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IN THE NEWS

CDA to begin seeking community input on Atlas Waterfront

The City of Coeur d'Alene and CDA 2030 are inviting a diverse array of community organizations to share their thoughts on the Atlas Waterfront Project as a first step to assess the property's potential.
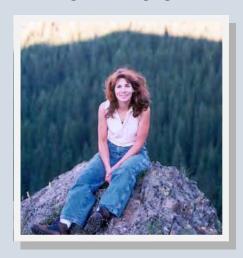
Coeur d'Alene officials will finalize purchase of the former Atlas Mill site by May 2018, and hope to utilize the 47-acre property to create permanent public water access and spur economic development initiatives.

The community input process begins with a Community Organization Representative (COR) Vision meeting planned for February 2018. The COR Vision meeting will be facilitated by non-profit community organization CDA 2030. Groups are being identified based on themes within CDA 2030's Community Vision Document. Those identified so far are listed at cdaid.org.org/atlaswaterfront. Interested organizations not listed may contact Deputy City Administrator Sam Taylor to be considered for inclusion at staylor@cdaid.org.

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CITY FACES

Debbie Frisbie: Location-Based Data (GIS) is Her Specialty

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Debbie Frisbie, GIS Coordinator and long-time City employee, to learn more about her role with the City.
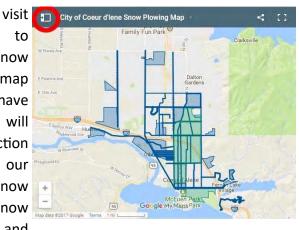
Tell us a little bit about your

Interactive Snow Plowing Map is Live!

Be sure to visit www.cdaid.org/snow to see the interactive snow plowing map. The map shows you where we have been and where we will be. The website section also provides links to our council-adopted Snow Plan—our annual snow fighting strategy and information document, tips on how to help us plow your neighborhood more efficiently and even contact info for organizations that provide shoveling assistance to those in need.

K27 Memorial

The K27 Memorial is looking amazing! Remember you can still support the final details of this privately fundraised project by donating at www.k27forever.com!

background and experience: I've worked for the City of CDA for over 20 years. The last 9 years I have been lucky enough to be the City's GIS Coordinator. Previous experience included testing software and writing documentation for a local software company. In addition, I was a police dispatcher for many years.

What are your current duties and responsibilities: Most things GIS (Geographic Information Systems). I create, maintain and develop the City's enterprise GIS. It can include data input to developing map applications for staff and the public. The City has invested a great deal in time and money to better track and analyze spatial data. This enterprise system makes geographic information available to staff and the public with an internet connection.

How does GIS relate to the average, every day citizen? GIS is a better way to keep records that are located based. Everyone uses GIS, in its simple capacities using maps to advanced analytics. GIS is two and three dimensional data — folks aren't content with having a written address, they want a map to visually show the location. We want statistics about a location and require other vital information to show up on a map to better make decisions. Whether it is shopping for a house in a low-crime

CDA FD Participates in Ice Rescue Training

The CDA FD recently participated in Ice Rescue training with our friends from Kootenai County Fire & Rescue. The training was conducted on the Riverstone Pond and Fernan Lake. Please be careful out there!

C.R.A.S.H. Teen Central

Cool Random Afterschool Hours (C.R.A.S.H.) in Teen Central at the CDA Library featuring different activities every day. This is free time in a space just for teens. 3—6 p.m.

History of City Park Makes Return Engagement

A popular presentation on the history of Coeur d'Alene's City Park will make a return engagement to the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. The closure of Fort Sherman and the building of a railroad line that brought new tourists to the young community of Coeur d'Alene were among the factors that led to creation of City Park. Landscape architect Jon Mueller will share stories and images from his new book, "Private Park, Public Park: A Story of Coeur d'Alene and its First Park."

area close to schools, or other demographics that help us solve a more difficult problem. Aerial imagery, for example, is a big part of GIS. Less than two decades ago we were limited to low-resolution aerial photographs that we could not simply zoom in to view better detail. Now, we can use an online map and change extents to view many features that we take for granted. The City and County have invested much in the way of yearly aerial imagery. We are very fortunate to have a system in place that acquires this data on an annual basis. The City has many online maps for the public to use for various purposes — from viewing public art to elevation profiles.

What do you love about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho? The scenery and the people. The traffic is much more bearable here than other places I've lived. Coeur d'Alene has changed quite a bit but it still remains a great place to live.

What about your family and interests? My husband and I like hiking, biking and road trips. Even the occasional do-it-yourself projects, or at least when they are finished! I have two high-maintenance small "rescue" dogs and three step kids that live in different parts of the world (the kids, not the dogs, though at times I wish it were both!)