City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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In The News

Another Successful Leaf Fest!

Ever wonder what happens to all those leaves that are picked up? The non-narrated video below demonstrates how collected leaves are turned into mulch and tilled into the soil near the Coeur d'Alene Airport.

CITY OF CDA LEAF FEST



CDA's Annual Leaf Pickup Program

CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

STREETS & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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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
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FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE INLAND NORTHWEST



Eagle Watching Cruise Coeur d'Alene Resort Boardwalk Weekends in December 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

North Idaho's Cowboy Christmas

Western Shopping Kootenai County Fairgrounds December 14 and 15 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Community Ornament Exchange Coeur d'Alene Library Through December 23 Leave an ornament on the tree and take one home

Winterfest Post Falls and

Plaza Market Post Falls City Hall Plaza 408 N. Spokane St, Post Falls December 6 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Holidays at the Chapel

Fort Sherman Chapel Saturday, December 7 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Hot cocoa, cookies, kids crafts and free photos with Santa



City of Coeur d'Alene Gives Back in 2024

Throughout 2024, the City has given back to the community through many volunteer hours, events and fundraisers. Here are some highlights from the past year:

• The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department partnered with the Downtown Association and Car d'Alene for the Fill the Boot fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. A total of

\$2,782 was raised at the event.

 On September 26, City employees spent half a day cleaning and organizing a storage unit for Safe Passage as part of United Way's "Day of Caring".



 On October 3, City employees competed in St. Vincent dePaul's "Souport" fundraiser.

> Parks and Recreation Director Bill Greenwood made over 5gallons of white chicken chili. The Friends of the Library also had a soup booth and won with their chicken cordon bleu soup.

- The Coeur d'Alene Police Department will be collecting new and used toys for the "9th Annual Children's Hospital Toy Drive" which directly benefits local children who may be in the hospital during the holiday season. Last year over \$20,000 worth of toys were collected and distributed to children at Kootenai Health and Sacred Heart.
- The Fire Department conducted a mobile food drive in September, collecting 1,028 lbs of food and monetary donations of \$1,062.00.
- The Coeur d'Alene Library collected just over 800 lbs of food for it's "Fall Food Drive" and City employees collected an additional 1,332 lbs of



non-perishable food. That's an increase of 440 lbs over total food collected last year. *Continued, page 3.*

City of Coeur d'Alene Gives Back in 2024, cont.

- In October, the Wastewater Department, in conjunction with the Library, gave away over 1,000 pumpkins grown at the Wastewater Treatment Plant a new record!
- In 2024, the "Lawyer in the Library" Clinic helped 138 people, with another dozen or so who stopped by with quick questions that didn't require a formal sit down with an attorney.



Visit Santa on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at STCU located at 401 E. Front Avenue in Downtown Coeur d'Alene.



City of Excellence

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

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 Sunday, December 29 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

National Park Explorers Ages 6-12 Thursday, December 12 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Sunday Serenade

Saturday, December 14 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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

Mudgy, Millie and Santa Sing-Along

On Saturday, December 14 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm join Mudgy Moose, Millie Mouse, Santa Claus and author Susan Nipp for a holiday event which promises to be a wonderful time for the whole family. The Library's Community Room will be filled with joy and laughter as we celebrate the holiday season together. Don't miss out on this



chance to create lasting memories with your loved ones.

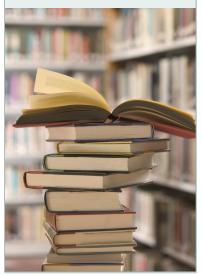
Improv Playground

Want to dip your toes into improv without having to commit to a full-length class? Take a break from the busyness of life and come make up funny stuff on Thursday, December 12 at 5:15 pm! This is a

FREE-to-attend open improv hangout for people of all (or no) improv experience levels and is designed to be a space for people to take a step away from their everyday lives, exercise their creativity, and spend an hour and a half experiencing something new, magical, probably weird, and super FUN!



Please register here: <u>https://levitytheatre.fourthwalltickets.com/</u> <u>classes/the-improv-playground</u>



String Caroling



On Sunday, December 22 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, enjoy seasonal music by Lake City Strings in the main Library stacks!

Browse the bookshelves, find a Christmas movie, and listen to carols from around the world during this joyful season.



Are You Ready for Snow?

The City of Coeur d'Alene has already enjoyed some snowflakes this fall and the Streets & Engineering Department is prepared for the winter conditions. The Streets crew is currently finishing the annual Leaf Fest. Once Leaf Fest is complete, some implements will change on the equipment in order to be ready for snow removal from the City's public streets. The Brine Center has been prepared and is ready to provide deicer for the crews to use as conditions arise. Did you know the City also provides deicer to neighboring agencies?

By visiting the Snow Information page of the Streets and Engineering Department section on the City's website, you may access information as well as a map that, during full city-wide plows, will show areas crews are working in and where they are headed to plow next. City of Coeur d'Alene - Snow Information

The City needs your assistance during winter conditions. Please move parked vehicles off City streets and clear the areas near mailboxes. Also, placing snow from private property into the streets is a city code violation. The Streets and Engineering crews will be prioritizing city streets and residential driveways. However, snow gates will reduce the berms, not eliminate them.

The office is available for any questions or concerns at 208.769.2235, Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

City Council Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month 6:00 pm Library Community Room <u>Council Agenda Packets</u>

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 - Cancelled in December 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 <u>Calendar page</u> on the City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

Find the City on Facebook!

<u>City of Coeur d'Alene</u> <u>Coeur d'Alene Fire Department</u> <u>Coeur d'Alene Police Department</u> <u>Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec</u> <u>Department</u>



Poet Laureate Program

The Coeur d'Alene Poet Laureate program increases awareness of the role that poetry and literature play in the community and creates a record of Coeur d'Alene's distinctive character. Along with offering readings and workshops, the Poet Laureate writes poems for the city that are reflective of local landscapes, social situations, or important events.



Enjoy a poem by Coeur d'Alene's very own Poet Laureate, Jennifer Passaro, titled <u>Early October</u>.

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.

Christopher Miner Treatment Operator I Wastewater Department

Kole Griffin Police Officer Police 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 <u>here</u>.





Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season from the City of Coeur d'Alene!

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