



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

The City of Coeur d'Alene Administers an Emergency Minor Home Repair and Accessibility Improvement Program (EMRAP) as Part of the CDBG Grant

The City of Coeur d'Alene has grants available (\$5,000 maximum) for emergency repair/accessibility improvements and sidewalk repair/replacement for low-income resident homeowners. The purpose of the program is to help low-to-moderate income homeowners correct building conditions that threaten the health and safety, or the soundness of the home.

Eligible Work:

- Repair of electrical, plumbing, or heating systems
- Repair of leaking roofs
- Installation of ADA improvements, e.g.: ramps, grab bars, lever hardware
- Creation of accessible pathways including sidewalk repair and replacement
- Emergency sewer and water systems repairs
- Code enforcement issues in the home

Applications will be accepted as long as funds are available and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Emergency Minor Home Repair & Accessibility Improvement Program (EMRAP)



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ROBERT BUSH UTILITY OPERATOR WATER DEPARTMENT

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Utility Operator Robert Bush, to learn more about his role with the City.

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Coeur d'Alene Public Library Reopening to Visitors

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library is reopening to visitors on March 15, 2021, for browsing, item check-out, computer access, printing, copying and faxing, and shopping at the Second Story Books bookstore. The library will be open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It is anticipated that building capacity will be limited due to Governor Little's current Stage 3 order on gatherings. To assist with this, the library is encouraging 30-minute visits to browse for and check-out items. Computer access will be set to 1-hour time blocks. Patrons and staff will be required to wear face masks that properly cover both nose and mouth and socially distance while in the building.

curbside delivery of items to vehicles has been a popular service and it will continue to be offered during open hours. Patrons with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a face mask, as well as those who do not wish to wear one, will be directed to curbside service, Chromebook borrowing, and digital access through the library's website.

A temporary children's area will be set up in a central location upstairs to make it easier for parents and caregivers to find books for themselves and their children within the 30-minute timeframe. The teen area will also be rearranged to maximize browsing. Reopening the downstairs spaces that include the children's library and public meeting rooms will follow at a later stage.

Children's, teen and adult programs will continue to be conducted virtually during live and recorded sessions. Check the library's event schedule at www.cdalibrary.org/events for more details. Select events, such as the Seed and Seedling Swap on Saturday, March 27, will be held outdoors.

Until March 15, curbside delivery will remain the primary option for service. Patrons are able to place holds on materials in the Cooperative Information Network (CIN) catalog by visiting the library website at www.cdalibrary.org and logging into their accounts. Patrons may also place holds by phone.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:

I'm from North Idaho and graduated from Lakeland High School. I previously worked at the North Kootenai Water District for six years before coming to work for the City of Coeur d'Alene's Water Department.

What kind of training do you need to be a Utility Operator?

To be a utility operator, you need time and experience, a willingness to learn, and certifications for Drinking Water Distribution and/or Drinking Water Treatment.

What does a Utility Operator do?

Utility operators work on a wide range of assignments from new construction and leak repair to pump house maintenance.

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Welcome the Newest Members of the CDA Police K9 Team

The City welcomed the newest members of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department's K9 team; Officer Germain and K9 Scout. K9 Scout is a 14-month-old Dutch Shepherd. Officer Germain and K9 Scout will complete training of a 400-hour patrol school. Welcome Officer Germain and K9 Scout!



It's Time to Get Your Free Street Trees!

Planting for the Future: Re-Leaf CDA Offers Residents Free Street Trees

The City of Coeur d'Alene has a number of street trees that need good homes! Street trees are planted at residential locations within public right-of-way areas in the city limits through the CDA Re-Leaf program. Trees are planted at no cost to the homeowner to enhance our neighborhoods and provide many street-side benefits such as mitigating storm water and reducing pollution. The tree species still available are Skyline Honeylocust, Black Tupelo, American Hophornbeam, and Littleleaf linden. Don't worry about the planting; trees will be planted by a contract tree planting crew in late April or early May. Interested homeowners are encouraged to reply as soon as possible since there are a limited number of trees. The deadline to apply for this program is April 9th, 2021. Contact the Urban Forestry Division of the Parks Department at 769-2266 or visit www.cdaid.org/parks for more information.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The thing that I enjoy the most about my job is the comradery between everybody, it makes for a fun and easy-going work day and environment.

What about your family and interests?

I have been married for 6 years now. My wife and I have 2 boys, my oldest is 4 years old, and my youngest is 2 years old. I enjoy hunting and my family and I enjoy being outdoors.

What do you love most about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho?

I love having so many lakes within a short drive.

