



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### We Need Your Input on the Draft Vision for East Sherman!

We have created an online form to enable community members to provide feedback on the DRAFT Vision Statements for East Sherman. These statements were



developed from input provided by roughly 400 community members since 2015. We want to know, do these statements describe YOUR VISION for East Sherman? Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the feedback form. DEADLINE: This form will be available until the end of the day on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

#### Pedestrian Safety Beacons Installed

Pedestrian safety beacons are installed and ready to use on 15th Street at Hastings and Montana Avenues. To USE: Pedestrians should push the button, once should be sufficient, and wait for cars to come to a stop before entering the crosswalk. VEHICLES: When the beacons are flashing, vehicles should stop and yield to pedestrian traffic. Vehicles may proceed when the crosswalk is clear. These improvements, along with future planning, will ensure safety for all in our beautiful city.



### Newsletter Archives



### CITY FACES



***Bill Deruyter: His motto is "See one, be one and then teach one."***

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly promoted Deputy Fire Chief Bill Deruyter, to learn more about his role with the City.

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## CDA Arts Commission Seeks Artist(s) for Seltice Way Roundabouts

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeing to commission an artist or artist team to create outdoor sculptures or sculptural installations for a pair of traffic roundabouts on Seltice Way, which mark a major ingress/egress in and out of the city. The roundabouts sculpture theme can include any or all of the following: The Spokane River, as a major waterway connection between Lake Coeur d'Alene and points west, Coeur d'Alene's history, its future and the region's natural resources; and the significance of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's history and presence. Information packets are available at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue, or by clicking [HERE](#). Artist qualifications are due by 5:00 p.m., May 15, 2018. To ensure fairness, no extensions or waivers of deadlines will be granted. Artists with questions are encouraged to contact Amy Ferguson, Arts Commission staff support, at [amyf@cdaid.org](mailto:amyf@cdaid.org).



## Kids' Money Workshop, Shred Day at Library

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library wants your family to save money and protect your personal information with a pair of activities coming in April.



**"My Money, My Life"** is a Spokane Teachers Credit Union (STCU) workshop for families with younger children—Grades K-4—designed to teach the benefits of budgeting and saving

money. The workshop will be offered in the Seagraves Children's Library on Wednesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. Please register by calling the library at 208.769.2315. ext. 426, or email [dtownsend@cdalibrary.org](mailto:dtownsend@cdalibrary.org).

### Tell us a little about your background and experience:

I started my career as a firefighter in 1989, becoming a volunteer firefighter in Mountlake Terrace, Washington. I also worked at a private ambulance company at the time, first as an Advanced EMT and then as the Operations Manager. I was hired with the Hayden Lake Fire Department in 1996 and completed paramedic school while there. I was then hired with the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department in 2004 and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2010. I currently sit on the Fire Service Advisory Board for the State of Idaho and I am the secretary of the North Idaho Training Officers Committee. In addition, I am the North Idaho Workforce Training Center's Firefighter Program Director.

### What are your new responsibilities as Deputy Fire Chief?

My new responsibilities as Deputy Fire Chief are primarily training-based. I respond to fires and medical calls as needed and I perform fire investigations when our investigators are not available. I also assist the Fire Chief whenever needed

### What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job, and why?

Right now, being new to the Deputy Fire Chief position, I anticipate being able to create new programs that benefit the department. After being in the fire service for awhile, the fulfillment changes with the years. As the saying goes, "See one, be one and then teach one." I remember seeing my neighbor's enjoyment and lifestyle as a Seattle firefighter and that peaked my interest and started my career goals. After getting hired as a firefighter, you want to challenge yourself to be the best and continually try to improve through training and opportunities. When opportunities present themselves, you dive in and do the best you can for the people you serve. Teaching the Firefighter 1 program for NIC gives me fulfillment in seeing the student's passion and willingness to learn. It keeps me grounded and reminds me that I was in their shoes at one point. I don't remember who said it or where it came from, but I heard the

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“Shred Day” returns to the library on Saturday, April 14. A document-shredding truck operated by Devries Business Services will be in the upper parking lot at 702 E. Front Avenue, from 10 a.m.



to 1 p.m. (or until the truck is full), for convenient drive-up service. Participants can bring up to five boxes of documents per car to be shredded. “Shred Day” is made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Library.

## Battle of the Badges Hockey Game

The Coeur d'Alene police hockey team has invited the Spokane police hockey team to a “Battle of the Badges” hockey game on Friday, April 13, at Frontier Arena (3525 W. Seltice Way). Puck drops at 6:30 p.m. ALL proceeds to benefit the Sgt. Greg Moore K27 Memorial. To purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE](#). Children 10 and under are FREE.



saying, “The greatest thing an old firefighter can teach a new firefighter, is how to become an old firefighter.” I still feel that way today.

**What does customer service mean to you?** Customer service, to me, is giving the customer something they aren’t expecting by making sure they are taken care of to the best of my ability.

**What do you love about Coeur d’Alene and North Idaho?** I love the four seasons North Idaho has. This allows for multiple outdoor interests. I love the sense of community Coeur d’Alene has.

**What about your family and interests?** I have a wife and three children. My wife, Anna, is a native to the area and we are entering our 20th year of marriage. My kids are Nick, Ashlyn and Wilson. Nick is a freshman at Coeur d’Alene High School, Ashlyn is in 7th grade at Canfield Middle School, and Wilson is in 5th grade at Ramsey Elementary School.

My interests are most everything outdoors: skiing, soccer, golf, camping, and fishing when time allows. I am also rebuilding a 1972 Scout 2.

