



# In The News

## Message from Mayor Woody McEvers

Well... we made it through another perfect summer, warm weather, not too much smoke, and of course, happy tourists.

Now, it's time to enjoy our beautiful City and all the activities that fall brings to North Idaho.

Please celebrate our community. Explore our parks, beaches, and trails. Participate in the fall events and activities. It's a great time to connect with one another and celebrate the season. Your community spirit and neighborly kindness are what makes our City truly special .

- Mayor McEvers



Photo: Coeur d'Alene Living Local



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**FUN FALL**

**ACTIVITIES IN THE INLAND NORTHWEST**

Fall in the Inland Northwest is cooler and quieter, but just as spectacular as summer. So many things beckon you to get out and enjoy the change of pace and season!

- Canoe one of the many lakes in the area from Spirit Lake to Lake Pend d’Orielle and Lake Coeur d’Alene.
- Tour the TerBest Alpaca Farm in Priest River.
- Forage for mushrooms around Priest Lake.
- Go for a horseback ride through forests and golden meadows at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch in Sandpoint.
- If the weather’s bad, spend an afternoon at Coeur Climbing with a range of walls suited for all climbing levels.



**Another Successful Fire Open House**

The Fire Department held their annual Open House on Saturday, September 14 at Station #3. Many members of the community came out for this family-friendly event where they had an opportunity to meet the firefighters.

There were plenty of activities for all ages, including a junior firefighter challenge course and CPR and Stop the Bleed training. The beloved fire dog Sparky also made an appearance! This was truly a community event as there were also representatives from Life Flight, Idaho Department of Lands, Panhandle Health, Kootenai Health, and North Idaho College in attendance to offer education and resources for attendees.



## *Lawyer in the Library*

In June of 2023, Ryan Hunter, Coeur d’Alene’s Chief Deputy City Attorney, reached out to the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program (“IVLP”) of the Idaho Law Foundation regarding the possibility of starting a “Lawyer in the Library” Legal Clinic (Clinic) in North Idaho. At that time, there was no similar legal clinic in the area which addressed an ever-growing need for indigent legal services, especially for initial, general, and basic legal consultations. The hope was that the “Lawyer in the Library” Clinic might help alleviate some of that need. Mr. Hunter then began planning for the Clinic with the assistance of the IVLP. The Coeur d’Alene Library staff also provided much needed support and encouragement. The first Clinic was held on October 5, 2023, in the Gozzer Room of the Coeur d’Alene library. Since then the Clinic has been held on the first Thursday of every month from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm



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The response to the initial Clinic was incredibly positive. Staffed by two volunteer attorneys, Mr. Hunter facilitated the intake of the participants, managed paperwork, and answered questions regarding the Clinic itself. At first, the Clinic required pre-registration, but now it accommodates a steady flow of walk-in participants whenever possible. Additionally, a second room—the Jameson Room—has been reserved to allow for greater privacy of the participants when discussing their sensitive legal issues, and to accommodate more participants and volunteer attorneys in the future. The Clinic continues to be well attended and the number of volunteer attorneys was expanded from two to three, increasing the number of participant registration spots from eight to twelve, ahead of the February 2024 Clinic.

The Clinic is now staffed by Mr. Hunter and three volunteer attorneys. During its first year of operation, the Clinic’s volunteer attorneys have helped address legal issues for 118 low-income individuals from Coeur d’Alene and surrounding areas. With the continued support of the IVLP and the invaluable assistance of the Coeur d’Alene Library, the Clinic plans to continue providing low- and no-cost legal services in our area into the future, addressing a need that is substantial, ever-present, and growing.

For more information or to register, please click [here](#).





**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

**Ukelele Club**

Every Second Saturday

3:00pm - 4:45 pm

For more information on any

Library event, call

(208) 769-2315, or

visit the Library's

[event calendar](#).



## ***Sunday Serenades: A Monthly Music Event***

Welcome to a world of music and community warmth at **Sunday Serenades!** Join the Coeur d'Alene Public Library every last Sunday of the month from October 2024 to February 2025, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, for an afternoon of wonderful live music in a cozy, coffee house setting.

Immerse yourself in the sounds of **talented local musicians** who will serenade you with their unique tunes, creating a perfect blend of relaxation and entertainment. Enjoy a delightful assortment of **coffee, tea, and treats** as you listen.

Whether you're a music aficionado or simply looking for a fun Sunday afternoon, **Sunday Serenades** offers a welcoming venue where you can connect with friends and discover the rich musical talent of our community. Mark your calendar and come savor the sounds of local North Idaho stars!

For a list of scheduled musicians, visit [Sunday Serenades](#).

## ***Meditation for a Peaceful Mind***



Join the Library for an enlightening experience on Saturday, October 5 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or a curious beginner, this class will guide you through the principles and practices of meditation in a calm and supportive environment. The instructor, Deb Vester, will lead you through

various techniques aimed at reducing stress, enhancing mindfulness, improving focus, and promoting overall well-being. The group meets in the Library Community Room.

While everyone is always welcome at the Library, this event is intended for adults and the instruction is designed for an adult audience.

## Pumpkin Giveaway and Compost Celebration

Fall is here and so is the Annual Pumpkin Giveaway! Join the Wastewater Department and Coeur d'Alene Library on October 18 for the Annual Pumpkin Giveaway. This annual, sustainable event takes place on the lawn behind the Library and showcases the fruits of the Wastewater Department's sustainable composting efforts. At 10:00 am, meet outside in the brisk fall weather to have a fun family story time that includes autumn books, songs, activities, and even a story read by Coeur d'Alene's Wastewater Superintendent, Mike Anderson. When story time ends at 10:30, families can sip hot cider while picking out a pumpkin to take home that was grown using the City's Coeur d'Green compost! There will also be an opportunity to decorate pumpkin cookies, make a fall craft, and play some festive games. The story time and activities will be geared towards ages 3-8.

Whether you're carving, decorating, or baking, these pumpkins are ready to brighten up your fall season! Plus, don't forget to guess how many pumpkins were harvested this year—closest guess wins a **FREE load of Coeur d'Green Compost** for your garden! Send your estimate to [Torri Green](#) in the Wastewater Department.

Did you know that each year, the Wastewater Department grows pumpkins using Coeur d'Green Compost, which is compost made from local biosolids? These pumpkins are a perfect example of sustainability in action. By recycling biosolids into rich, nutrient-dense compost, the Wastewater Department is helping to create a greener, healthier community. This event isn't just about pumpkins—it's about community, sustainability, and the power of recycling! Discover how the biosolids-to-compost program is making a positive environmental impact right here in Coeur d'Alene.

For more information, email Wastewater Department Director Mike Anderson at [manderson@cdaid.org](mailto:manderson@cdaid.org).

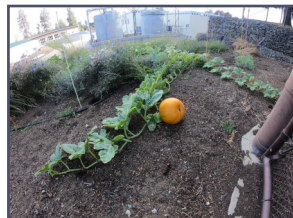


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### CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

#### 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!

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[Coeur d'Alene Police Department](#)

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



## *Citizen's Quick Action Saves a Life*

The Fire Department had the honor of presenting Dave Powell with a Life-Saving Award in September. Mr. Powell jumped into action when his wife noticed a young man calling for help from the water at City Beach.

Powell swam out to the young man and brought him back to shore where he was able to recover from the near-drowning while waiting for Fire Department personnel to arrive. The Fire Department is so proud of Mr. Powell for his courage and swift actions that saved a life.



## *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.

**Kassie Lotze**

*Maintenance Worker I*  
Parks Department



**Jeff Tucker**

*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](#).



## *Winterize Landscape Irrigation Systems Early*



City of Coeur d'Alene water customers will soon start preparing their lawn and garden irrigation systems for the coming cold weather. In our area, the most common practice is to use compressed air to blow out the leftover water in the irrigation piping. When performed correctly, this can be an efficient method to prevent expensive damage to irrigation systems caused by freezing. If

performed incorrectly, however, costly damage to backflow assemblies may occur. You also run the risk of contaminating not only your water, but that of your neighbors. The following guidelines will help provide protection to you and other community members from irrigation system contamination:

- Make sure that the blow-off port where air is introduced into the irrigation system is downstream of your approved backflow assembly. Blow-off ports installed upstream of the backflow assembly may allow oil and contaminated air from the air compressor tank to be back pressured into your potable water service as well as the city water main. High pressure air introduced upstream of the backflow assembly may also damage the internal components of the assembly, resulting in the assembly not properly protecting our drinking water supply, as well as costly repair/replacement of the assembly.
- If your irrigation system is protected by a pressure or atmospheric vacuum breaker, it must be removed before the introduction of compressed air. These assemblies may be damaged if subjected to air from either upstream or downstream of the assembly.
- The City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Code requires the backflow assembly to be installed with unions so it may be removed before the introduction of compressed air and stored inside for the winter. If the assembly was installed without unions and cannot be removed to prevent freezing, then it must be thoroughly drained.
- Remember to perform your required annual backflow assembly test at spring start-up, no later than July 1, to ensure the assembly is operating correctly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gary Alan Nolan in the City of Coeur d'Alene's Water Department at 208-769-2298.

## *Coffee With a Cop*

Join local police officers on Tuesday, October 8 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for a cup of coffee at Starbucks located at 2356 N Old Mill Loop.

This event is an opportunity for the community and law enforcement to connect with one another, build relationships and have conversations.



## ***Celebrating Art and Community: New “ArtCurrents” Installations***

Five (5) new ArtCurrents artworks will be installed and showcased along Sherman Avenue, Lakeside Avenue, Atlas Waterfront Park, and Riverstone in the first week of October. Each piece highlights the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and artistic expression of the Pacific Northwest. The selected artworks include: “Sway” by Michael Dunton, “Woodland” by Paul Reimer, “O’Keefe 7” by Patrick Sullivan, “Eternal Mudra” by Dale Young, and “Sentinel Watcher” by Robert Turriff.

The ArtCurrents program aims to enrich the beauty of our city landscape while offering artists the opportunity to showcase their work with the intent of selling the art piece. The newly selected ArtCurrents pieces will be displayed for a maximum two-year period beginning in October 2024 and concluding in September 2026.

The City of Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission had issued a Call to Artists from May 7 to July 1, 2024 inviting participation in the ArtCurrents program from artists residing in the states of Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. The selected artworks received approval from the Arts Commission at its July 23 regular meeting and was then approved by City Council during their August 6 meeting.



“Sway”  
Artist: Michael Dunt



“Woodland”  
Artist: Paul Reimer



“O’Keefe 7”  
Artist: Patrick Sullivan



“Sentinel Watcher”  
Artist: Robert Turriff



“Eternal Mudra”  
Artist: Dale Young



# CDA RECREATION MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

- ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH (OR UNTIL FULL)
- 10 GAME SCHEDULE BEGINS FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER - C & D DIVISIONS
- GAMES ARE PLAYED SUNDAYS 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, AND 2PM
- PLAYER SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON ROSTER LIABILITY FORM BEFORE PARTICIPATION IN GAMES/PRACTICES
- SCHEDULES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [TEAMSIDELINE.COM/CDAID](https://teamsideline.com/cdaid)
- PRACTICE TIMES FOR REGISTERED TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR \$15/HR



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