



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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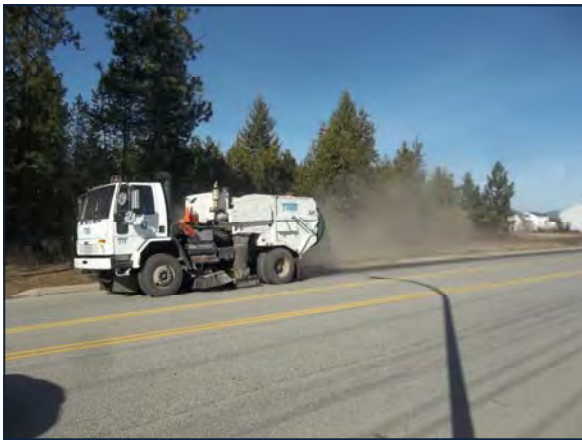
Four Corners Workshop Draws Standing-Room-Only Crowd

Based on hundreds of comments received over the past few months, the city's consultant has updated conceptual drawings of the Four Corners project and provided cost estimates of various proposed amenities being considered. The latest conceptual drawings and site descriptions have now been posted on the city's website at cdaid.org. Online comments will be accepted until March 31, at which time the city's consultant will compile all the information received and prepare a Four Corners plan to submit to the City Council for consideration.



Cd'A Crews Sweeping Streets Sooner

A mild winter has allowed Coeur d'Alene city street crews to begin their annual sweeping ritual at least two weeks early. Street Supervisor Dick Fields said two sweepers are currently working on main arterials. Sweeping begins at 4 a.m., prior to heavy traffic hours.

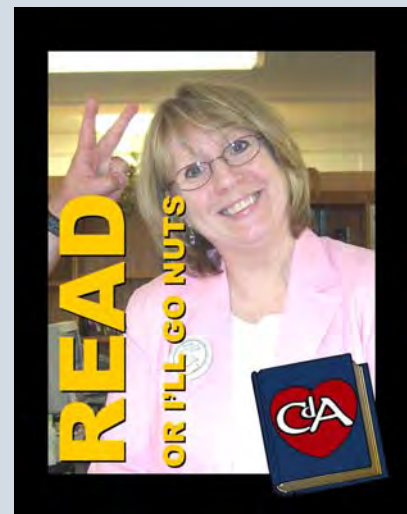


After the major arterials are swept, sweepers will move to residential areas in about two to three weeks, Fields said. Below-freezing nights have not allowed water trucks to hit the road and reduce dust; but with warmer days ahead Fields expects the water trucks will be out on the streets soon.

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CITY FACES



Bette Ammon:
Helping Make the World a
More Educated,
Thoughtful Place

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library is committed to excellence in library services — and that starts with the lady at the top: Library Director Bette Ammon. Hired in May 2005, Bette is ultimately responsible

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Cd'A Residents Invited to Take Housing Survey

The city of Coeur d'Alene has hired a consulting firm to conduct a housing needs assessment — and the community is invited to participate. Through an online survey, the city is seeking feedback in making important decisions about housing and community issues. The survey can be found on the city's website at cdaid.org/housing.



Coeur d'Alene residents have a valuable perspective that will help us determine housing and community needs. It is expected that the survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Those who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card. The survey will be open until March 31.

Tree-Friendly Cd'A Gets Another Arbor Award

The planting of 26 new street trees in the public right-of-way abutting the Shadow Wood neighborhood in eastern Coeur d'Alene has earned the city another Legacy of Leaves award for its Arbor Day Celebration.



This annual award recognizes communities that organize the best Arbor Day event, utilizing the \$300 Arbor Day Grant they receive from the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association. The trees were planted at the city's 2014 Arbor Day

celebration on Saturday, April 26. Homeowners, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Urban Forestry Committee volunteers and city staff all worked together to get the trees planted properly.

McEuen Park Pavilion Officially Named

Signage was installed recently at the McEuen Park Grand Pavilion. Avista Utilities donated \$100,000 to the McEuen Park Pavilion. "The city appreciates the generous donation from Avista, which has been an active civic supporter of many community projects," said Coeur d'Alene Parks Superintendent Bill Greenwood. He gave



for operation of the busy library, but she's quick to acknowledge the library's 27 enthusiastic and dedicated employees, 10 of whom are full time. "All of them are committed to providing great library service to our community," Bette says. Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Bette to find out a little bit about her and what's going on at the library.

How did you become a librarian? I started working as a children's/young adult librarian in 1982 in Pocatello. Following that I was young adult librarian, then assistant director, then library director in Missoula, Montana, before accepting the library director's job here. I have a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Northern Colorado and a Master's in Education (library science emphasis) from Idaho State University.

What aspects of your job do you most enjoy? Every single day the library has the potential to improve someone's life and make this community and our world a more educated, thoughtful place. Public libraries continue to be the great equalizers and the people's university. There are a number of individuals in our community who would not have access to computers or the internet; there are families who don't have books at home. We try to have a "make it so" attitude here for library users by providing a variety of materials and online services plus meeting rooms and a plethora of programs. Our partnership with area libraries in the Cooperative Information Network makes over 600,000 items available to Coeur d'Alene patrons.

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special thanks to Avista Foundation Director Kristina Meyer and Scott Steele of Avista. The Grand Pavilion — now official named Avista Pavilion — has covered seating for large groups and is available for private events. For information on booking a reservation, contact the Parks Department at 769-2252.

Tubbs Hill Trail Improvements Ahead of Schedule



Thanks to an exceptionally mild winter, upgrades to the east side trail of Tubbs Hill are well ahead of schedule. Initially, work was expected to be completed by June 30. Coeur d'Alene Trail Coordinator Monte McCully this week said work will be complete by March 14. The project includes leveling slopes, smoothing the trail, eliminating outcrops, construction of retaining walls and placement of gravel in areas prone to puddle with water during wet conditions. "It's been so warm and dry that we're way ahead of schedule," McCully said.

CITY SCOPE

Public Invited to Annual PD Awards Ceremony

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department will hold its annual awards ceremony on

Thursday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. The resort was very gracious in donating a room for the event and the Police Association will be providing snacks and drinks. "Unlike previous years, we are inviting the public and media along with our city team to attend the event and celebrate the outstanding work being done by our men and women in uniform," said Chief Lee White. "Please mark your calendars and join us for this fantastic event."



Over recent years, has the library enjoyed an increase in visitors? "Enjoyed" is the right way to describe how we all feel about increased library use! We saw a 3 percent increase in our gate count last year and we're well on our way to an even bigger increase this year. Patrons love the longer weekend hours. Circulation for the year was over 620,000 items including internet use and online databases.

How many visitors does the library get? In fiscal year we had 251,084 visitors and nearly 20,000 folks attending library programs.

What programs are coming up that the community should know about? The library features programs for all ages — storytimes for babies through preschoolers, after school activities like the popular Lego Club, a fantastic summer reading program; a multitude of programs for teens including book discussions, crafts, movies, programs for Millennials every month; and our popular history series featuring Robert Singletary. All this plus special events all the time; our events calendar is featured on our website at www.cdalibrary.org

Tell us a little bit about your family. I have two grown kids. My son is an actor in Denver and my daughter teaches here in Coeur d'Alene at Sorensen Arts & Humanities Magnet School. She's also the mother of 3-year-old Max—the apple of his Grammie's eye!

