500 N. 15th St.

Take a photo with Santa for  
any donation of canned  
goods!



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

**Yoga for You!**

Mondays  
9:30 am - 10:30 am

**Creative Arts Club**

Ages 12 - 19  
Teen Zone  
Thursdays  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**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](#).



## Senior Tech Basics

Are you a senior? Are you interested in learning basic internet and computer topics, but don't know where to start? **Senior Tech Basics** is a free ongoing series of classes held at the Coeur d'Alene Library and the Salvation Army Kroc Center, designed to introduce seniors to various digital topics of interest. Three (3) major topics will be covered over the following months: **How to Use a Chromebook, How to Use the Internet, and Cybersecurity: Avoiding Scams and Viruses on the Internet**. This program is held in partnership with the Salvation Army Kroc Center. Chromebooks and materials for in-class use are made available thanks to a generous grant by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

**Registration is required for each session.** The first nineteen (19) seniors to register for a session will be able to work hands-on with a Chromebook during the class!

- Register [online](#)
- Register by phone at 208-769-2315 x434
- Register in person at the Library

**How to Use the Internet** - find out how to navigate websites and search for things on Google. A question and answer session will follow if time allows.

- **Monday, December 11 (1:30 pm - 3:30 pm) at the Salvation Army Kroc Center**
- **Friday, December 15 (10:00 am - 11:00 am) at the Library**

## Holiday Craft Fair - December 2



Save the date for the Library's Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2 in the Library Community Room. The event runs from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and will feature crafts from local vendors.

For more information, contact [JD Smithson](#).

## *Coeur d'Alene on Ice*

The much-loved ice rink in McEuen Park is now open for its 3rd season! For more information, visit [Coeur d'Alene on Ice](#).



## *Tubbs Hill Cleanup*

A big thanks to the Friends of Tubbs Hill, the Coeur d'Alene Parks Department, and community volunteers for coming out on Saturday, October 14 to help clear trash and debris on one of Coeur d'Alene's most beloved treasures, Tubbs Hill.



## *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](#).



## *Tips to Prevent Package Theft This Holiday Season*

It's that time of year when many people will have packages delivered to their home. An estimated 23 million Americans have had a package stolen from their front porch or mailbox. The following are some tips to help avoid being a victim of package theft:

- Have packages delivered to where you are, not to where you aren't. Consider having packages delivered to your office or place of employment instead of your home.
- Use tracking numbers and delivery notifications. Most major shipping companies offer this free service, and can send you a text or email when your package arrives.



- Ask family members, trusted neighbors and friends to accept deliveries on your behalf or to pick-up your packages.
- Request packages be placed in a less conspicuous spot, such as a side door or behind a planter or garbage can.
- Many shipping companies now allow you to request a delivery time or time frame – schedule packages for when someone is home.
- Install a smart security camera at your front door.
- Request signature on delivery when possible.
- Some companies and shippers offer locker service or for packages to be held at the distribution center for pick-up.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and people in your neighborhood and report suspicious activity to the Coeur d' Alene Police Department at 208-769-2320

## *Media Academy Fire Ops Program*

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department would like to thank those who recently participated in the latest Media Academy Fire Ops 101 Program on Friday, October 20, 2023.



The program is based on the International Association of Firefighters' "Fire Ops 101" program developed over a decade ago to show community leaders and elected officials what it takes to do the job of firefighter. The

program has been adapted into an opportunity for our personnel, including Public Information Officers and Company Officers, to meet local media partners and while engaging in a fun and difficult day of being a firefighter.

This year's participants were Maryssa Rillo with KXLY, Bill Buley with the CDA Press, Guy Tannenbaum from KHQ, and Amy Valadez, the Fire Department's Administrative Assistant. They had a full day of activities that included entering a live-fire scenario, performing a search and victim rescue in a smoky environment, cutting a car apart during an extrication drill, and performing CPR during a cardiac arrest. They also climbed the ladder truck's 100' ladder to the top of the fire training tower. Click [here](#) for the KXLY news story.

The program would not be possible without the help of the professional firefighters who act as shadows to the participants, imparting wisdom and ensuring their safety. Program leads were Deputy Chief Bill Deruyter and Engineer/Paramedic Erik Loney. Shadows and other Fire Department safety personnel included: Darren Tolan, Morgan Zajicek, Scott Robinson, Chris Keires, Greg Rod, Mike Bowlin, Kelan McKeirnan, Justin Torfin, Ben Kaiser, Justin McGarvin, Greg Thaxton, and Craig Etherton.



## *Fire Hydrant Artists Needed*

Two City fire hydrants need a face lift and Coeur d'Alene citizens can help! You are invited to submit a fire hydrant design now until November 30. In December, two winners will be announced. Each winner will get to paint their design on one of two hydrants which will be displayed outside of the Fire Department Headquarters downtown.



TO ENTER: download the [template](#) and use the art tools of your choice to design your custom fire hydrant. Email your design to [cdafire@cdaid.org](mailto:cdafire@cdaid.org), or mail or drop off at CDA Fire Headquarters, located at 300 E. Foster Ave. Please include your name and contact information (name and phone number of parent or guardian is required for youth under 16).



## *Christmas Parade and Lighting Ceremony - November 24*

The Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association is pleased to announce the 31st Annual Lighting Ceremony Parade, presented by Idaho Central Credit Union, on November 24, 2023. Watch as the parade entries light up Sherman Avenue as they bring the holiday spirit with this year's theme "A Coeur d'Alene Holiday Vacation" to Downtown CDA with marching bands, dancing, music, and festive floats!

Then gather on The Coeur d'Alene Resort lawn for carols and a countdown to a spectacular firework display complements of the Hagadone Corporation. At the end of the show, the switch is flipped and over 1.5 million lights brighten the downtown area!



The parade starts at 5:00 pm at 8th and Sherman Ave and travels west down Sherman Ave to the intersection of Government Way and Northwest Blvd.



# City of Coeur d'Alene **LEAF-FEST** Begins November 13th

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 2023 marks the start of the City of Coeur d'Alene's annual leaf pick-up program. Please be sure to **KEEP** leaves on your property until **Wednesday, November 1st**. After Wednesday the 1st, please rake your leaves and pine needles about one foot away from the gutter/curb line to allow for water drainage. City crews and equipment are limited, so we need your help. Leaves will be picked up only once. Please do not put leaves in the street after city crews have completed your area and **do not** include bagged leaves, branches, debris or trash.

Pick-up will start south of Sherman Avenue and move north. We expect completion before December 1st. Follow our progress on [maps.cdaid.org/leaf](https://maps.cdaid.org/leaf)

## LEAF-FEST DO'S & DON'TS

### DO:

- **KEEP** leaves and needles on property until **Wednesday, November 1st**.
- Please move cars off the street if at all possible during leaf pick-up.
- Keep the leaves about one foot away from the curb line to allow drainage.
- Be alert for leaf pick-up equipment traveling through your neighborhood.
- Keep a safe distance away from leaf pick-up heavy equipment.
- Recognize that we have a tough job to do in a very short window between when the leaves fall and when the snow flies.
- City and private trucks are exempted from covering loads during the leaf pick-up period. Sweepers will follow city trucks to collect remaining/excess leaves.

### DO NOT:

- Place bagged leaves in the street.
- Mix branches, debris or other trash in with the leaves.
- Miss the deadline...We only have time for one pass.

**REMEMBER:**  
**Needles and  
Leaves ONLY!**  
**No branches,  
grass clippings  
or garden debris.**  
**NO GARBAGE**

If you have questions or need additional information, please check the website [streets.cdaid.org](https://streets.cdaid.org) or call the Street Maintenance Information Line at 208-769-2235

## *Holiday Toy Drive*

The Coeur d' Alene Police Foundation is excited to start collecting new and unused toys, or cash donations, for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Hospital Toy Drive which will directly benefit local children who may be in the hospital during the upcoming holiday season. Bringing joy to these children while in the hospital rather than at home on Christmas morning is what this program is all about.



Donation boxes will be placed in the Police Department lobby, City Hall lobby and at every Les Schwab in Kootenai County starting Tuesday, November 7. Foundation members will also be at the Hayden Walmart on Saturday, November 25, December 9 and December 16 accepting donations. Please come out and visit with police officers.



For any questions regarding this very rewarding program, please contact Coeur d' Alene Police Sergeant Shane Avriett at 208-769-2363.



*May the blessings of Thanksgiving fill your heart and home with joy.*

From the City of Coeur d'Alene