



## In The News

### *Firefighter Torfin Earns IAAI- Fire Investigation Technician Certification*

Firefighter and Shift Investigator Justin Torfin has tested for and earned the designation of Fire Investigation Technician (FIT) from the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI).



This certification is a great first step toward earning the designation of Certified Fire Investigator, which requires a minimum of five years of service as a fire investigator to obtain the knowledge, training and experience to apply.

According to IAAI, here are some of the advantages of this certification:

- Acknowledgement by an independent body that the individual has demonstrated competence on the applicable professional qualification standards.
- Recognition by an independent body that the individual possesses fundamental knowledge required by the applicable professional qualification standards.
- Demonstration, through the recertification process, that the individual is keeping current with their training and professional knowledge development. *Continued page 2*

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**ELEVATED MASTER  
STREAM TRAINING AT  
THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**



**Firefighter Torfin Earns IAAI- Fire Investigation Technician Certification, cont.**

- Measurement of these achievements using a standardized mechanism, as set by the IAAI-FIT® Committee.

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department (Department) utilizes on-shift fire investigators to begin origin and cause investigations, or to conduct origin and cause investigation on minor fires to decrease overtime costs of calling in our certified fire investigators after hours. This model has been a great example of the Department's commitment to being fiscally responsible with tax payer money while accomplishing our fire suppression and investigation mission.

Recently, Firefighter Torfin added to his knowledge and training by attending the FI-210, Wildland Fire Investigation course held at the local Idaho Department of Lands office.

The Department is extremely proud of Firefighter Torfin for his dedication and professionalism to the citizens and valued guests of the City of Coeur d'Alene. Please join the Department in congratulating Firefighter Torfin for his hard work.

**Annual Residential Parking Permits**

The City of Coeur d'Alene is pleased to announce that the Annual Residential Parking permits are now available for purchase. These permits allow one, 2-hour parking session per day at either the McEuen Park or Memorial Field parking lots. The cost for the annual pass is \$10.50 for a City resident, or \$21.00 for a Kootenai County resident.



Residents can purchase the parking permit online (City Resident: <http://bit.ly/Cityres>; County Resident: <http://bit.ly/Countyres>) or by phone at 1-800-828-4197. A vehicle license plate number must be provided as no paper permit will be issued. Additionally, the permit holder will be required, prior to issuance, to verify residency by providing a copy of the vehicle registration and a local utility bill. For more information, visit [cdaid.org/parking](http://cdaid.org/parking) or call contact Audrey at Diamond Parking (208) 667-0965.

## Water Usage Information

With warmer months around the corner, it's time to think about water usage, especially when it comes to watering lawns and gardens. Everyone wants outdoor spaces to look nice, but it's important to do it in a way that doesn't waste water.

Water is precious, and it's important to be careful not to use more than needed. That's where efficient irrigation comes in. Efficient irrigation means using just the right amount of water to keep plants and lawns healthy without wasting water.

Here are some important things to know about efficient irrigation:

- **Timing is Everything.** Water your plants when they need it the most. Pay attention to the weather and water your lawn and garden when it's dry, but don't water them too much. Overwatering can cause problems like soil erosion and plant diseases.
- **Use Water Wisely.** Make sure your irrigation system is working properly and not wasting water. Fix any leaks and adjust your sprinklers so they water your plants and not the pavement.
- **Know Your Plants.** Different plants have different watering needs. Water them accordingly. For example, native plants often need less water than exotic ones.
- **Save Money.** Using less water not only helps the environment but also saves you money on your water bill. It's a win-win!



**Think Long-Term.** Conserving water now, helps to protect the water supply for the future. It's an investment in the community and the planet. You can do your part to be stewards of local water resources by embracing efficient irrigation practices. You can keep landscapes looking beautiful while also helping the environment.



The City of Coeur d'Alene offers Residential Landscape Conservation Rebate Credits for rain sensors/switches, soil moisture sensors, and hose bib timers. The maximum one-time rebate credit per customer is 75% of costs, up to \$75. For more information, click [here](#).

**THIS MONTH'S  
EVENTS AT THE  
LIBRARY**

**Traveling Circus STEAM**

**Storytime**

June 19 at McEuen Park

June 26 at Higgens Point

State Park

10:00 am - 10:30 am

**Juneteenth Read-In**

June 19

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Lawyer in the Library**

1st Thursday of the Month

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Yoga for You**

Mondays

9:30 am

**Ukulele Club**

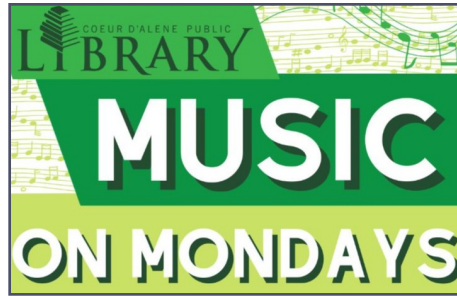
Saturday, June 22

3:00 pm - 4:45 pm

For more information on any  
Library event, call  
(208) 769-2315, or  
visit the Library's  
[event calendar](#).



## Music on Mondays



Music on Mondays at the Library kicks off June 24, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, with Old Plank Road. Old Plank Road covers the bluegrass and country music genre. Concerts take place on the Library lawn adjacent to McEuen Park. Mark your

calendars for Music on Mondays in July:

**July 1 - T & Company** - T & Company present an easy listening experience with the ring of acoustic strings and the blending of warm, pleasant harmonies. Call it "eclectic acoustic", playing the Beatles, Beach Boys, Dylan, Denver, 40's swing, 50's oldies, 60's and 70's favorites

**July 8 - Kathy Colton & the Reluctants** - Singer/songwriter Kathy Colton, Carla Grant, and Denise Bartlett bring you upbeat folk/rock music. Their strong harmonies and rhythms will have you dancing and singing along!

**July 22 - Four Peace** – Four Peace is an acoustic Americana band with overtones of Bluegrass, 60's, pop, folk rock etc. Four Peace is a rich sound of soft vocals, mandolin, guitar, banjo, and stand-up bass.

**July 29 - Coeurimba** - This Coeur d'Alene marimba group has been performing traditional and popular music from Zimbabwe past and present. They have fun with their upbeat, dynamic rhythms and happy melodies for you to enjoy with the setting sun.

## True to Seed

True to Seed is a non-profit seed sharing resource located in the Coeur d'Alene Public



Library and sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Library Foundation. It is open to everyone in the North Idaho area and provides seeds, plus education about growing and saving seeds. The seed library offers a collection of heirloom and home-grown vegetable, herb and flower seeds. It also accepts seeds in return, replenishing seed stock back to the library, and developing varieties that are best suited to our local region. True to Seed is open whenever the library is open.

For more information, visit [True to Seed](#).

## Arts Commission Seeks Artists for ‘ArtCurrents’

The City of Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission is seeking artists to participate in its “ArtCurrents” program. Artists submit applications for placement of their sculptures around downtown Coeur d’Alene and Riverstone for a period of one (1) year, with an option to renew for a second year. The displayed works should be created and displayed with the intention of selling within the year, with the City of Coeur d’Alene receiving a 25% commission from the sale. The Arts Commission has set a minimum cost for the piece at \$5,000 with a maximum cost of \$25,000 to make the art accessible to a variety of buyers.



The selected artists or artist’s teams will be paid a stipend of \$1,000.00 for the first year. A second stipend of \$1,000.00 may be paid to the artists at the start of the second year should the Arts Commission choose to retain the piece. ArtCurrents pieces are displayed along Sherman Avenue, Lakeside Avenue, City Park, and the Riverstone area.

Applications must be received through the CaFÉ website ([www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org)) no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on July 1, 2024. The call is entitled: “Coeur d’Alene Art Currents 2024.” Installation of the artwork will begin in October.

For more information about the Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission, visit [www.cdaid.org/arts](http://www.cdaid.org/arts).

## 28th Annual Mayor’s Awards in the Arts

The City of Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 28th Annual Mayor’s Awards in the Arts. Nominations may be submitted by art organizations, individuals, businesses or students and must be received by August 30, 2024.



The Mayor’s Awards in the Arts are presented by the Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission and the City of Coeur d’Alene to recognize and encourage excellence in the arts and to stimulate and support awareness of the arts throughout the community. Nominees may be businesses, organizations, individuals or students who have, through distinguished service or creative accomplishment, made a significant contribution to the arts in Coeur d’Alene, but need not be based or have residence within the City limits. Award recipients will be honored at a community celebration in October.

Download a nomination form at <https://www.cdaid.org/518/committees/arts/mayors-awards-in-the-arts>, or contact us at (208) 769-2300 to request a form. You may also pick up a nomination form at Coeur d’Alene City Hall, located at 710 E Mullan Ave, Coeur d’Alene, 83814.

### CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

**City Council Meetings**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday each month  
6:00 pm  
Library Community Room  
[Council Agenda Packets](#)

**Ped/Bike Committee**  
1st Wednesday each month  
4:00 pm  
City Hall

**CDA TV Committee**  
2nd Monday each month  
8:00 am  
City Hall

**Parking Commission**  
2nd Tuesday each month  
3:00 pm  
City Hall

**Planning Commission**  
2nd Tuesday each month  
5:30 pm  
Library Community Room

**Urban Forestry Committee**  
3rd Friday each month  
8:00 am  
City Hall

**Park and Rec Commission**  
Monday before 3rd Tuesday  
5:30 pm  
Library Community Room

**Childcare Commission**  
4th Monday each month  
6:30 pm  
City Hall

**Arts Commission**  
4th Tuesday each month  
4:00 pm  
City Hall

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**CITY COUNCIL AND  
COMMISSION  
MEETING  
INFORMATION,  
CONT.**

**Historic Preservation  
Commission**

4th Wednesday each month  
12:00 pm  
City Hall

**Library Board Meeting**

4th Wednesday each month  
4:00 pm  
Library Community Room

For more information, please  
visit the [Calendar page](#) on the  
City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

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[Coeur d'Alene Police Department](#)

[Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec  
Department](#)



**Welcome New Employees!**

A warm welcome to the following new City employees. The City is privileged to have these talented individuals join as new team members.

**Katie Ebner**

*Finance Director/Treasurer*  
Finance Department



**Anthony Goltz**

*Utility Operator*  
Water Department



**Trevor Larson-Mongeau**

*Heavy Equipment Operator*  
Streets Department



**The City of Coeur d'Alene is Hiring!**

Visit the City's employment website if you are interested in working for the City of Coeur d'Alene. Up-to-date job postings are listed [here](#).



## ***Community Opportunity Grant Funds***

The City of Coeur d'Alene (City) is currently accepting applications for the 2023 and 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding cycle of its Community Opportunity Grant. Any for profit or nonprofit organization, or business may apply for the CDBG's Community Opportunity Grant for qualifying projects and services that benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) neighborhoods/residents in Coeur d'Alene. Applicants must be in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

This grant cycle will have approximately \$200,136 in Program Year 2023 available funding, and \$147,768 from future Program Year 2024 funding. Of the total funding available, a maximum of 15% of the total allocation, or \$43,784, will be available for public service type grants in each program year. Projects must further the goals of the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and meet at least one (1) National Objective as defined by HUD. Requests for grant funds shall be in an amount of at least \$35,000.

An educational workshop will be held in-person on **June 6, 2024, at 4:00 pm**. To participate in the workshop, plan to attend in-person at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Ave, Conference Room 6.

Grant proposals must be received by 5:00 pm on June 21, 2024. Submit a hard copy to the City of Coeur d'Alene, Attn: Sherrie Badertscher, 710 E. Mullan Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814, or by email to [SherrieB@cdaid.org](mailto:SherrieB@cdaid.org).

The Grant Application and more information about the grant program can be found on the city's website at: <https://cdaid.org/community-opportunity-grant>.

The City's CDBG Community Development Specialist Sherrie Badertscher provides administrative services for the Community Opportunity Grant. Please contact her at (208) 769-2382, or [SherrieB@cdaid.org](mailto:SherrieB@cdaid.org) for one-on-one technical assistance, to discuss a particular funding proposal, or to help trouble-shoot an application.

