



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Cd'A Employees Donate to Thanksgiving Food Drive

More than 30 bags of groceries and cash were donated by Coeur d'Alene employees to the Kroc Center's 7th Annual Families Feeding Families Thanksgiving Food Drive. The groceries and cash will support food banks throughout North Idaho to provide holiday meals for those in need. "What a great way to get involved and give back to our community," said Coeur d'Alene Assistant Street Superintendent Mike Willis. "Thank you to the Kroc Center for the wonderful work that you continue to do."



Caring for Trees After the Storm

Having storm damaged branches pruned out and subsequent follow up work can significantly extend the life of trees and ensure public safety. In some cases, however, tree removal may be necessary. Tree removal requests for trees in the public right-of-way go through the city's Urban Forestry Committee, but after severe storms and depending on the extent of the damage, the Urban Forester may permit tree removal for safety purposes after inspection. For more information, contact the city's Urban Forester, Katie Kosanke, at 769-2266.



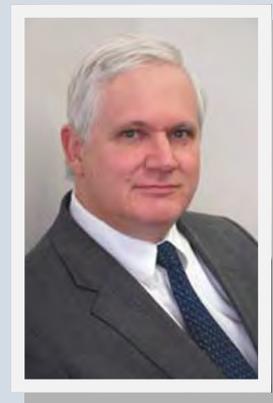
Multi-Agency Citizens Academy

Area law enforcement agencies are pleased to announce a multi-agency Citizens Academy starting January 12, 2016 to be held in cooperation with the Post Falls Police Department, Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, Rathdrum Police Department, and the Coeur d'Alene Police Department. The Citizens Academy is free to the public and its purpose is to develop positive relations between law enforcement and the community through education. Citizens participating will also have an opportunity to learn about and apply for volunteer positions

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CITY FACES



Randy Adams:

Working Hard to Protect & Defend the City He Loves

Having worked with the City of Coeur d'Alene for over fifteen years as outside legal counsel, newly hired Deputy City Attorney Randy Adams is no stranger to city operations. The veteran attorney started work as an official city employee in November and Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Adams to learn more about his role in the City Attorney's Office.

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available within the departments. Participants in the Citizens Academy meet for three hours on Tuesday nights for 7 weeks as well as two Saturday morning classes. Applicants should apply with the law enforcement agency serving the area in which they live. Coeur d'Alene area residents can download the 2016 Citizen's Academy brochure at <https://www.cdavid.org/police> or pick up an application at the Coeur d'Alene Police Department. Deadline for applications is December 21, 2015.

New Public Art Installed in Education Corridor

"Chief Morris Antelope," a new public art sculpture by local artist Cheryl Metcalf and commissioned by the City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission, was recently installed on the old crane pad by the former DeArmond Mill, near the Centennial Trail and North Idaho College. Chief Morris Antelope was a historical leader of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. A dedication ceremony is being scheduled. For more information, contact Sean Holm, Arts Commission Liaison, at 676-7401.



Farewell Open Houses to be Held for Retiring Water Superintendent and Parks & Recreation Director

Long-time city employees Jim Markley, Water Superintendent, and Steve Anthony, Parks & Recreation Director, will be honored at two separate Farewell Open Houses in the month of December.



Jim Markley

The City of Coeur d'Alene will host an Open House for Markley on Thursday, December 17th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Library Community Room, and an Open House for Anthony on Monday, December 28th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Library Community Room.



Steve Anthony

Citizens are invited to stop by and thank Jim and Steve for their dedicated service. Cake and punch will be served. For more information, please call 666-5754.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I'm 58 years old and have been a resident of Kootenai County for the last 26 years. I enjoy traveling (some fun vacations include a Mediterranean cruise to Italy from Spain, Puerto Vallarta, an Alaskan cruise, and Williamsburg, Virginia.) At home, I read and spend time with my family. I also write fiction, having published three "YA" (Young Adult) books with a fourth in the works (I've got copies if anyone is interested!). I sit on the Board of On Site for Seniors, a nonprofit medical services organization providing in-home care for seniors who cannot or who have difficulty leaving their residences (including nursing homes and assisted-living facilities) to obtain needed medical care, patient advocacy, and spiritual support. In the past, I've been active in the local Community Theater, both writing and directing plays at the Lake City Playhouse (now The Modern Theater).

What is your education and professional background? I received my bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California (Go Trojans!) in 1979. I started law school at the University of Idaho in Moscow the fall after Mount St. Helens exploded in 1980, graduating in May, 1983. I spent two years as a law clerk for the Idaho Court of Appeals, then entered private practice with Quane, Smith, Howard & Hull in 1985. I joined the firm's Coeur d'Alene office in 1989. In 2011, I opened up my own firm in Coeur d'Alene, later moving the office to Post Falls. I have represented the cities of Coeur d'Alene, Spirit Lake, Ponderay, and Athol, the State of Idaho, several fire districts, and private clients. I have served on many Bar committees and received a professional service award from the Idaho State Bar. I'm licensed in Idaho and Washington, and have tried over 80 civil jury trials in state and federal courts. I've argued before the Idaho Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Local Students Name Cd'A City Street Sweepers

Thanks to two students representing North Idaho Christian School and Coeur d'Alene High School, a pair of Coeur d'Alene street sweepers shall remain nameless no longer!

During a recent "Hotdogs, Hammers and Hardhats" event at Kootenai Technical School in Rathdrum, Coeur d'Alene City Councilman Dan Gookin proposed a "Name the Sweeper Contest" to involve local students in a civic event.



Street Superintendent Tim Martin said the response was incredible. "We had several students eager for the opportunity to have their proposed name proudly displayed on the side of city street sweepers," Martin said.



"We congratulate Rachel Symonds of North Idaho Christian School for her sweeper name 'Curby' and Jaylynn Heritage of Coeur d'Alene High School for her sweeper name 'Caleb'!"

The annual Hotdogs, Hammers and Hardhats event allows contractors and municipalities from North Idaho to demonstrate firsthand how various heavy equipment tasks are performed by the local workforce.

CITY SCOPE

2016 New Year's Eve Resort Fireworks Show

A New Year's Eve celebration wouldn't be complete without the booms, crackles and flashing display of color over Lake Coeur d'Alene. Join the celebration with two amazing fireworks shows at 9:00 PM and again at 12:00 AM on New Year's Eve over the lake at The Coeur d'Alene Resort. Free and Open to the Public.



What interested you in a job with the City of Coeur d'Alene? I have worked with the city for over fifteen years as outside counsel, handling a variety of matters from defense of civil suits to reviewing contracts. Early on, I represented the city when it was sued in a number of cases by several individuals arising out of the Aryan Nations parades. I also represented police officers and the city in lawsuits arising out of searches and arrests, all of which were successfully resolved thanks to the professionalism of the city's employees. That experience was very positive — for me anyway — and I have a great deal of respect for the city and its employees. Working directly for the city and helping out *before* litigation begins, perhaps helping to avert litigation, is an exciting opportunity and a chance for me to give back to the community in a meaningful way. I'm excited to be working for this great and beautiful city.

Describe the function of the Legal Department and what your primary responsibilities are as Deputy City Attorney. The Legal Department provides advice on a variety of matters to the Mayor, the City Council, and the departments/commissions of the city as requested. My responsibility is to assist the City Attorney in all civil matters, including planning and zoning, personnel, code enforcement, etc.

Tell us about your family. I have been married to Brenda for 33 years. We have four children, all adults and out of the nest! In addition, we have nine grandchildren whose activities keep us very busy.

What do you love about this area? The trees and mountains, the lakes and rivers, the wildlife (except the deer feasting on my front yard!); all make this a wonderful place to live.

