



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### 2018 Leaf Pickup Begins Tuesday, November 13

Please **DO NOT** include bagged leaves, garden debris, grass clippings, branches, limbs or trash. Please be alert to equipment in your neighborhood. Move any vehicles on the street to allow crews to do their work.

Please be sure that all leaves/needles are approximately one foot from the curb line to allow rainwater to drain. Street sweepers will follow crews as they move through the City.



Leaf pickup will start south of Sherman Avenue and move north, east to west. We expect completion by Friday, November 30. For questions or additional information, please call the Streets and Engineering Department at 208.769.2233. Follow our progress at <https://maps.cdaid.org/leaf/>.

#### Library to Host “Ready for Kindergarten” Event



The Coeur d'Alene Public Library will host an event on Wednesday, November 14, 6—8 p.m. The event is intended to help families prepare their children for kindergarten.

Parents and caregivers of 4-5 year olds are asked to pre-register at <https://www.readyforkindergarten.org/unitedwaynorthidaho>. This event includes a free parent workshop,

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#### **Stephanie Padilla: A passion for Government Accounting**

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Finance Department Accountant, Stephanie Padilla, to learn more about her role with the City.

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materials and toys, and free on-site childcare.

## New Crosswalk Beacons ... thanks to area Rotary Clubs!

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 16 for the newly installed Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at 21st Street and Pennsylvania Ave. The RRFBs were purchased with a generous donation from our local Sunrise, Evening, and Coeur d'Alene Rotary clubs. These beacons will improve safety at a crosswalk used daily by Fernan Elementary Students. RRFBs have been shown to improve yield rates at crosswalks by up to 85%.



## Winners of Library Pumpkin Decorating Contest Named

The winners of the library's pumpkin decorating contest were: Kailee Beck (Child); Loren & Lilah Roberts (Teens); and Rachel Hazard (Adult). Pumpkins were provided by the City of Coeur d'Alene's Compost Facility and were grown in Coeur d'Green, the city's own soil enhancement product. Decorating supplies were provided by a grant from the Friends of the Library.



## 2018 Holidays & Heroes Event, December 9

'Tis the season! The annual Holidays and Heroes event is scheduled at the Greyhound Park and Event Center in Post Falls on December 9. Police officers and firefighters volunteer their time to make this event special and are happy to work in partnership with businesses, civic groups, and citizens in the surrounding area, to make Christmas a little bit brighter for less fortunate children. Cash and food items are now being accepted by participating law

### Tell us about your education and experience:

I currently have a bachelors degree in accounting and have hopes of obtaining my masters. I worked for 10 years in governmental accounting, as the accountant for the County of Mono, CA. My husband and I have successfully owned and operated a bar and grille in the Eastern Sierra Mountains for 13 years.

### Why did you want to work for the City of Coeur d'Alene?

Governmental accounting is what I have experience in and have gained a passion for. Upon moving to North Idaho, I was always hopeful to obtain an accounting position in governmental accounting. The position of accountant for the City of Coeur d'Alene was just too perfect for me! I am truly enjoying working for the City.

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

I love the small town feel with plenty of conveniences. I love the ability to enjoy the outdoors all year long. I feel very fortunate to raise my family in such an awesome, wholesome community. We moved a little over a year ago to the area for my husband's job with the intent to have our family together more often. We moved from a very small town in the Eastern Sierra Mountains, between Lake Tahoe and Mammoth Mountain.

### What are your current

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enforcement and emergency service agencies, and can be dropped off at the Coeur d'Alene Police Department located at 3818 N. Schreiber Way. For more information, call 208.769.2320.



## Downtown Parking Garage Opens in December

The new downtown parking garage that began construction in January is almost complete and will be open for use beginning in December. Located on the south side of Coeur d'Alene Avenue between 3rd Street and 4th Street, the new 4 1/2 story parking structure will provide approximately 350 additional parking spaces for downtown visitors and business employees. Access for general public use is located on Coeur d'Alene Avenue. Approximately 90 spaces are provided for monthly pass holders through a secured entrance on 3rd Street. Wayfinding signage is being installed in the area to direct motorists to the new parking garage as well as the McEuen parking. Up to two retail storefronts are available on 3rd Street. The parking garage design was completed by Miller-Stauffer Architects with construction by T. LaRiviere. Funding was provided by ignite cda.



**responsibilities?** As the accountant for the City, I perform accounting and financial support of the citywide financial system, analyze reports to ensure accuracy in the reporting of the City's financial position, assist in the City's annual financial audit, and assist in the planning and preparation of the annual budget.

**What does Customer Service mean to you?** Customer service, to me, is the act of patiently listening to customers and, through clear communication and attentiveness, providing a satisfying resolution. Working for a government entity, I feel you have to be mindful that you are responsible for the proper use of public funds. Good customer service to the taxpayer is providing assurance to the taxpayer that their tax dollar is being used properly.

**What about your family and interests?** I'm married to Patrick, who is a Captain for Horizon Air out of Spokane. We have a daughter, Camerina (11), and a son, Wesley (9). Both kids play hockey for the Spokane Jr. Chiefs. They keep us very busy traveling to Canada and all over the U.S. to play hockey. When we are not at the ice rink, we enjoy fishing, hiking, mountain biking, wakeboarding, and snowboarding. We live in Coeur d'Alene and enjoy the lakes, parks, and events.