



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### Passing of Former Councilmember Chris Copstead

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of former Councilmember Chris Copstead. Chris served the City of Coeur d'Alene and its citizens as a city councilmember from 1996-2004, and was a very dedicated public servant. Chris is most notably remembered for his service as a councilmember on the City's Parks & Recreation Commission, and his passion for cycling. He was a kind man who had a smile for everyone and an unwavering commitment to do whatever he could to make our community a better place. Condolences to Chris' family and friends during this time. He will be greatly missed.



#### New Director Approved for CDA Library



The Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees has approved the hiring of a new Library Director. Michael Priest, currently the director of the Prairie River Library District, will assume his duties October 1. He replaces Bette Ammon, who retired on July 31 after serving as Director for 15 years. Melissa Searle, References/Technical Services Librarian, and Tyler McLane, Circulation Manager, will serve as Interim Co-Directors until Priest takes up his new position.

#### CDA Arts Commission Seeks Artists for Four Corners Gateway

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeking to commission an artist or artist team to create public art at the Four Corners Gateway (intersection of Northwest Boulevard, Government Way and Fort Grounds Drive), which marks a major entry into the City.

#### Newsletter Archives



#### CITY FACES



#### HEATHER McNULTY PERMIT TECHNICIAN BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Building Department Permit Technician, Heather McNulty, to learn more about her role with the City.

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The theme of the public art will reflect the City's long-standing commitment to human rights. Information packets are available online at [www.cdaid.org/arts](http://www.cdaid.org/arts), or at 710 E. Mullan Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814. Artist qualifications are due by 5:00 p.m., September 10, 2020. To ensure fairness, no extensions or waivers of deadlines will be granted. Artists with questions are encouraged to contact Amy Ferguson, Arts Commission staff support, at [amyf@cdaid.org](mailto:amyf@cdaid.org).



### Become a Student Representative to City Committees!



The City of Coeur d'Alene is seeking youth representation on City Commissions, Boards, and Committees. Service on these boards gives high school students between the ages of 14 - 18 an unprecedented opportunity to learn about city government, special

projects, and to become involved in the community.

If you know of a student who might be interested, please visit [www.cdaid.org/volunteer](http://www.cdaid.org/volunteer) and download an application. The deadline to apply is September 30. Possible committees on which students might serve are: Childcare Commission, Parking Commission, Ped/Bike Committee, Urban Forestry Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Library Board, and Arts Commission. Please email Amy Ferguson at [amyf@cdaid.org](mailto:amyf@cdaid.org) for more information or to request an application.

### Introducing Downtown Coeur d'Alene "Micro-Event Series."

They're the same events you know and love (plus some new) but on a smaller scale. These events will have a limited number of tickets to ensure safe social distancing measures can be taken. The Micro-Event Series will feature multiple events per month until December 20. Events will take place throughout Downtown Coeur d'Alene Businesses.

For each event in the series, you will need to purchase a ticket online, [www.cdadowntown.com](http://www.cdadowntown.com) for the date you will be participating (each ticket is for one day of the multi-day event) follow the given instructions, and most importantly have fun! To purchase tickets visit <http://www.cdadowntown.com/micro-event-series/>.

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

My recent work experience comes from the City of Hayden, I worked in the Planning, Building, Code Enforcement, Clerk, and Engineering Departments for four years.

### What are your current duties and responsibilities:

I am currently working in the Building Department. I am a people person and working with the public is what I enjoy. I am excited to meet the challenges of my new position as a Permit Tech. My lovely co-workers are making this step easy and enjoyable.

### What about your family and interests?

I grew up in Libby, Montana and moved to Idaho 25 years ago with my husband, Greg.

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Please Note: Masks are mandated per Panhandle Health District so please participate responsibly.

## Emergency/Minor Home Repair and Accessibility Program (EMRAP)

The City of Coeur d'Alene's Emergency/Minor Home Repair and Accessibility Program (EMRAP) to help low-to-moderate income homeowners correct building conditions that threaten the health, safety, or soundness of their home. The program will provide grants of up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs, as well as funds for accessibility improvements and other emergent repairs. For conversion from septic to city sewer and failing sewer laterals, grants are available for up to \$20,000. Download an application and get more information at: <https://cdaid.org/236/departments/planning/cdbg/emrap> or contact Chelsea Nesbit at [cnesbit@cdaid.org](mailto:cnesbit@cdaid.org) for more information.

Emergency Minor Home Repair & Accessibility Improvement Program  
(EMRAP)



I have been married since 1993 and have two children, Zach (25) and Carly (21), both with one wing out of the nest. We love to do anything outdoors and we all know the road to Libby like the back of our hands!

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

I love North Idaho because it is very similar to western Montana — not only the landscape and recreation choices, but the friendly, welcoming nature of the area.

## Cd'A Arts Commission Cancels Mayor's Awards in the Arts Event

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission has announced the cancellation of this year's Mayor's Awards in the Arts Event, which was scheduled for October 7 at the Hagadone Event Center. Any nominations that have been received will be carried over for consideration for an award at next year's awards ceremony.

COVID-19 concerns led to the cancellation of the event. Coeur d'Alene City Administrator/Arts Commission Liaison Troy Tymesen said, "We understand that the annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts is a highly anticipated and valuable event for the arts community, and are disappointed that current circumstances will prevent us from recognizing our artist contributions this year. We look forward to next year's event and thank our citizens for their continued patience and understanding during the pandemic."

For more information about the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission, please visit [cdaid.org/arts](http://cdaid.org/arts).

