



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

City Reminds Residents, Businesses to Clear Sidewalks of Snow

The City has been contacted numerous times recently by concerned citizens indicating some areas of sidewalk are not being kept clear. This presents a safety hazard for pedestrians in residential and commercial areas and also has an impact on shoppers who might otherwise frequent our local, small businesses. Per City Code Section 12.24, it is the responsibility of a property owner adjacent to a sidewalk to keep it clear of dirt and debris at all times, and ensure that snow and ice are removed in the winter. The City works hard through its code enforcement officers to provide initial education and information when complaints are received from the public. Residents concerned about certain areas of sidewalks may contact the Coeur d'Alene PD Code Enforcement Division at 769-2390, or email codeenforcement@cdaid.org, or file a concern online at www.cdaid.org/codeenforcement.



Library Offers Preloaded Kindles for Checkout

To meet the need for high-demand books — popular titles that quickly build up numerous hold requests—the Coeur d'Alene



Public Library is experimenting with making preloaded e-readers available for checkout. For now, the simple black and white Kindle eReaders will be available to check out from the Research and Information Desk for up to 28 days. The Kindles can also be used by readers who need large-print materials. The

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Sharron Simon: Trailblazing with Heavy Equipment

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Sharron Simon, Heavy Equipment Operator, to learn more about her role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your professional background and experience: I started employment with the City of Coeur d'Alene in

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fonts can be enlarged by readers for easier viewing. Information on the new service is available at 769-2315, or by visiting the Research and Information Desk at the library.

A Special Christmas Mission

A Coeur d'Alene PD sergeant decided to take a unique approach to bringing Christmas cheer to children who would not be spending the holidays in the comfort of their homes. He rallied together a partnership of police employees and members of the community, with the mission being to deliver toys to the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House in eastern Washington. Several officers completely filled two patrol cars and a partial third with the donated toys before hauling their yuletide loads across the state line to the many families who were in for a big surprise. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this project!



"Photos with Santa" Food Drive a Huge Hit!



The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department's "Photos with Santa" Food Drive was a huge hit again this year, collecting 1,200 pounds of food and \$30 in cash while 168 families got pictures with Santa! The food was delivered to the Coeur d'Alene Assembly Church for their Borah Elementary School Pantry. Thanks to those families who helped to support such a worthy cause!

1985 as Secretary for the Street Department for three years. From there, I was able to move into the Sign Shop where I learned to make signs (we used wood street signs back then). After two years in the Sign Shop, I was able to move up to my current position as a Heavy Equipment Operator.

Tell us a little bit about yourself: I grew up a country kid — not farm or ranch — just a kid that got to run the hills and take my cousins through the poison oak patches, playing cowboys and Indians. My family is all in the construction-plumbing business. I guess you could say being out-of-doors was a great start to working outside.

It is unusual to be a female heavy equipment operator. How did you become interested in this field? It's true there are not a lot of women working as heavy equipment operators; however, there are getting to be more and more of us. As I was told, everyone has different strengths in different jobs, it's just a matter of finding who fits what.

What are your primary responsibilities in your job? My primary responsibilities are keeping the roadways safe and clean, keeping the motoring traffic moving safely and helping my co-workers stay safe.

What about your family and interests? I met my husband while

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Looking for Sledding/Cross Country Skiing in Coeur d'Alene?

Looking for sledding places in Coeur d'Alene? Here are the Council-approved hills in town:

- Lost Avenue (Dollar Street to 15th Street)
- South Dollar Street (the area south of Sherman Avenue)
- Boyd Avenue (9th Street to 10th Street)
- Cherry Hill (behind Fire Station 3 off of 15th Street)

What about cross-country skiing? We're excited to share that the



Parks & Recreation Department has created both a cross-country ski trail and a nice little sled hill in McEuen Park! Both can be accessed from the main City Hall parking lot at

the foot of Tubbs Hill. Follow the blue flags throughout the park for the cross-country ski trail.

Please Support the K27 Law Enforcement Memorial in McEuen Park

Are you looking for a charity or cause to support during this season of giving? We hope you'll consider supporting a memorial to fallen law enforcement officers. The memorial will be constructed to honor fallen Coeur d'Alene Police Department

Sgt. Greg Moore and all officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. We encourage you to donate \$27 today — or any amount you think is appropriate. Sgt. Moore's call letters were K27, a term now known through our community. While privately fundraised, the City is offering up space for this project in the green space at McEuen Park. Visit www.k27forever.com to donate. Donations are tax deductible!



square dancing. We've been happily married for 25 years. We have a small farm with a dog, cat, chickens, two horses and a small herd of 21 cattle. We both enjoy the work that goes into having cattle, especially around calving season.

What do you love about this area? I came from west of Nevada, (don't like to use the "C" word). I found Coeur d'Alene while traveling to Bonners Ferry to visit family. I fell in love with the slower pace and the friendliness of everyone I met. Coeur d'Alene has blossomed into a beautiful town. Some of its growing pains have been a challenge but the end results have been wonderful — the Kroc Center, the Library, and the play area at McEuen Park.

What does good customer service mean to you? I believe customer service is a great responsibility. When someone needs directions or someone is traveling through and wants to eat somewhere special, we are ambassadors for the City. Welcome to our clean and friendly City!

