



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### K27 Memorial Groundbreaking September 7

A ceremonial groundbreaking on the construction of the K27 Memorial project will be held on Thursday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m., at McEuen Park's pedestrian bridge. The completely privately fundraised project is to honor Coeur d'Alene Police Department Sgt. Greg Moore, killed in the line of duty in 2015, along with all fallen law enforcement officers. Fundraising on the first phase of construction has been successfully completed, though the Panhandle Parks Foundation is inviting community members to continue to donate to help provide for additional amenities such as benches, landscaping material, lighting and more. For project information and to donate, visit [k27forever.com](http://k27forever.com).



#### CDA Fire Department Annual Open House and "Twin Towers" Public Art Dedication September 9

The CDA Fire Department will be hosting their annual Open House and "Twin Towers" public art dedication on Saturday, September 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the newly-constructed Fire Station 4, 6564 N. Atlas Road. Lots of fun and education for kids of all ages! Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.



### Newsletter Archives



### CITY FACES



#### **Michelle Cushing: Busy ... and about to Get A Lot Busier!**

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Michelle Cushing, newly hired Community Development Specialist/CDBG Administrator, to learn more about her role with the City.

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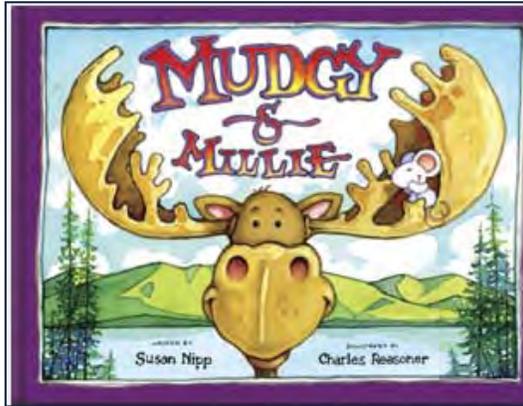


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## Mudgy & Millie's Birthday Kicks off a 10-Year Library Party!

On September 10, 2017, the Coeur d'Alene Public Library continued more than a century of service to the community when it opened its doors to the public at 702 E. Front Ave.

The library and its support organizations are celebrating 10 years in the "new" building with a party, Sunday Sept. 10, beginning at 12 noon. The celebration will begin in the Library Community Room, and then move outside for an afternoon of entertainment.



The celebration is sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Foundation with support from Mountain West Bank, the Walsh Law Group, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the Murray Group, and Centennial Distributing.

## Historic Jewett House Centennial Celebration September 10

Please join us in celebrating the historic Jewett House Centennial on Sunday, September 10, from Noon to 5 p.m. The Jewett House,



donated to the City by the Potlatch Corporation in 1978 for the use and enjoyment of area seniors and the community, is a majestic crown-jewel on the shores of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene. Please join

Mayor Widmyer and other dignitaries for an afternoon of music provided by the Coeur d'Alene Symphony, history, antique cars, and of course, the Jewett House! Please bring your own chair. Refreshments will be provided.

### Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:

I'm originally from California and Utah, but moved to Idaho after meeting my husband, Cameron. We've lived in Boise, Caldwell, Moscow, and now Coeur d'Alene. After earning my Bachelor's in English Literature from Boise State University and my Master's in Fine Art in Creative Writing from the University of Idaho, I volunteered for a year of civil service as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, working with a non-profit, the Idaho Afterschool Network. In this position, I came to learn about and experience more of North Idaho. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the good people of North Idaho in my new position working with the Community Development Block Grant.

### What are your current duties and responsibilities?

My duties include overseeing the annual grant funding that the City receives. This includes managing the following: Emergency Minor Home Repair and Accessibility Program, Community Opportunity Grants, grant budget, HUD reporting, and providing technical assistance to applicants as well as working collaboratively with all agencies to generate maximum public awareness and participation. This year I will be working on drafting a new five-year plan based on area need and community participation. I'm very excited to begin digging into that.

### What do you want people to know about the CDBG Program?

The CDBG program is really the people's program of Coeur d'Alene. Funds are directed by the needs

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### Councilmember Ron Edinger Honored for 40+ years of Community Service

Recently, Councilmember Ron Edinger was recognized for more than 40 years of service to the Coeur d'Alene community! Councilmember Edinger holds the record for years of service at 46 years! That includes 36 consecutive years since 1980 on the City Council, including a four-year term as mayor. He then took a two-year break and then was elected to the council again. We are so thankful for Councilmember Edinger's service!



### PARK(ing) it on Sherman Block Party September 15

Join your friends and neighbors at the 3rd Annual Community Block party on Sherman Avenue hosted by the City of Coeur d'Alene and the Coeur d'Alene Police Department, on September 15 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Sherman Avenue at 19th Street.

### CDA Launches OpenGov Accountability Tool

What are the City's expenses? How much does the community pay for public safety? What about parks? Or water? Take a look at our brand-new OpenGov financial transparency portal online to get an easy-to-understand visual look at the City budget. Visit [cdaid.org/opengov](http://cdaid.org/opengov) to see our OpenGov portal now!

### Coffee With a Cop

Please join the Coeur d'Alene Police Department for a "cup o' Joe" on Wednesday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Riverstone Starbucks, 2356 N. Old Mill Loop. This is a wonderful opportunity to rub shoulders with our City's finest!

of the community and can change direction as needs change. Although this program has strict eligibility requirements, it can be flexible, too, and include dynamic use of funding that would need to benefit at least 51% or more low-to-moderate income persons and areas. Our dollars may be small, but they have been mighty, and will continue to be.

#### What do you love about Coeur d'Alene?

There are many things to love about Coeur d'Alene, although I have particularly enjoyed our beautiful winters. I've never lived anywhere before where I felt I could cross-country ski in my neighborhood. My husband and my two black labs and I had such an amazing winter last year—before all that Spring grayness came and hit us like a freight train.

#### What about your family and interests?

Cameron and I love this community and are interested in getting more engaged with events. It's amazing how, in such a small place, we can miss things going on. We'll be a little busier here in the next 6 months, however, so we'll have a good excuse. (See photo for our BIG news!)

