



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Amazing Leaf Fest Totals

Leaf Fest 2018 is officially in the books. This year, the extremely dedicated Street Maintenance team hauled 726 loads, for a total of 2,250 tons of leaves!! Crews will continue to move around town picking up leaves and sweeping. Thank you for your support!



Holiday Sing-Along with Muddy & Santa December 8

Join the fun Saturday, Dec 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the library with a special family activity - the seventh annual "Holiday Sing-Along with Muddy and Santa." The free program will be in the Community Room on the lower level of the library. Children's author Susan Nipp, creator of the "Muddy & Millie" books, will lead the kids in singing some holiday favorites. Muddy Moose and Millie Mouse will be on hand along with Santa Clause and they will be available after the music for informal photos—so be sure to bring your cameras and phones. For more information, call 208-769-2380.



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CITY FACES



Jack Reichert: An integral part of a complex team

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Streets Field Supervisor, Jack Reichert, to learn more about his role with the City.

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City Re-Opens 2018 Community Opportunity Grant

The City of Coeur d'Alene invites competitive grant proposals for projects that benefit low-to-moderate income people or neighborhoods, and/or promote job creation/economic development. Any individuals, profit or nonprofit organizations, business, or governmental agencies may apply for City of Coeur d'Alene Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds. Applications may be submitted for one and two plan year period(s) (Plan Year 2018 and Plan Year 2019) for independent programs/projects. Technical assistance and one-on-one grant application support is available.

The complete Notice of Funding Availability with Application Guidelines and Grant Application materials are available on the City's website (www.cdaid.org/communitygrant) or by contacting Michelle Cushing, mcushing@cdaid.org. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m., local time, on December 17, 2018.

City's EMRAP Program Helps Citizens with Housing Livability Concerns

Do you have a Coeur d'Alene resident friend, relative, or neighbor in distress because of an Emergency Minor Home Repair need? Have them take a look at the City's EMRAP Program, designed to help Coeur d'Alene resident homeowners threatened with housing livability concerns. This program has strict eligibility criteria.

Find details on the City's EMRAP webpage, www.cdaid.org/emrap.



Police Association Toy Drive



The Coeur d'Alene Police Officer's Association will be holding a holiday toy drive for area children's

hospitals. Please help spread this cheer at the Hayden Walmart, 550 W. Honeysuckle Ave., from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. on December 8 and December 15. Unwrapped donations will also be accepted at the Coeur d'Alene PD, 3818 E. Schreiber Way, from now until December 19.

Tell us a little about your

education and experience: I have lived in Idaho most of my life. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, exploring National Parks, and cooking. After high school I joined the military where I received my training as a heavy equipment operator. The next 30 years I operated all types of equipment starting in construction, then transitioned into street maintenance. I have plowed, chip sealed, and maintained thousands of miles of roads in Alaska, Boise and North Idaho.

Why did you want to work for the City of Coeur d'Alene?

Working for the City of Coeur d'Alene afforded me an opportunity to advance my career and the ability to move home.

What are your current responsibilities as a field supervisor, and how do your duties differ in the Fall/Winter versus Spring/Summer?

I am part of a complex team, as this

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Opening Books, Opening Doors—Coeur d'Alene

Make some room for new this holiday season! It's a great time to clean out your shelves of children's books K-3rd grade. JingleBooks donations can be dropped off at CDA Schools, Coeur d'Alene Public Library, Community Library Network at Hayden, The Well-Read Moose, or Windermere Coeur d'Alene Realty until December 10.



Vehicle Prowling / Theft Prevention Tips

Everything is fair game to a thief, don't leave anything in sight. Please review the recommendations listed below—together, we can keep Coeur d'Alene a safe place to live.

- Always lock your car
- Don't leave bags, backpacks or containers in your car, it might attract the attention of a thief
- Park in well-lit areas
- If you hear an alarm, look to see if there is anything suspicious—if so, call 911
- If leaving valuables in your car, place the items in the trunk before you get to your location to avoid a thief seeing you lock up the valuables
- Disable the button in your car that opens the trunk from the inside
- Don't leave your purse in your car, even for a very quick stop
- Never leave your car running unattended
- Don't leave your windows rolled down even a little bit
- Don't attach a spare key to your vehicle

If you see suspicious activity, call the Coeur d'Alene Police Department at 208.769.2320 or 911 (if it is an emergency).



department performs a variety of tasks that can change daily. The street maintenance crews consist of highly trained, motivated individuals. My position is to assist and provide guidance on a daily and specific project basis and to provide customer service to our citizens. The projects and the routine maintenance vary by season, and includes snowplowing, paving, concrete, chip sealing, leaf pick up, alley maintenance, painting/signs, storm drainage, and signals, to name a few.

What do you love about North Idaho? North Idaho is our home as I spent most of my life here. There is no better place to raise our kids. I love the four seasons, especially winter. It's a beautiful place with mountains, lakes, rivers and lots of trees ... what's not to love!

What about your family and interests: I've been married to my beautiful wife, Ellee for 17 years. We have four children, Stephen, Hunter, Myah, Avan, and our grandson, Brody. We all love the outdoors including "glamping," fishing, bow shooting and ATV riding.