



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Coeur Housing Code

Coeur d'Alene's Planning Department is working with an advisory committee to draft a new infill housing code with input from the community, neighborhood groups, Planning Commission and City Council. The new code will be called Coeur Housing and it will guide development of new housing units on vacant and underused lots. The goal of the code is to allow new housing types such as triplexes, cottage courts, townhouses, live-work units, and multiplexes that are house-scale that are compatible with existing neighborhoods in walkable areas of the community. Coeur Housing will replace the repealed Pocket Housing code.



A virtual community meeting was held on Zoom on November 19 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The meeting included a presentation by staff, input from a few of the Coeur Housing Committee members, live polling questions, and Q&A. Project information and the recording of the virtual community meeting and PowerPoint slides including the live polling results are available online at cdaid.org/coeurhousing. FAQ's will also be available on the project webpage soon. For more information or questions about the code, contact Mike Behary, Associate Planner, at mbehary@cdaid.org or 769-2271.

City Seeks Public Input re: Proposed Sign Code Changes

The Municipal Services Department is updating it's sign code. The current code is being updated to comply with existing case law. Additionally, efforts have been made to simplify the sign types and regulations. We are asking interested persons to review the proposed code ([CLICK HERE](#)) and provide any

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CITY FACES



DEBORAH CARPENTER RECORDS SPECIALIST CDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Records Specialist, Deborah Carpenter, to learn more about her role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I started my law enforcement career

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feedback to Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk, at ksetters@cdaid.org, or 208-769-2229.

Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee Newsletter

The City's all-volunteer Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee has created a year-round newsletter to help guide local businesses and their customers on how to keep the downtown accessible for everyone. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the newsletter.

CDAPD Foundation Launches Annual Children's Hospital Toy Drive

The CDA PD Foundation kicked off its annual Children's Hospital Toy Drive on Saturday, November 28th, at the Hayden Walmart. Many children will spend the holiday season in a hospital fighting through or recovering from illnesses. These young patients will be without the comfort of home, family and gifts. While they can't bring home and family to these young patients, the goal of the CDA PD Foundation is to bring some holiday cheer by providing them with gifts, smiles and well wishes. CDA PD Foundation members and Coeur d'Alene Police Explorers will be volunteering to collect donations on December 12 and December 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hayden Walmart located at 440 W. Honeysuckle Avenue. During the past three Toy Drives, the community has generously donated approximately \$60,000 in gifts and cash, all of which was delivered to local hospitals in time for the children to enjoy new toys Christmas morning. All Toy and Cash donations are tax deductible. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for suggested gift ideas.



with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office in 2014. My first position was a clerk in the Warrants department at the Public Safety Building. In 2017, I moved to the Records department. During my time as the Warrants Clerk, I had the opportunity to work with multiple agencies, both locally and across the United States, in the apprehension of wanted persons in addition to learning the "ins and outs" of the booking process, working with many different facets of the County. As a Records Specialist, reading and coding reports was a big part of my day, but not the only part. Our office assisted citizens in a variety of needs, including fulfilling public record requests, fingerprinting and helping in any way we could.

What does a Records Specialist do? The Records Specialist position is very busy. We input data into the National Crime Information Center. We process crime reports, fulfill public records requests, fingerprint, and enter citations, just to name a few things our office does. There is so much more. We provide excellent customer service to each person that calls or comes to our door. Of all the jobs I have had in my life, Records Specialist has been the busiest and most rewarding job I have had.

What is your philosophy about Customer Service? I approach each customer with a customer mentality — what would I need if I was asking? I believe everyone needs to be heard and if I can do something to make their life easier, that is what I want to do.

What do you enjoy most about your job?
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Lock It or Lose It!

Community Crime Fighters, theft from vehicles is on the rise and we want to ensure your belongings stay with you. Please remember to lock your vehicles, remove valuables (especially firearms) and report suspicious activity to the Police. Working together we can quickly combat this issue.

Winter Crafternoons at the CDA Public Library

Winter Crafternoons start this week on December 3rd. If you're a teen, and you'd like to participate, you can either pick-up a free craft kit (curbside) from the library, or you can use your own supplies.



Attention Deaf & Hard of Hearing Library Patrons:

If you are unable to use a voice phone due to speech or hearing issues, please text the Library for curbside service at 208-215-6934. When you arrive at the library, you can text them your card number, name, and parking space and they will bring your items to you. Coeur d'Alene Public Library is currently offering curbside service Monday-Saturday 10-6 p.m.

I love the multiple levels of my job. One day I could be entering a citation and the next I could be entering a missing person into the system, helping the family of that person find peace that someone is looking for them. My days are never the same, and there is always room to learn. I love to be busy.

What about your family and interests? I am married to my best friend, Troy. We are celebrating our 25th anniversary in 2021. We have two sons, one of which is married, one daughter, and a daughter-in-law. We are almost empty nesters. Our family loves to hang out and watch reruns of "The Office" (our daughter can quote almost every episode). My husband and I pastor a local church in Hayden — Journey Ministries. We have a very busy life but we always, always, always make time for family.

What do you love most about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho? What's there not to love? The slower pace of life, the "salt of the earth" people, the natural beauty, the SNOW (yes, we are *those* kind of people). I love that our community helps each other. Two weeks ago our neighbor brought us a pie for no reason but out of simple kindness. I wish I would have lived here all my life.

