



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

City Opens Glass Drop-Off Collection Bins

The City began accepting used glass at two locations on April 1 as part of its glass reuse program. Glass can be dropped off by residents at the parking lots in Cherry Hill Park, 1525 E. Hazel Ave., and Bluegrass Park, 6056 N. Courcelles Parkway. Collection efforts have begun based on community feedback. Depots for collection are utilized instead of curbside pickup because glass can break and intermingle with recyclables like paper or cardboard. Broken glass in the bins makes the other materials unusable and unable to be recycled. Shards of glass also pose a safety risk to solid waste workers and can cause safety risks on neighborhood streets or sidewalks. The glass from the drop off collection program will be hauled to a crusher. The crushed glass will be used as a soil amendment or for any other practical and affordable reuses. For more information regarding what kinds of glass can be dropped off, contact Coeur d'Alene Garbage at (208) 457-1820, or visit <https://goo.gl/kbJjKi>



CDA Awarded \$78,000 for Flashing Crosswalk Signs

The City of Coeur d'Alene has been awarded \$78,000 to place flashing crosswalk signs at seven locations throughout the community. The pedestrian-activated signs, called Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons are being installed in areas where the City has experienced pedestrian or bicycle vs. vehicle collisions. The RRFBs will be installed at 15th Street and Montana Avenue, 15th

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**Susan Wolf: Spring Cleaning
CDA City Streets in Her
"Rolling Office"**

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Susan Wolf, Heavy Equipment Operator, to learn more about her role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I was born and raised here. My mother and

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Street and Hastings Avenue, Sherman Avenue and 6th Street, Sherman Avenue and 13th Street, Best Avenue and 9th Street, 7th Street and Foster Avenue, and 4th Street and Miller Avenue. The Federal Highway Administration reports that drivers yielded for pedestrians 72 to 96 percent of the time at the flashing crosswalk areas versus 0 to 26 percent of the time with only a striped crosswalk. Federal funding was awarded from the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program and the City will receive and install the devices this summer.



father owned Campbell's Hardware between 11th & 12th on Sherman Avenue until they retired in the early 1970s. I am a Coeur d'Alene High School graduate and continued my education and received a BS degree in Physical Education and secondary degree in Health from the University of Idaho. After many years doing office-type work, I became employed with the City in 2005 as a part-time seasonal flagger. In 2013, I accepted a full-time position as a maintenance worker and then moved to Heavy Equipment Operator in 2015.

What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job? I really enjoy the view from my "rolling office." I love being outside and I enjoy the wide variety of duties.

What is it like to run a sweep during spring cleanup? The work is messy! I start my shift at 4 a.m., working on the arterials picking up the 900 tons of sand and grit left over from the winter. After arterials are clean and prepped for painting the lines, we move into residential areas where it takes five weeks to cover the whole town. Driving the sweeper does offer some instant gratification as you can certainly tell when the sweeper has been down the street. I do go home every day dirty and am thankful for the hot shower waiting for me at home!

What other things does the Streets Department do during the warm weather season? A lot happens in the department and every day is different. Seasonal patching of the streets, stormwater

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City Crews Prune Trees in Preparation for Street Maintenance



A Parks & Recreation Department crew is pruning trees along some city streets in preparation for street surface overlay work that will be done this summer. By pruning low-hanging branches back to a major branch of the tree trunk, the crew will be providing at least 14 feet of clearance over the street. This clearance will help prevent damage to both trees and street resurfacing equipment. More than 500 trees have been identified as having low branches over the street in the overlay areas. For more information, call (208) 769-2252.

CDA Library Patrons Invited to Review Books

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library is inviting patrons to write about what they read. Brief book reviews—about a page in length—can be submitted to the library's main e-mail address, info@cdalibrary.org, or can be mailed or hand-

Book Reviews





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delivered to the library at 702 E. Front Avenue. Patron reviews will be published on the library Facebook page, in the comments section of the catalog, and on its news blog: www.cdalibrary.org/newsletter. Coming in April as part of the Library's observation of National Library Week and as part of the 10-year anniversary of the library's move to its current location, patrons are invited to create "shelfies" — a photo of themselves with a favorite book posted to their Facebook pages.

K27 Memorial Fund

A huge thank you to Gary Schneidmiller, Mark Johnson and all the employees and agents of Coldwell Banker Realty for donating \$15,000 to our K27 Memorial Fund! Want to help fund the K27 Memorial in McEuen Park, which will honor Sgt. Moore and all fallen law enforcement officers nationwide? Visit www.k27forever.com to donate today! Donations are tax deductible.



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Upcoming Road Closures for Utility Construction in Fort Grounds Area

Contractors for the City of Coeur d'Alene Wastewater Utility have closed Garden Avenue between Military and Park drives in the Fort Grounds neighborhood to through traffic to replace the City's deteriorated public sewer main. Road closures with detour signs and/or flaggers may influence your daily commuting routes and times. Garden Avenue will remain open to local traffic and emergency vehicles only. The City anticipates this project could take several weeks with a completion date of April 14.



maintenance (cleaning catch basins, videoing lines) painting crosswalks and arrows as well as pouring concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps. Weather plays a big part in planning our days in every month of the year. We all bring a different set of skills and we blend those skills to get ALL of the work done.

How can citizens help the Streets Department? Be attentive and patient in and around work zones. The safety of our crews as well as the motoring public is a concern. Understanding that everything we are doing out there is to make our city a better place, whether we are sweeping, plowing snow, or painting.

What about your family and interests? My husband Leo and I have been married 33 years and currently have 2 dogs that own us. Leo and I enjoy all that North Idaho has to offer — fishing, hunting, camping, etc., We love it here. We may visit other places, but this is our HOME!

