



In The News

Welcoming 2025: Message from Mayor McEvers

Wow, can you believe how fast time zooms by? I hope your holiday season was filled with joy and laughter just like mine!

As we begin this new year, let's take a moment to reflect on and celebrate our significant achievements in the past year.

A huge thank you to our dedicated City employees, local businesses, and supportive residents. Your involvement and enthusiasm are what make our community unique and special. I encourage each of you to continue participating in community events, learning how the City government works, and sharing your ideas for our City's future.

Here's to an awesome and prosperous 2025! Cheers!

-Mayor McEvers



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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Main Line 208.769.2300

Building Services 208.769.2267

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Finance/Utilities 208.769.2227

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Legal 208.769.2348

Library 208.769.2315

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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

[Mac & Cheese Festival](#)

Downtown Coeur d'Alene
January 18
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm



[2nd Friday Artwalk](#)

Downtown Coeur d'Alene
Every 2nd Friday
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



[Scenic Hot Cocoa Cruise](#)

Weekends Through March



Cross Country Skiing at [Farragut State Park](#), Round Lake State Park and [4th of July Pass](#).



Safe Winter Driving Tips

Here are some tips to refresh your memory when it comes to driving safely in slick winter conditions along with advice for prepping your car for the season.

- Use slower acceleration and slower speeds.
- Avoid heavy steering and braking.
- Allow extra time to reach your destination during inclement weather.
- Drive with your headlights on.
- Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It won't help you stop faster.
- Winter driving conditions often result in longer stopping distances. Give yourself plenty of room.
- Be aware of black ice on what appears to be bare pavement.
- Scan ahead and behind in traffic to alert you to problems with other drivers.

Winter Car Kit

Winter travel, whether for a short drive or a long road trip, comes with unpredictable challenges like snowstorms, icy roads, or sudden vehicle breakdowns. Being prepared with essential survival items in your car can mean the difference between a minor inconvenience and a major emergency.



Here are seven (7) items to have in your vehicle during winter:

- Thermal blankets or sleeping bags
- Jumper cables or portable jump starter
- Shovel and traction aids
- Water and non-perishable food
- First aid kit
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Ice scraper and de-icer

Additional items to consider: extra warm clothing, road flares and a power bank to keep electronics charged.

Winter road conditions are unpredictable, and being prepared is the best way to ensure your safety. By keeping these essential items in your vehicle, you'll be ready to handle emergencies, stay warm, and wait for help if needed. Preparation isn't just smart, it's survival.

Toy Drive 2024

On December 19, several members of the Coeur d'Alene (CDA) Police Department delivered a total of \$35,000 in toys and donations to Kootenai Health as part of its annual Holiday Toy Drive. Several years ago, a CDA police officer had a child who spent several months in the NICU and saw how the toys provided by the hospital helped the children and their families get through some very difficult times.

The officer's passion spread throughout the Police Department and has served as a catalyst for the community to come together to support these families. The Police Department wants to thank everyone for supporting the efforts to help those in need this holiday season.



Photo: CDA Press



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**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

National Parks Explorers
Ages 6-12
Thursday, January 9
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

National Library Shelfie Day
Selfies in the Children's Library
Wednesday, January 22

Sunday Serenade
Sunday, January 26
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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



History Hour Lecture



In this monthly lecture series, join the Library and Museum of North Idaho on Wednesday, January 8 at 5:30 pm for a special presentation featuring a local author or historian who will talk about Idaho's fascinating heritage. The event will take place in the Community Room.

Busted: A Century of Federal Intervention in America's Last

Western Town. How did outsiders' attempts to control the people and resources of Wallace influence the town's values and way of life? Learn about the history and lasting impact of Wallace's fight for autonomy. Using research support provided by an Idaho Humanities Council grant, Dr. Heather Branstetter will discuss the development of mining culture and its connection to three periods of time when the town's independence was threatened by federal government intervention: the labor "troubles" of the late 19th century; the so-called "North Idaho Whiskey Rebellion" of 1929; and the FBI raid of 1991.

Banned Together

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library, with the help of the Library Alliance of North Idaho, is inviting you to celebrate the Freedom to Read by viewing a pre-release screening of the new documentary film *Banned Together* on Sunday, January 19 at 2:00 pm at the Library.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS REQUIRED

Banned Together is a 90-minute feature documentary film about the current wave of book bans in the United States. It tells the local story of Beaufort, S.C., where 97 books are suddenly pulled from their school libraries after two adults threaten to take legal action against the School Board. Viewers follow three teenagers through their senior year of high school as they work together to fight book bans in Beaufort and then at the state and national levels. This community's story is interwoven with the larger national landscape of book banning, including interviews with best-selling authors, policymakers, and experts.



Welcome New Employees!

A warm welcome to the following new City employee. The City is privileged to have this talented individual join as a new team member.

Dalton Davis
Police Officer Recruit
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 [here](#).



Vital Training Exercises

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department is fortunate to have access to buildings that are no longer in use in order to do crucial training exercises. This kind of hands-on training prepares firefighters to respond quickly and efficiently in real emergencies.



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 each month
4:00 pm
City Hall

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**CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMISSION
MEETING
INFORMATION,
CONT.**

**Historic Preservation
Commission Retreat**
January 8, 11:00 am

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.

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Department](#)



Crime Maps and Reports

Did you know that weekly and monthly crime reports from the Coeur d'Alene Police Department are available on the City website? The purpose of the reports are to provide an analysis of crime happening in the City.



Included in the reports are maps that detail location of crimes as well as types of crimes.

To view crime reports, visit the [Crime Reports page](#) on the Police Department website.

Code Enforcement

The City of Coeur d'Alene is committed to working with the residents in a joint effort to preserve and improve neighborhoods, open spaces and business corridors. By doing so, the City not only improves the quality of life for families and visitors, it also protects property values.

The goal of the Code Enforcement Unit is community preservation and enhancement. When a violation is discovered, a Code Enforcement officer will identify and contact the responsible party. This is often the property owner or tenant where the violation exists. Once identified and contacted, the responsible party is given a deadline with which to resolve the matter.

For more information on Code Enforcement, visit the [Code Enforcement page](#) on the City's website.

Successful Mobile Santa Food Drive

Thank you all for your support of Mobile Santa throughout the years and especially those who volunteered their time to ride on the truck and collect food for those in the community that need a little help this time of year. Mobile Santa is a 20+ year tradition at CDA Fire and it wouldn't be possible without you.

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Successful Mobile Santa Food Drive, cont.

Here are the 2024 Mobile Santa numbers:

- Seven (7) nights
- 7,523 pounds of food
- \$3,326 dollars collected
- 3,000+ candy canes handed out
- 37 CDA Fire Department members volunteered time
- 25 CDA Fire Department family members participated
- Mayor McEvers rode along
- 1 media member helped out
- 300+ hours volunteered by firefighters and their families!!

It takes a village to make this happen and the CDA Fire Department (Department) would like to give a couple of shout outs to the following:

IT Department – IT Programmer Jon Bradbury manages the Santa Tracker (and fixed it when there were issues one night) and IT Database Application Developer Shawn Phelps for setting up the Santa Tracker link on the Department’s web page.

City Shop – for getting Santa’s sleigh into the shop and back on the road so the Department didn’t miss a night, and for letting the Department borrow the forklift to move 10 pallets full of food.

