City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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In The News Spring Message from Mayor McEvers

As spring brings longer days and warmer weather, I feel a sense of renewal and optimism—like a bear waking up from hibernation and realizing it's time to party!

To our city employees, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your efforts keep Coeur d'Alene safe, vibrant, and welcoming. To our wonderful community members, thank you for your continued support and engagement. Kudos to all of you! Let's enjoy the outdoor activities and events our city offers this season.

I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the coming months. Let's make this spring the best one yet!

- Mayor McEvers





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
Wastewater	208.769.2281
Water	208.769.2210



EVENTS IN THE INLAND NORTHWEST





Advance Care Planning Conference Hospice Community Service Bldg Wednesday, April 16 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm



Spring Craft Fair Lake City High School Saturday, April 12 9:00 am — 4:00 pm



Spring Dash McEuen Park Pavillion Saturday, April 26 8:00 am — 12:00 pm



The Recreation Department is Hiring!

The City's Recreation Department is hiring a swim instructor. Work hours are Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Interested parties please apply online through the City's website at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid.

Youth soccer officials are needed for the Recreation Department's spring soccer program. Age requirement is 14 years of age and above. Games are held Monday though Thursday, from 5:00 pm to 8:15 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The season runs from the middle of April through the middle of May. Apply at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid.

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.



Lino Arellano *Firefighter* Fire Department



Joshua Beltz Police Officer Police Department



Nevaeh Clancy *Parks Maintenance Worker I* Water Department



Sam Farris Utility Billing Specialist Finance Department

Fire Department Open House

On Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 pm, join Fire Chief Tom Greif to hear about the Fire Department's plans and to ask questions about the General Obligation Bond. The event will take place at Fire Station #2 located at 3850 N Ramsey Rd.



Museum of North Idaho Grand Opening

The time has finally arrived to open the new home of the Museum of North Idaho (MONI)! Join MONI over the three-day opening weekend which will include giveaways, tours, an Easter egg hunt, and so much more! The Museum will be open April 17 to 19, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.



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

Spruce Up For Spring

Ages 6-12 April 8, 15, 22 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

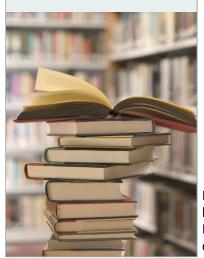
Novel Destinations—Brazil

Photo Presentation Ages 18+ Thursday, April 10 7:00 pm

Spring Into Poetry

Ages 14+ Saturday, April 26 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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



Beginning Birding

Beginning Birding: Presented by Cd'A Audubon Society (Ages 16+) – Saturdays April 12, 19, & 26 (10:30 am — 1:30 pm)

Birding is one of the fastest growing recreational activities in the world. Come and join the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society in the Library's Nelson Room and learn what the attraction is all about.

This six-hour course, presented by Ted Smith of the Audubon Society over three (3) consecutive Saturdays, will introduce participants to recreational birding or bird watching. The course will

cover how to identify bird groups and individual species, tools and to support resources bird and how identification, to become involved in birding. Space is limited and registration is required. Each class will include a break and time for Q & A. An optional field trip will be scheduled during the class.



History Hour Lecture



In this monthly lecture series, join the Library for a special presentation with the Museum of North Idaho, featuring a local author or historian who will talk about Idaho's fascinating heritage.

Idaho Fire Lookouts – Wednesday, April 9 (5:30 pm)

Cat House and Billy Cooter are preservation-focused adventurers with a passion for Idaho fire lookout structures and legacy of the men and women who worked at the lookouts. They share an interest in the history of the American West, photography, hiking and road trips, but most importantly, the Idaho fire lookout system and culture. Cat House and Billy Cooter will share stories and information about protecting, visiting, and sustainably enjoying these unique Idaho sites.

Library Newsletter

Do you want to be in the know for all the events and programming happening at the Library? If so, sign up for the Library's Monthly Newsletter. You'll receive a calendar of all events as well as detailed descriptions for all Library programming. <u>Sign up here!</u>

April is Fair Housing Month



57 years ago, the 1968 Fair Housing Act was enacted which clarified the prohibition of discrimination regarding the sale, rental,

and financing of housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or family status.

The City of Coeur d'Alene supports the on-going efforts of the many organizations, housing, and service providers in our community who provide educational opportunities and outreach on Fair Housing.

The City is partnering with Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) to provide free "Fair Housing Basics & Hot Topics" training. The in-person training will be held on April 22, 2025, from 12:30pm – 4:30pm in the City's Library Community Room, located at 702 E. Front Avenue.

To register for the free training event visit: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/</u> e/1246362737499?aff=oddtdtcreator



Click the image to be directed to the City's online utility billing portal.

Bills can also be paid at one of three (3) drop boxes located at City Hall at 710 E Mullan Ave (parking lot off 8th St), Avista Utilities at 1735 N 15th St, or Ace Hardware at 1217 N 4th St.

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>.



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 each month 4:00 pm City Hall

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CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION, CONT.

Historic Preservation Commision Meeting 4th Wednesday each month 12:00 pm

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!

City of Coeur d'Alene

Coeur d'Alene Fire Department

Coeur d'Alene Police Department

Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec Department





The City of Coeur d'Alene is pleased to announce that Annual Residential Parking permits are available for purchase. These permits will allow one (1), 2-hour parking session per day at either the McEuen Parking Garage or the Memorial Field parking lot.

Coeur d'Green Compost

Free Coeur d'Green compost will be available to the public on April 12 and 13 at the City's compost facility located at 3500 N Julia St. The facility will be open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm for the event.

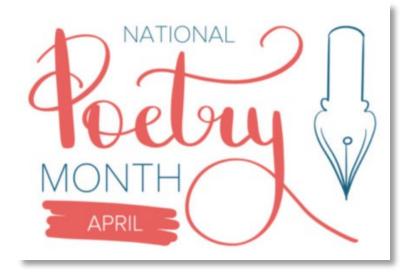


Compost is a versatile garden amendment that can enrich

soil, improve plant health, smother weeds, and so much more. One of the most common ways to use compost is as a soil amendment. Compost can be mixed into established flower or vegetable gardens in spring or fall to replenish any nutrients that plants used up during the previous season. Alternatively, compost can be added to new garden beds or areas in your lawn that are too heavy in clay or sand.

To use compost as a soil amendment, spread about 2 - 3 inches of compost across your garden beds and then mix it into the top six (6) inches of the soil with a shovel or hand tiller. Not only does compost provide nutrients, but it will increase your soil's ability to hold moisture and drain efficiently.

For established lawns, spread a half-inch layer of finely sifted compost over your grass to provide nutrients and reduce your need for fertilizer. Because compost helps soil hold on to water, adding compost to lawns may also lower your lawn's watering needs.



April is National Poetry Month and the City's Poet Laureate, Jennifer Passaro, will be featuring her work and talents at several events throughout the month of April.

- April 3, 6:00 pm: <u>"The Poetry of Li-Young Lee: A Generative Writing Workshop"</u> at Emerge. Jennifer is co-teaching with North Idaho College faculty Dr Erin Davis, Jonathan Frey, & Taylor D. Waring
- April 15, 6:00 pm: Jennifer will read her own poem at the City Council meeting at the Library Community Room
- April 24, 7:30 pm: Jennifer will read her own poem for "Sid" The Green Energy Dragon dedication at the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- April 26, 2:00 pm: <u>"Spring Into Poetry" generative writing workshop and yoga flow</u> with Scott Gittens (yoga therapist and teacher) outdoors, meet in the Community Room at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library