



In The News

Q & A with the New Mayor's Executive Assistant, Jo Anne Mateski

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience.



I spent 25 years of my professional career in administrative management and executive support in the Philippine government. I started as administrative staff at the Department of Social Welfare and Development and rose in the ranks to becoming the agency's Head Executive Assistant. I also served as Administrative Director for then Senator Benigno Aquino III at the Senate of the Philippines and continued to

be one of his trusted aides when he became the country's 15th President from 2010-2016 bravely going through all the papers for the President's attention before they arrived at his desk.

It was during my stint at the Office of the President when I was recognized and awarded as one of the 2015 Outstanding Public Officials and Employees (Dangal ng Bayan) by the Civil Service Commission. My last stint in government was as Chief of Staff to Senator Joel Villanueva during his first term from 2016-2022. I migrated to the US in 2022 and eventually moved to Post Falls, Idaho with my husband. *Continued on page 3.*

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



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

Creative Arts Club

Ages 12 - 19

Thursdays

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Spring Baby Story Time

Ages 0 - 18 months

Tuesdays through May 21

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Lawyer in the Library

1st Thursday of the Month

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

History Hour Lecture

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Stronger in Mind & Body

Wednesdays

10:00 am

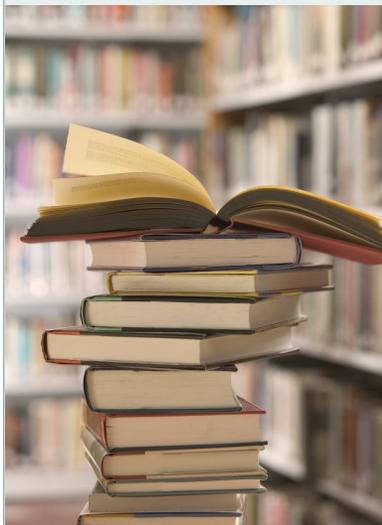
For more information on any

Library event, call

(208) 769-2315, or

visit the Library's

[event calendar](#).



All Abilities Story Time

Join Miss Mandi on Mondays at 10:00 am through May 20, for a story time designed for kids, ages 3 - 8, with sensory and adaptive needs and their caregivers.



Designed to be welcoming to neurodivergence and disability, All Abilities Story Time uses a visual schedule. We will enjoy stories, music, movement, play, and sensory activities. Any child is welcome at this story time; stories and activities are typically at a preschool level. There will be noise-blocking headphones, weighted stuffed animals, and other sensory tools. Story time will be followed by an activity time, with all transitions announced.

What to expect during this story time: Attendees do not need to sit during the program. Children are free to stand or move around during the program as long as a safe environment is maintained for them and others in attendance. Children can participate with their voices in any way they like to. Attendees are welcome to arrive late, leave early, and leave the story time room any time they need a break.

Attendees can enjoy other activities of their choosing while listening to Miss Mandi read. The same schedule will be used each week so attendees will know what to expect. If you would like a copy of the visual schedule ahead of time or if you have any questions, please email showard@cdalibrary.org.

Spring Walking Adventure

Come learn about the natural wonders and history that are right in your backyard! This series of walks will take walkers around Tubbs Hill and the surrounding area exploring the flora, fauna, geology, and history of the local area.

Each walk will be led by a local community member eager to share their passion and knowledge. Walkers will meet at the lower entrance of the Library (outside the Community Room) unless otherwise specified, and walk towards the destination together; each walk will be about two hours. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes for a moderate hike, and bring water.

Visit the [Library's website](#) for a full list Spring Walking Adventures, including dates and locations.

Q & A with the New Mayor's Executive Assistant, Jo Anne Mateski, cont.

What interested you in a job with the City of Coeur d'Alene?

I have dedicated all my professional life to public service in the Philippines and when I moved to the US, my plan was to continue working in government. I find fulfillment in what I do as a public servant. When I saw the job posting for Executive Assistant to the Mayor in December last year, I applied right away because given my background, I believed I had something to contribute to the City.

What are your current duties and responsibilities?

As Executive Assistant to the Mayor, my duties and responsibilities include preparing minutes of City Council meetings, Arts Commission, and Executive Team meetings; preparing agenda and meeting packets; writing routine press releases and correspondence for the Mayor; research and preparation for the Mayor's State of the City Address; processing of accounts payable for the Municipal Services Department; travel arrangements; preparing the monthly city calendar; facilitating the flow of information between the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and departments; and performing other tasks as assigned.

What do you like about the Coeur d'Alene area?

Aside from the pristine Lake Coeur d'Alene and beautiful landscapes, I believe the people are as beautiful and kind as the surroundings. I am always greeted with a friendly smile, and I really feel safe being here.

What about your family and interests?

My family are all in the Philippines, my siblings are in Manila while my parents are in Ilocos Province. I have a daughter who works as a licensed Interior Designer.

Besides my professional achievements, I am also passionate about holistic wellness. In the Philippines, I am a certified Ear Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist and have participated in volunteer work in poor communities. I also practice reiki healing, meditation, and yoga. These practices help me balance my physical and mental well-being so I can serve others with compassion and excellence.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

City Council Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
6:00 pm
Library Community Room
[Council Agenda Packets](#)

Ped/Bike Committee
1st Wednesday each month
4:00 pm
City Hall

CDA TV Committee
2nd Monday each month
8:00 am
City Hall

Parking Commission
2nd Tuesday each month
3:00 pm
City Hall

Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday each month
5:30 pm
Library Community Room

Urban Forestry Committee
3rd Friday each month
8:00 am
City Hall

Park and Rec Commission
Monday before 3rd Tuesday
5:30 pm
Library Community Room

Childcare Commission
4th Monday each month
6:30 pm
City Hall

Arts Commission
4th Tuesday each month
4:00 pm
City Hall

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**CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMISSION
MEETING
INFORMATION,
CONT.**

**Historic Preservation
Commission**

4th Wednesday each month
12:00 pm
City Hall

Library Board Meeting

4th Wednesday each month
4:00 pm
Library Community Room

For more information, please
visit the [Calendar page](#) on the
City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

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[Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec
Department](#)



Spring Start Up-Irrigation Backflow Assemblies

Landscape irrigation systems make watering lawns and gardens convenient and save time, but water that may be contaminated can potentially be back-siphoned or backflow into your drinking water.



To protect your drinking water from potential contamination by weed killers, pesticides, animal waste, or fertilizers, it is important to have an approved backflow prevention assembly/device properly installed on your landscape irrigation system.

It is equally important to be certain this backflow prevention assembly is performance tested annually to ensure that it is functioning properly. Annual backflow assembly testing is required by the State of Idaho and City ordinance. Irrigation backflow assemblies must be tested annually at spring irrigation start up and no later than July 1st of each calendar year.

This test, performed by a private - state licensed backflow assembly tester, verifies that the backflow prevention assembly is functioning properly. A landscape irrigation system not protected by an approved backflow prevention assembly, or protected by an assembly that is not functioning correctly, endangers the health of a household, neighborhood, and the entire community.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a list of approved state licensed backflow assembly testers, contact Gary Alan Nolan at 208-769-2298, or visit www.cdaid.org.

Kid's Fishing Derby - Save the Date!

The Kid's Fishing Derby is Saturday, June 15 at Fernan Lake from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Kids ages 5-16 are invited to test their fishing skills and win prizes. The derby is put on in conjunction with Fins and Feathers. You can pre-register at Fins and Feathers located at 1816 Sherman Ave, or register at the event. Contact the City's Recreation Department at 208-769-2250 if you have any questions or hop into Fins and Feathers to register! *Happy Fishing!*



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.

Deborah Belley
Assistant City Attorney
Legal Department



Robert Hunter
Utility Operator
Water Department



Logan Hildman
Ground Maintenance Worker II
Parks Department



Jeri King
Maintenance Worker
Streets Department



Thomas Thiede
Police Officer Recruit
Police Department



Jacob Hedrick
Police Officer Recruit
Police Department



Chad Erickson
Ground Maintenance Worker II
Parks Department



Teagan Ludwig
Ground Maintenance Worker II
Parks Department



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](#).



Earth Day 2024

On a beautiful, sunny, Saturday April 20, 2024, the City of Coeur d'Alene celebrated Earth Day. The day started with a guided bird tour on Tubbs Hill as well as a clean up of Tubbs Hill by volunteers. City staff members Nick Goodwin of the Parks/Urban Forestry Division, Kim Harrington of the Streets & Engineering/Stormwater Division and Mike Anderson, Director of the Wastewater Department, all hosted booths to provide information to the public. Mr. Anderson shared the wonders of Coeur d'Green compost and the process of turning waste material into an awesome product for landscapes and gardens.

Ms. Harrington discussed the importance of stormwater mitigation and how storm water is treated for contaminants before it can enter the lake. Mr. Goodwin worked with the Tubbs Hill Foundation and the Friends of Tubbs Hill spreading the word about city tree care and the treasure that is Tubbs Hill. It was a great event hosted by the Coeur d'Alene Library. Kids were able to learn a few things that the community does as great stewards of our planet, as well as play fun games and receive free SWAG. A huge thank you to all that participated! Happy Earth Day!



Neighborhood Watch

What is Neighborhood Watch? Neighborhood Watch Programs are area proven and effective means to substantially reduce burglaries and various other crimes in specific neighborhoods. It's a proactive partnership between police and citizens to prevent crime before it occurs. Every informed citizen can prevent crime. To find out more about the Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Teri Heinrich at 208-769-2320.



Bike to Work Week 2024



May 13-17

Bike 2 Work Week

www.cdaidparks.org

2024

Bike to Work Week Activities

What: Bike to Work Week Kickoff Pancake Breakfast
When: Monday, May 13th, 8am to 10am
Where: Unchained Pedal Power Pub in the plaza shops.
Why: To celebrate the start to bike to work week, all cyclists invited to stop by and enjoy a complimentary breakfast of pancakes, eggs, fruit, pastries and DOMA coffee
Sponsored by: The Coeur d'Alene Resort and DOMA Coffee

What: Bike to Work Day Post Ride Celebration
When: Friday, May 17th, 4pm to 7pm
Where: Unchained Pedal Power Pub in the plaza shops.
Why: To celebrate the end of Bike to Work Aweek and Day, all cyclists are invited to stop by for a happy hour food spread, 1 complimentary drink ticket, and lots of raffle prizes for cycling participants.
Sponsored by: The Coeur d'Alene Resort

For more information about these and other bike events go to www.cdaidparks.org

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May is National Water Safety Month

Just in time for summer, May serves as National Water Safety Month. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury deaths worldwide, with an estimated 372,000 annual drowning deaths. Drowning is also the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children between the ages of 1 and 14 years old in the U.S. For more information, visit <https://nwsn.phta.org/>

