



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

“Chief Morris Antelope” Public Art to be Dedicated July 18

A new piece of public art honoring Coeur d'Alene Indian Chief Morris Antelope will be dedicated at 3 p.m. July 18. The statue of the chief—a strong advocate for the rights of the Coeur d'Alene Indians—is located in the area of the tribe's



historical gathering place, Yap-Keehn-um. The site is on the Centennial Trail bulkhead where River Avenue meets Rosenberry Drive. “Chief Morris Antelope,” as the piece is entitled, was commissioned by the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission and created by local artist Cheryl Metcalf. Parking for the ceremony is available on the north end of Rosenberry Drive (the Dike Road), the small paved lot near the intersection of College and W. River Drive, or the large paved lot across from the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Hubbard Avenue.

New Young Adult Coordinator Joins Library Staff

Talley Gaskins has been hired as the new Young Adult Coordinator for the Coeur d'Alene Public Library. As part of the library's management team, she will organize and manage teen programs, including the



Library's Summer Reading activities, work with teen volunteers, select and order young adult materials for the collection, and assist on the Research and Information Desk. “I am ecstatic to be a part of the family at Coeur d'Alene Public Library,” Taley said. “To me libraries are this magical place where human connection, imagination, passion, creativity, and knowledge all meet. Working with young adults is, to me, the

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Sam Taylor: Working Hard for the Home Town He Loves

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly-hired Deputy City Administrator Sam Taylor to learn more about his role with the City.

Tell us about your professional background: I spent nearly a decade in the world of journalism, working for five newspapers in Idaho and Washington. I ended my journalism career at The Bellingham Herald in western Washington prior to being

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best job to have in the library. It is a position in which I find myself constantly getting to teach and learn new things and the best part is that we are having fun while all this knowledge and all these ideas are being shared. It's magic."

No Life Guards at City Beach

For the first time in awhile there are no life guards on duty at City Beach. The sad truth? Kids just aren't coming back to be lifeguards like they used to. It became so difficult to find workers that the City decided it was time to make a change. We thank families and visitors for being diligent on the beach and watching their little ones.



Osprey Cams!

The osprey have returned! Three cameras perched high above McEuen Park



provide an opportunity to view osprey nesting in their natural habitat. Osprey have been nesting on the poles since the mid-1980s. It is believed that the birds were initially attracted to the warmth of the lights on the 70-foot poles used to illuminate

the ballfield before the park reconstruction. Since the osprey had established themselves on the poles, the nests were not removed as part of the redevelopment project. The osprey cams are enjoyed by young and old and many residents check them daily to see what the mamas and babies are up to. To view the webcams, visit <http://cdaid.org/2806>.

City Poll—Have Your Say!

Every month, the City of Coeur d'Alene asks a new question via CityPoll. The questions are super simple and it takes just a second to answer, but it helps provide basic insight into City services and the community. Visit CityPoll and answer this month's question about parks here: <http://www.cdaid.org/citypoll>.

appointed as the City Clerk & Community Information Officer for the City of Ferndale, WA. Eventually I was made assistant city administrator and began working on a Master of Public Administration degree. I ended up being recruited to the City of Morro Bay, CA, where I worked as the deputy city manager, prior to being hired by the City of Coeur d'Alene.

Tell us a little bit about your family and interests: My wife, Kathryn, and I will celebrate our 10-year anniversary this year in September. We have three boys, Wesley (5), Asher (3) and Finnegan (10 months). Three under five is ... interesting. We enjoy the outdoors and because I do work a lot, family time on weekends is a priority. Most of our weekends involve various adventures throughout the community or surrounding areas. This last weekend we spent some time fishing at Fernan just like when I was a kid (it's good to be home).

What are your main responsibilities as Coeur d'Alene's new Deputy City Administrator, and what are the challenges that you face?

The position has many responsibilities but I'd probably highlight work in personnel management, oversight of the city's communications and making sure we're speaking with one voice, managing the City's website content, and I am the liaison to three bodies: the Arts Commission, the Parking Commission, and CDA 2030. I'm the main staff support to work on issues related to our amazing public art

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Emergency Text 911 Launched in Kootenai County

Call If You Can, Text If You Can't. A new service in North Idaho has recently been made available for those who cannot safely call 911 in an emergency, or for those individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability. As is the case with calling 911, customers should only text 911 for emergency situations that require an immediate response from police, fire, or emergency medical services. How to text 911: Enter the numbers 911 in the "To" field. In the message field, type your exact location and a brief description of the help you need. Push the "Send" button. Be prepared to answer the 911 call taker's questions. For more information about Text 911 service and technology contact Lt. Matt Street, KC Sheriff's Office, 208-446-1850.



Lake City Public Library Offers Extended Summer Hours

The Lake City Public Library—housed at Lake City High School—recently announced extended summer hours. Hours will be Mondays and



Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Located within the school library at 6101 Ramsey Road, the Lake City Public Library has its own collection of books, computers for public use, and public Wi-Fi. The branch can also be designated to receive items placed on hold from

any library in the Cooperative Information Network. Due to school district maintenance, the branch will be closed August 1-12. For more information, call 763-0814, or visit www.lcplibrary.org.

collection. I also work with other city staff and partner organizations on our parking management and opportunities, and we help ensure strong coordination with CDA 2030 on the numerous projects set forth by the community through that planning process.

Tell us about some of the Administration Department's goals and upcoming projects:

One of the biggest opportunities we have discussed within the administration is working to enhance our culture and mindset as "WE" the city instead of "us" the department or division. We want to advocate for and lead by example toward a culture that we are all working together in public service for our community. The way we work toward this is in everything we do, and in being mindful of the way we speak externally about the city and the work we do and even internally with each other. We really believe that this change in culture can help us become even more efficient and effective on behalf of the community. Other main projects include resolving parking issues, working on how we provide responsible management of urban renewal district funding on behalf of our taxpayers, and enhancing our overall communications.

What do you love about this area?

Literally everything! I spent a decade away and I'm extremely happy to be home and raising our boys where I grew up. From the lakes to the mountains—oh my gosh did I miss having this many pine trees around—to just simply the identity that is Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai County. I'll never leave again (so please keep me around!)