



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Hundreds Enjoy 8th Annual Cd'A Parks Day

City Park in downtown Coeur d'Alene was filled with good times, food and fun last Saturday as people of all ages, celebrated the city's awesome parks system with an array of all-day festivities. Free food, activities and entertainment were provided during the annual celebration. "It was a great turnout; the Parks Department is so pleased with the support and appreciation our community has for our parks," said Katie Kosanke of the Parks Department.



The Coeur d'Alene Parks Department maintains 587 acres, 30 parks, natural open spaces, trails, cemeteries, the urban forest, and municipal buildings.

3 Cd'A Council Seats Up for Election in November

Here are some important reminders for Coeur d'Alene residents who may be interested in running for a City Council position. The election is November 3:

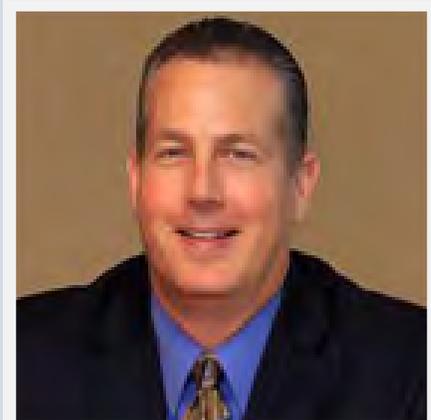


- Coeur d'Alene has an open seat election process for council positions, meaning candidates can run for any open position.
- Council members up for election this year are Ron Edinger (Seat 1), Dan Gookin (Seat 3), and Steve Adams (Seat 5).
- Declaration of Candidacy forms will be accepted by the City Clerk's office between August 25 and September 4.
- Candidates must conform to the Sunshine reporting laws. This means that all campaign finances are public information and specific forms and due dates for supplying those forms to the City Clerk are required. For more information, call 769-2231.

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CITY FACES



Troy Tymesen: Focused on Being Fiscally Frugal

In his nearly 15 years as Finance Director for the City of Coeur d'Alene, Troy Tymesen has seen elected officials come and go, budgetary priorities change and major city improvements come to fruition. Through it all, he has maintained a laser focus on

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Friends of McEuen Group to Nurture Park Atmosphere

The organizational meeting of Friends of McEuen Park attracted nearly 20 people interested in caring for the park and providing information to visitors.

An executive team consisting of five people has been formed that will primarily focus on three areas:



- Observing things that are needed at the park, such as additional signage and providing after hours phone numbers to report park incidents.
- Providing information to visitors of the parking facility to alleviate confusion.
- Acting as ambassadors to the park through providing general information at a welcome station or by designated group members roaming the park. For more information, call 667-6184.

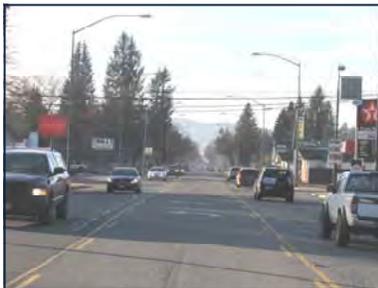
Sundial Installed on Front Avenue

The McEuen Park area has a new piece of art. The long-anticipated 21-foot-tall sundial near Fifth Street on Front Avenue was installed in June. The art contribution is courtesy of Parkwood Business Properties, which donated \$50,000 for the piece. Allied Weldery helped to create the sundial, which was designed by Miller Stauffer Architects. Parks Superintendent Bill Greenwood said signage will soon be placed at the site providing a history of sundials and an explanation of how to read the giant time piece.



Should East Sherman be Revitalized?

The latest City Poll question is now posted on the city's website and we'd love to hear from you. This month's question is whether or not East Sherman Avenue should be revitalized. The city's Planning Department has held two public workshops in recent weeks to gather information on what, if anything, citizens



offering the best financial advice to our elected leaders to maximize the prudent use of the city's financial resources while providing excellent customer service. Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Troy to learn a little more about the man who oversees the city's nearly \$75 million budget.

What is your professional background? I started with First Interstate Bank in Coeur d'Alene in 1989. That bank was later acquired by Wells Fargo. I worked with Key Bank, which was later acquired by Sterling Savings Bank. I worked as a consumer loan officer, a branch manager, a market manager, a consumer loan officer, and a regional vice president. The experience in analyzing business financial statements was of great value for my career with the city.

How has the budgeting process in Coeur d'Alene changed over the years? The budget has progressed into a three-step process for the Mayor and Council. The first step is to seek out the strategic priorities the elected individuals would like to accomplish moving forward. Once these strategies are in place the annual goals can be determined. Staff then lays out an action plan, including the dollars necessary to get the strategies accomplished. The second step includes implementing the goals departmentally into the financial plan. Next, staff seeks to balance the budget and, finally, in step number three, the plan is presented to Council for any questions or concerns. The process is completed when the public hearing takes place the first Tuesday in September.

Is there a particular focus coming from the City Council regarding the 2015-16 budget?
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would like to see done to create energy along the corridor, which spans roughly from Seventh Street 16 blocks east to Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive. Hundreds of people have weighed in on the topic. To offer your opinion, visit cdaid.org/citypoll.

CITY SCOPE

Pickleball Event Planned for August 28-30 at Cherry Hill Park

Deemed to be the fastest growing sport in the U.S., pickleball is attracting lots of interest in Coeur d'Alene — and an upcoming tournament is expected to boost local awareness of the sport, a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong. The tournament, planned for August 28-30 at Cherry Hill Park on 15th Street, has already attracted about 135 players and organizers are expecting 200 or so to participate in the First Annual Coeur d'Alene Summer Pickleball Classic Tournament.

“There’s lots of energy around this and we expect a great turnout,” said

tournament organizer Pat Hoon. Players from across the country, including Arizona, California, Florida and Michigan have already signed up for the event. The tournament is open to all skill levels and will include men’s and women’s singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Final registration is August 14.



For information, contact Pat Hoon at (509) 991-2451, or Letha Rodrigues at (208) 640-1944.



The Mayor and Council have made it clear that the 2015-16 budget will focus on public safety improvements. The public safety general obligation bond recently approved by an overwhelming margin of Coeur d'Alene voters will enable the City to acquire much needed public safety equipment. The city is looking to add police personnel and fire personnel. The city is focusing on adding Fire Station No. 4 on Atlas Road just north of Hanley Avenue.

What are the biggest budgetary challenges facing the city in the upcoming fiscal year?

Meeting the needs of the constituents in a growing community, balanced with low property taxes.

Last year, the City Council was able to hold the levy rate with a zero percent increase. Is that the goal this year?

The city looks at property tax increases very closely. Over the past 6 years the city on average has taken just 0.58% increase per year. 2009 (0%); 2010 (1.5%); 2011 (0%); 2012 (2%); 2013 (0%); 2014 (0%).

Please provide some brief personal background.

It is thrilling to have called this community home for the past 30 years. My wife, Jan, is a Certified Financial Planner with Wells Fargo Bank. The family includes three great kids (young adults) that reside in the area, all of which have completed their bachelor’s degree and a couple of them have completed at least one IRONMAN.