



# In The News

## New Councilmember Kenny Gabriel



Councilmember Kenny Gabriel officially took his oath of office for the City of Coeur d'Alene (City) during the Council meeting on October 15, 2024.

Having lived in Coeur d'Alene for 43 years, Councilmember Gabriel has dedicated his life to public service. He started as a volunteer firefighter and eventually rose to the position of Fire Chief of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department. Councilmember Gabriel played a pivotal role in leading the organizing team for two (2) General Obligation Bond Measures, both of which passed with over the two-thirds majority required. These measures brought approximately \$15 million in positive contributions to the City's General Fund. Additionally, he was part of a small team that designed and implemented the current Emergency Medical Services System for Kootenai County, which has been adopted by various agencies nationwide and is recognized as one of the most successful systems in the United States.

Councilmember Gabriel was honored with the State of Idaho Firefighter of the Year Award. His extensive service includes being a member of the Prichard-Murray Volunteer Fire Department's Board of Commissioners, President of the Idaho State Fire Chief's Association, and recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award. *Continued on page 2.*

### MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

#### Mayor

Woody McEvers 208.691.5303

#### City Council

Dan English 208.819.0940

Amy Evans 208.819.1349

Kenny Gabriel 208.660.6828

Dan Gookin 208.667.5200

Kiki Miller 208.661.1778

Christie Wood 208.819.5274

### CITY DEPARTMENTS

Main Line 208.769.2300

Building Services 208.769.2267

Engineering 208.769.2235

Finance/Utilities 208.769.2227

Fire 208.769.2340

Human Resources 208.769.2205

Legal 208.769.2348

Library 208.769.2315

Municipal Services 208.769.2300

Parks 208.769.2252

Planning 208.769.2274

Police 208.769.2320

Recreation 208.769.2250

Streets 208.769.2235

Wastewater 208.769.2281

Water 208.769.2210



**FUN ACTIVITIES IN  
THE INLAND  
NORTHWEST**

**Winter Warriors, Fleet Feet  
511 E Sherman Ave  
November 5 at 5:30 pm**

Keep moving, stay motivated and make friends in this free group. Walk or run throughout the winter months. No pressure for pace or performance. Meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 pm; Saturdays at 7:30 am.

**Because...The Beatles Concert  
NIC's Edminster Student Union  
Building  
495 N. College Drive  
November 15 at 7:30 pm**

This free concert is open to the public for all to enjoy, and features North Idaho College's Cardinal Voices, directed by Cindy Dicken.

**Coeur d'Alene Ski Swap at Kootenai  
County Fairgrounds  
November 16 from 10:00 am - 5:00  
pm**

Buy and sell new and used ski equipment, clothing and accessories. Free admission! Meet other skiers in the community and get tips on the best local ski areas too.

**32nd Annual Lighting Ceremony  
Parade in downtown CdA.  
November 29 at 5:00 pm**

Parade begins at 5:00 pm on Sherman Avenue with marching bands, dancing, music and festive floats. Gather on the lawn of the Coeur d'Alene Resort for carols and the fireworks display countdown when 1.5 million lights will brighten downtown Coeur d'Alene.

***New Councilmember Kenny Gabriel, cont.***

Councilmember Gabriel has also served as a four-term President of the North Idaho Fire Chiefs, Chairman of the Idaho State Fire Chief's Association Legislative Committee, Committee Member on the City's Legislative Committee, Association of Idaho Cities Technical Advisory Committee, Idaho State Fire Service Training Advisor Board and Inland Empire Juvenile Firesetter Task Force. His commitment to his community extends beyond his professional achievements. He volunteered with numerous community organizations such as the Salvation Army Kroc Center Board, North Idaho College Vocational Technical Education Advisory Board, Coeur d'Alene American Legion Board, and the Idaho Youth Ranch Programs Committee.

Looking ahead, Councilmember Gabriel envisions a community where the City and residents work hand-in-hand to create a safer, more resilient environment. He believes that fostering strong relationships between City officials and citizens is crucial in addressing the challenges faced by the community.

***Councilmember Kiki Miller Receives Award***



Congratulations to Councilmember Kiki Miller. She received the Planning Tool or Implementation Award in October at the 2024 American Planning Association Idaho Chapter (APA Idaho) Annual Conference in Moscow, ID, for her efforts on the Housing Solutions Partnership.

This award honors a specific planning tool, practice, program, project, process, or effort that has accomplished positive changes. It emphasizes innovation, transferability, and results that can be measured over the long-term. Nominated projects must have been in use for a minimum of one year.

Jurisdictions throughout Kootenai County formed the Housing Solutions Partnership in 2020, led by Councilmember Miller, to address housing and growth-related challenges as real estate and rental costs reached record highs in North Idaho. The award acknowledged the innovative partnership and successful implementation efforts of Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, Post Falls, Rathdrum, Hauser, Athol, Spirit Lake, Kootenai County, IHFA, KMPO, and 56 participating organizations.



## *Pumpkin Giveaway*

On October 18, the City of Coeur d'Alene Wastewater Department partnered with the City of Coeur d'Alene Library to host the Annual Pumpkin Giveaway, where over 1,100 pumpkins were given out—setting a new record!

In addition to free pumpkins, participants enjoyed a sing-along and storytime for the kids, as well as cider and cookies.

Thank you to the Library for their hard work and for making the event such a fun and memorable day for everyone. The Wastewater Department is proud to have played a part in supporting the Library by supplying the pumpkins, and for helping make this event a huge success!



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

**Autumn Storytime**

Ages 18 mos - 3 yrs  
Thursdays  
9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Tai Chi and Qi Gong**

Tuesdays  
10:00 am

**Lawyer in the Library**

1st Thursday of the Month  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Yoga for You**

Mondays and Fridays  
9:30 am

**History Hour Lectures**

November 7 and 13  
5:30 pm

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



**History Hour Lectures**

In this monthly lecture series in the Community Room, join the Library for a special presentation with the Museum of North Idaho, featuring a local author or historian who will talk about Idaho's fascinating heritage.

**Carry Forth the Stories – Thursday, November 7 (5:30 pm) –**

The history and culture of Native Peoples is most authentically and accurately revealed through the power of their own stories and storytelling. Rodney Frey, University of Idaho, Professor Emeritus of Ethnography, will introduce some of the dynamics and meanings of Indigenous storytelling, with implications for better appreciating the Native experience, as well as lessons for shared humanity. Frey will be reading from and speaking on his most recent book: *Carry Forth the Stories* [Expanded Edition] *A Journey into Indigenous Oral Traditions with Implications for Our Humanity* (Washington State University Press 2024).

**Our Furry Little Engineers – Wednesday, November 13 (5:30 pm) –**

Join historian and fur trade reenactor Mark Weadick as he discusses how the value of beaver fur led the way for western expansion and European colonization of North America via the fur trade. Learn about the beaver's life cycle, its impacts on the landscape, and how the beaver are doing today, as human developments encroach on beaver habitat.





## Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards

The Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission (Commission) is excited to announce that the *Mayor's Awards in the Arts* will now be known as the *Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards*. The name change reflects the Commission's commitment to celebrating the region's abundant creative talent and the cultural vibrancy that defines Coeur d'Alene and the surrounding communities.

The new name emphasizes inclusivity and regional pride, shifting the focus from a single office to the broader community. By adopting the name *Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards*, the Commission aims to honor not only the incredible contributions of local artists but also the diverse cultural landscape that makes this region unique.

While the name may be different, the mission remains the same: to recognize and promote artistic excellence in all its forms. The *Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards* will continue to showcase the best in local arts, from visual art to music, theatre, dance, and more.

The Commission looks forward to celebrating the extraordinary talent of this region at the next *Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards* event, and everyone is invited in recognizing the vital role the arts play in enriching our community.

Thank you for your continued support as the Commission embarks on this exciting new chapter!

## Helping Out Where Help is Needed

K9 Scout and his handler Firefighter Chad Matchell were honored to deploy to the Southeast with Washington Task Force 1 to aid in the rescue and recovery efforts following hurricanes Helene and Milton. This is the third time they have deployed as a live find canine search team with WA-TF1; other deployments include the Holiday Farm Fire in 2020, and the Maui Fire last year. Scout is a proud member of the Idaho Disaster Dogs and can be found watching over CDA Fire Station 2 while Engine 2, and Medic 32 crews are responding to calls.



### 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

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.

Find the City on Facebook!

[City of Coeur d'Alene](#)

[Coeur d'Alene Fire Department](#)

[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.

**Elizabeth Westenburg**

*Library Director*

Library



**Konner Petticolos**

*Recreation Monitor*

Recreation Department



**Kirk Johnson**

*IT Network Systems*

*Administrator*

Municipal Services



**Olivia Asburry**

*Permit Technician*

Building 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](#).



## *Preventing Frozen Pipes*

When cold weather arrives, the City receives calls regarding frozen pipes. Most often the freeze-up occurs on the customer's side of the meter due to exposed pipes. This is the customer's responsibility. Customers can reduce their chances of having their pipes freeze by taking a few steps as outlined below:

- Make sure you have disconnected all outside garden hoses.
- Check your foundation or crawl space vents – if they aren't covered, or the vents aren't closed for the winter, they should be, and they can be insulated.
- Along with foundation vents, check for any other openings that might cause wind to blow into your crawl space. A frosty draft quickly primes a pipe to freeze.
- Exposed pipes freeze first. If you have a crawl space, make sure the pipes are covered with appropriate insulating material and possibly heat tape, if possible.
- On very cold nights, you might want to open the doors on any cabinets installed near an exterior wall. Opening cabinet doors allows warmer, room-temperature air to circulate which helps prevent freezing.
- Be prepared – know where your water shut-off valve is located in the house or apartment.

If a freeze-up occurs and the structure is a trailer or a home with a crawl space, go into the crawl space and check the pipe bringing water into the structure. This is the most common problem. **DO NOT THAW WITH AN OPEN FLAME!** The best way to thaw the pipe is to use a hair dryer, although it can also be done with a portable or area heater that does not use an open flame. Any electric devices used to thaw frozen pipes should be placed in such a way so that they do not get wet should the pipe begin leaking water once the ice is thawed.



You can prevent a recurrence by making sure the pipe is covered with insulation (heat tape is best) and ensuring that the vents and openings are closed. The second most common cause of a freeze-up is an outside faucet where a hose has been left in place. You can use the same methods as above to thaw it out.

It is not recommended that people leave water running. While this can be an effective way to prevent freeze-ups, people often run too much of a stream of water and end up with very high utility bills. Utility billing will not adjust bills for customers who choose to do this.

When thawing a frozen pipe, it is a good idea for the customer to know how to turn off the water. Most houses have a master shut off valve. If ice has split a pipe, the water won't run until it has been thawed out. *Continued on page 8.*

## *Preventing Frozen Pipes, continued.*

Water pipes usually aren't high maintenance household items until they freeze and burst. With a little preventative care now, you can avoid frozen pipes.

If you have any questions about preventing freeze ups, call the Water Department at 208-769-2210.

## *PulsePoint to Help Save Lives*

Last month, the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department announced the adoption of the app [PulsePoint](#) in Coeur d'Alene to further the City's commitment to creating a healthy and civically engaged community. This app empowers everyday citizens to provide life-saving assistance to victims of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). App subscribers who have indicated they are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and willing to assist in case of an emergency can be notified if someone nearby is having a SCA and may require CPR. If the cardiac emergency is in a public place, the location-aware application will alert users in the vicinity of the need for CPR simultaneous with the dispatch of advanced medical care. The application also directs these potential rescuers to the exact location of the closest AED.



Each year, the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department responds to nearly 10,000 incidents, including more than 129 cardiac arrest events.

“With PulsePoint we hope to increase bystander involvement in time-sensitive medical calls by increasing the use of CPR and AEDs, while also keeping the community informed, in real time, of all emergency activities,” said Department EMS Officer Steve Jones “It gives our residents and visitors the ability to know when a cardiac arrest is occurring close by, locate AEDs in the area, and perform potentially lifesaving CPR while our personnel respond to the scene. It also shows them general information for all 9-1-1 calls to keep them better informed of what’s going on in our community.”

Ready to make a difference? Download [PulsePoint](#) today and be part of creating a healthier, safer Coeur d'Alene!





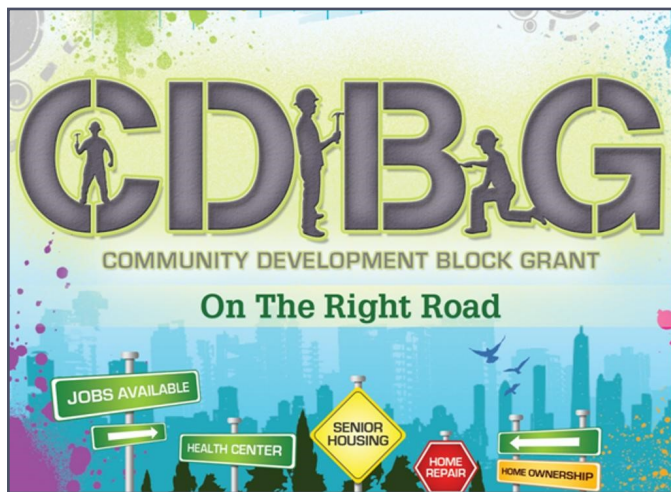
## *2023 CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report*

Since its inception in 1974, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been a cornerstone of community development in the United States. Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), CDBG provides flexible funding to states and localities, enabling them to address their unique community development needs. The City of Coeur d’Alene has been a recipient of grant funds since 2007. Since that time, CDBG has played a pivotal role in transforming our community. The program’s flexibility allows funds to be used for a wide range of activities, including:



[Affordable Housing](#), Economic Development, Public Services, Homelessness Assistance, and Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements.

The City of Coeur d’Alene has drafted its **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)** for Plan Year 2023 (PY23) CDBG funds. The report will be available for review and comment from November 15 through December 3, 2024. The draft document will be made available on November 15 on the City’s website at [www.cdavid.org/cdbg](http://www.cdavid.org/cdbg) and a hard copy will be available for review at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue.



The **public hearing** to consider comments on the draft CAPER will be held at a regular meeting of the City Council on **December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Library Community Room, 702 E. Front Avenue. The public hearing will be held in facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodations will be available, upon request; requests to be made five (5) days prior to the hearing.

Feel free to reach out to Grant Administrator Sherrie Badertscher at (208) 769-2382, or via email to [SherrieB@cdavid.org](mailto:SherrieB@cdavid.org) if you need any more details, have specific questions about the CDBG program, or would like to submit comments on the draft CAPER.