



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### Message From The Mayor Regarding Coronavirus Outbreak

Currently, our community is going through a crisis that most of us have never seen in our lifetimes. It's a very unsettling time. We face a great challenge. I am confident that we will overcome this challenge. Our City staff has quickly responded to creating safe work environments and working from home. They have done a great job of adapting to these changes. Our first responders continue to do an outstanding job of protecting our citizens.

The way that we will overcome this challenge is by working together — All of us. Follow all the advice of our healthcare professionals, including advice you have heard many times.

1. Sanitize and wash your hands — Constantly!
2. Keep your hands away from your face, eyes and mouth — Always!
3. Keep your distance. Staying 6 feet away from others will stop the spread.

Following these rules will save lives. We can beat this. But only as a team. Stay together, Coeur d'Alene!

Epluribus Unum, "Out of Many, One"

Stay well,

Steve Widmyer



### Newsletter Archives



### CITY FACES



#### **CHELSEA NESBIT** **Community Development** **Specialist**

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly - hired Community Development Specialist Chelsea Nesbit, to learn more about her role with the City.

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To Slow the Spread of COVID 19, we are encouraging you to please utilize all services as indicated below.

**Utilities Department** – All payments can be made as follows:

- Drop Box in front of the main lobby at Coeur d'Alene City Hall
- 866-549-1010 Enter Bureau Code 5141077
- Online at [www.cdaid.org/payments/Login](http://www.cdaid.org/payments/Login)

**Building Department**

- Most services can be done at [www.cdaid.org/building](http://www.cdaid.org/building)
- You can drop off any paperwork in the Drop Box in front of Coeur d'Alene City Hall
- Homeowners must call the Building Department at 208-769-2267 for an Appointment
- For Inspections, please call the Inspection Line at 208-769-2391

**Planning Department**

- 208.769.2274
- Email: [planningdiv@cdaid.org](mailto:planningdiv@cdaid.org)
- Online at [www.cdaid.org/planning](http://www.cdaid.org/planning)

**Business Licensing**

- 208-769-2229
- To apply online, go to: [www.cdaid.org/License](http://www.cdaid.org/License)

### **New Meeting Laws During This State of Emergency**

A Proclamation by Governor Little clarified the open meeting laws during this state of emergency, in which no more than 10 people shall physically gather at a time, and including an option for the community to hear the meeting timely through telecommunication devices. Public comment will be taken during that section of the meeting by indicating a raised hand through the Zoom meeting application. Public comments will not be acknowledged during any other time in the meeting, unless there is a public hearing noted. Public comments can be provided in writing in advance of the meeting .

- **April 7** – City Council Meeting — send comments to [renata@cdaid.org](mailto:renata@cdaid.org)
- **April 14** – Planning Commission — send comments to [planningdiv@cdaid.org](mailto:planningdiv@cdaid.org)

**Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:** I have a background in accounting and business support services, mostly focusing on small businesses. I recently relocated to Coeur d'Alene from Phoenix, Arizona where I founded and managed McDowell Market, a multi-use collaborative retail space in the downtown area. I also founded the Miracle Mile Merchants Association, a group of business owners committed to creating positive change and improvement to the business corridor, helping to create a thriving business district.

**What are your current responsibilities:** As Community Development Specialist, my responsibility is to administer the Community Development Block Grant program, which provides the community with resources to address a wide range of needs. The purpose of the grant is to benefit low to moderate income community members and neighborhoods through various programs such as emergency minor home repairs, elimination of blight, and economic development opportunities.

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## Climbing for a Cause

About 10 North Idaho firefighters, some joined by wives and dogs and even children carried in backpacks, made their way up Canfield Mountain in lieu of the LLS Firefighter Stair climb fundraiser that was postponed at the Columbia Center in Seattle due to coronavirus worries.



The annual LLS Firefighter Stair climb is the world's largest on-air stair climb competition and attracts about 2,000 entries. Now in its 29th year, it has raised over \$20 million, all going to research and treatments for these diseases.

When firefighters heard the Seattle climb was a "no go," they set their own challenge to match the 69 floors, 1,256 steps they would have made up the Columbia Center. They were determined to honor their donors, their fellow firefighters and those facing cancer.



Firefighters from Coeur d'Alene, Timberlake, Northern Lakes, Kootenai County Fire and Rescue and Worley met at Shaddock Lane Park, with temperatures about 35 degrees. Most had about 50 to 70 pounds of gear and equipment as they followed Trail 1, orange ribbons marking their way. Some wore air masks.

When they reached their goal, firefighters took a break and removed some gear and smiled, proud they had completed their mission.



**What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job, and why?** With a passion for community development and revitalization, this is the perfect position for me. I enjoy helping people, seeing the community I live in thrive and grow, and collaborating with various groups and organizations to bring improvements where they are needed most. I am excited to be a part of Coeur d'Alene's future and continued improvement.

**What do you love about Coeur d'Alene, and North Idaho?** I absolutely fell in love with Coeur d'Alene when I first visited. I love being in nature, being near water and the slower pace of life this small city has to offer. I love the active lifestyle, thriving downtown corridor, lots of choices for coffee, restaurants, and community involvement.

**What about your family and interests?** I love to travel, explore and cook, enjoy being outdoors as much as possible, and being an active part of my community. I have two grown daughters, 21 and 25, and a four year old grandson who all live in Arizona and are thriving in their own lives.

