



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Carousel Grand Opening June 9th

Mark your calendar! The carousel building is almost complete and the Grand Opening has been set for Friday, June 9, noon to 7 p.m., in conjunction with the Family Day in the Park and Fancy Flea Market event. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. in Memorial Plaza. Free Photo Booth sponsored by Coeur d'Alene Honda, Free Carousel rides sponsored by the Idaho Central Credit Union, and much more!



CDA Arts Commission Seeks Artists for Fort Grounds Drive Roundabout Sculpture

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeking artists for a sculpture to be installed in the Fort Grounds Drive roundabout. Information packets are available at City Hall, or online at cdaid.org/arts. Artist proposals are due by 5 p.m., July 10. Artists with questions are encouraged to contact Sam Taylor, Arts Commission Liaison, at staylor@cdaid.org.



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CITY FACES



Brandon Russell: Using Technology to Simplify and Streamline Difficult Tasks

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Brandon Russell, Database Administrator, to learn more about his role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I grew

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CDA Arts Commission Seeks Artists for ArtCurrents 2017.

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeking artists to participate in ArtCurrents, it's popular art placement program downtown that is being expanded to Riverstone this fall. Artists submit applications for placement of their sculptures for a period of one year. Information packets are available at City Hall, or online at cdaid.org/artcurrents. Artist proposals are due by 5 p.m., June 30. Artists with questions are encouraged to contact Sam Taylor, Arts Commission Liaison, at staylor@cdaid.org



K27 Memorial Donation

The K27 Memorial is so much closer to happening thanks to a major donation from Mark Ray, Jr., owner of the McDonald's



restaurants in Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls. Our local McDonald's locations donated \$10,027.27 from the May 5 fundraiser to the Panhandle Parks Foundation for the McEuen Park K27 Sgt. Greg Moore Memorial Water Feature.

For more information on how to help with the K27 Memorial, contact Panhandle Parks at panhandleparks@gmail.com, or 208-446-4813.

Bike Rodeo on June 14

The City of Coeur d'Alene Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee and First Presbyterian are hosting a bike rodeo on June 14, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at 5th & Lakeside in downtown Coeur d'Alene. Bring your kids downtown to learn about bike safety and to get a free helmet!



up in a small town in Montana and developed a knack and love for computers while in high school. After graduation, I "perused" a degree in Electronic Engineering in Spokane. I worked for a short time in my field of study, including teaching a high school electronics course, but I never strayed too far from computers. In 1997, I had the opportunity to work for a large software company doing Help Desk support. That started my return back to the computer field. By 2000, I was designing databases and websites, and writing applications. In 2003, the City of Coeur d'Alene hired me to develop software applications and websites.

What are your duties and responsibilities? Overseeing the development and maintenance of City websites, applications, and GIS information.

What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job? I get really excited when I can help an employee simplify a complicated and time-consuming aspect of their job with technology. I enjoy developing technology that can do the mundane and tedious aspects of their job, allowing them to spend more time doing the tasks they enjoy the most. Most everyone has a favorite part of their job. If I can help them do more of that, and let technology do the part they enjoy the least, that's a good feeling.

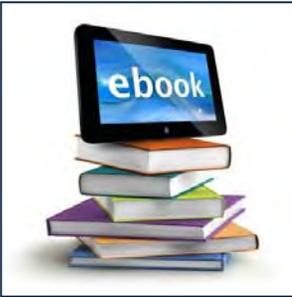
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Library Adds Free E-Books for Kids to Website

Children and families have another reason to read this summer. A



new online resource on the library website provides more than 600 free children's e-books from any device with internet access. The fiction and nonfiction books from the Fable Learning site can be accessed by visiting www.cdalibrary.org and clicking the EXPLORE link. Log on with your library card

number. For more information, call 769-2315.

Library Patrons Can Now Print From Own Devices Wirelessly, Remotely

Need to print an airline boarding pass but your printer at home is out of toner? Are you at the library and have a document on your smart phone, laptop, or tablet that you would like to print? No problem. The Coeur d'Alene Public Library has recently added wireless and remote printing services. For more information, call (208) 769-2315.



PD Offers Parking Lot for Safer Craigslist Transactions



The Police Department wants you to know that if you are purchasing or selling something to someone from Craiglist you can utilize the department's parking lot for a safer transaction!

What does customer service mean to you? Good customer service means treating the person's problem as your own. One usually only goes to the doctor when something is wrong. Same goes for IT. So, already, the person is frustrated and probably a little stressed. Having a smile on your face and giving them your full attention while they describe their issue goes a long way. Taking ownership of somebody else's problem lets them know that you care, and that you are going to do everything you can to find a solution.

What do you love about this area? I love our different seasons, and close access to a variety of outdoor-related activities. Coeur d'Alene has wonderful schools, parks and entertainment. It is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

What about your family and interests? I have a beautiful wife of 16 years, and three wonderful children. When I am not working or hanging with my family, you can find me making sawdust in my wood shop.

