



In The News

New Outdoor Sculpture Installed at Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility



The City has introduced a new piece of public art for the community to enjoy. The Wastewater Department collaborated with the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission (Commision) to create this unique biogas flare public art piece to raise awareness about the facility and educate the public on biogas - a byproduct of wastewater treatment processes used for power generation or as a heat source.

In August 2023, the Commission issued a national call for artist qualifications. Melissa Cole from Spokane Valley, WA, was selected for her proposal, "Green Energy Dragon." Inspired by the biogas flare infrastructure, the dragon's head features a continuous flickering flame, and a body made from glass mosaic elements, symbolizing the anaerobic bacteria that produce methane from waste. Students from the Coeur d'Alene Boys and Girls Club contributed to the fabrication of the mosaic elements. *Continued, page 5*

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FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE INLAND NORTHWEST

[The Chocolate Affair](#)
Downtown Coeur d'Alene
February 8
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



[2nd Friday Artwalk](#)
Downtown Coeur d'Alene
Every 2nd Friday
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



[Extreme Skijor](#)
February 14-16 in Wallace, ID



[Heart to Heart 2025](#)
Friday, February 7
Free heart screenings from Kootenai Heart Clinic



Fire Cadet Graduates

Throughout the past fall semester, dedicated Fire Cadet students demonstrated incredible hard work and commitment, mastering valuable skills that will serve as a strong foundation for a future in the fire service.

The Fire Cadets spent at least 50 hours during the semester at assigned fire stations. In addition, Fire Cadets committed to a 40-hour academy in January where they were assigned homework and attended Fire Cadet Drills. More information on the Fire Cadet program can be found [here](#).



Smoke Alarms - Time for a Cleaning

The best way to survive a fire is to prevent it. Smoke alarms help save lives, but only if they function properly. Smoke alarms function best when they are cleaned regularly.

How to clean your smoke detectors:

1. Turn off power to the smoke alarm if it is hard-wired. Remove the smoke alarm unit from the ceiling or wall. If you have to use a ladder to reach the alarm, have a friend or family member help support the ladder. Check the manufacturer's date on the back of your smoke alarm. Replace any units older than 10 years old. *Continued page 3*

Smoke Alarms - Time for a Cleaning, cont.

2. Dust the outside of the smoke detector with a dry microfiber cloth. If the battery is more than six (6) months old, remove and replace it. Using a soft vacuum brush, carefully vacuum the interior and air vents of the smoke alarm. Compressed air works well too, but be careful around electrical components.
3. Connect a new battery and reconnect the alarm to the mount. Test the unit.
4. Never submerge any part of the smoke detector in water.
5. Don't use any type of liquid cleanser.



Cleaning may also help if your smoke alarm is beeping. This beeping may indicate a need for new batteries, a dirty unit or a unit which has reached its end of life.



Establish a regular maintenance schedule to ensure your smoke detector remains effective. Test all units at least monthly and replace batteries every six (6) months to ensure proper working units when you need them to work. A functioning smoke alarm is the difference between life and death.

Upcoming Poet Laureate Events

Join our Poet Laureate, Jennifer Passaro, at these exciting upcoming events:

February

- **February 4:** Reading at the Governor's Address 2025, Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce, Coeur d'Alene Resort

March

- **March 6 & 13:** "Poetry & Music" - A two-day generative writing workshop at The Music Conservatory, co-taught with Conservatory instructor Julia Petersen. 6:00 pm— 8:00 pm. Ages 14+ must register.
- **March 14:** Art Walk, "Pop-Up Poetry" at Emerge, 5:00 pm— 8:00 pm

April (National Poetry Month)

- **April 3:** "Generative Writing Workshop" at Emerge, 6:00 pm— 8:00 pm, Ages 14+
- **April 15:** Poetry Reading at the CDA City Council Meeting
- **April 24:** "Green Energy Dragon Dedication" at Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7:30 pm
- **April 25:** "Lunch & Learn" Poetry Program at the Music Conservatory, 12:00 pm— 1:00 pm, open to the public
- **April 26:** "Creative Writing Workshop" at Coeur d'Alene Library, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm, Ages 14+



The Coeur d'Alene Poet Laureate program aims to enhance community awareness of the importance of poetry and literature, while capturing the unique character of Coeur d'Alene. Through readings, workshops, and city-specific poems, the Poet Laureate reflects local landscapes, social situations, and significant events.

**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

**American Girl of the Month
Club**
Ages 6-12
Thursday, February 20
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
and
4:00 pm—5:00 pm

Sunday Serenade
Sunday, February 23
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.

Nellie Stockbridge: Then and Now – Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30 pm

For more than 60 years, Nellie Stockbridge photographed the people, events, and mines of the Silver Valley. Today, her photos provide us with a valuable record of the changes in the Silver Valley. Join Historian Jordan Thomas as she discusses Nellie Stockbridge's impact on the history of the Silver Valley and compares photos from the Stockbridge collection to recent photos.

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Sax

On Thursday, February 13 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, join the Library for an engaging and delightful event featuring the multi-talented musician, director, and teacher Craig Catlett. He will present an entertaining and educational program about the alluring and captivating instrument...the saxophone! Following this, enjoy a serenade of popular Valentine's Day music performed by the talented vocalist Ruth Pratt. This promises to be a memorable experience filled with beautiful melodies and fascinating insights. Don't miss out on this wonderful musical journey!

Pop-Up Paper Engineering

(Ages 6-12) - Tuesdays, February 11, 18, 25 (4:00 pm—5:00 pm)

Explore the fun art of pop-up making! Use basic paper engineering principles and your imagination to create one-of-a-kind greeting cards for multiple occasions.

The first week of this program will begin with a Valentine, followed by "get-well" and "happy birthday" cards.



New Outdoor Sculpture, cont.

The “Green Energy Dragon” sculpture, installed on January 2, 2025, will be officially dedicated and named after former Wastewater Superintendent Sid Fredrickson on April 24 at 7:30 pm.

Located at 881 Hubbard Avenue, the sculpture is situated on the grounds of the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility, adjacent to the 24-mile-long Idaho Centennial Bike Trail, which stretches from the Idaho-Washington State Line to Higgins Point. The artwork is publicly accessible and visible from both the trail and the Spokane River.

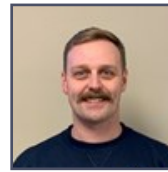
Welcome New Employees!

A warm welcome to the following new City employees. The City is privileged to have these talented individuals join as new team members.

Devon McLaren
Firefighter
Fire Department



Ryan Rhodes
Firefighter
Fire 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](#).



ADA and Signal Improvements

Due to the mild winter weather, the City of Coeur d’Alene has begun a major traffic signal upgrade on the Government Way corridor, from Harrison Avenue to Prairie Avenue. The project includes upgrading all traffic signal components, bringing pedestrian ramps into ADA compliance, and providing coordination between signals for improved travel time. The project is being funded by a Strategic Initiatives Grant through the Idaho Transportation Department.



The contractor, Thorco Inc. began construction on Monday, January 20. The first intersection is at Government Way & Wilbur Avenue followed by Government Way & Canfield Avenue. All work and additional intersection scheduling will be weather dependent. The project will be completed by August 2025.

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 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 [Calendar page](#) on the
City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

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[Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec
Department](#)



Welcome to Mike Dziak, the City's New Television Production Coordinator

The City of Coeur d'Alene recently hired Mike Dziak as its new Television Production Coordinator. Mike will be responsible for organizing, coordinating and scheduling all programming for transmission on the City's cable television channels and website.

Here are five (5) questions to get to know Mike better:

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

I have an extensive background in government, broadcast TV and corporate video production experience. A graduate of Murrow Communications School at Washington State University, I began my career working at broadcast TV stations. My first job was at KXLY TV in Spokane. I then went on to work at TV stations in Anchorage, Alaska, Sacramento, CA, and Seattle, WA.



After working in Sacramento, I worked for an ad agency where we created local TV ads for the markets in Washington State around Seattle/Tacoma/Everett. I put in 11 years writing and videotaping hundreds of TV ads for local businesses. During those 11 years, I moonlighted for the Seattle Mariners and Seattle Seahawks televising their games to national TV networks like ESPN, ABC, NBC, and CBS.

Most recently, I went back to school and received a Master's degree in Communications from Gonzaga University where my thesis focused on media and digital literacy. While finishing my Masters, I worked for a government TV channel at the City of Tacoma – TV Tacoma – producing content for Tacoma Public Utilities and broadcasting Utility Board meetings and City Council meetings as well as other city events. It's been one of those things where it feels like I never work a day in my life cause really when you're working with cameras, trying new things with computers, flying drones while working with interesting and exciting people, it doesn't feel like work.

***What kind of training do you need to be a TV Production
Coordinator?***

I'd say a large tool box. To be a successful TV Production Coordinator you need a tool box filled with experience from education about
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processes and procedures to technical skills that help manage production work flows, and scheduling and budgeting. A TV Production Coordinator will also need media management experience to understand how to organize footage, scripts, contracts, call sheets, crews, facilities and equipment (hardware and software). To be successful, you'll also need soft skills like organization, communication, problem solving, and time management skills.

What does a TV Production Coordinator do? What do you enjoy most about your job?

I work on the entire aspect of a production. From pre-production, the part where you plan organize and schedule and coordinate all the aspects of a production. Obtain permits, auditions, location and talent releases, write scripts and get approval. Then you're working on the production. The actual recording and capturing the performance. And being in smaller organizations, I am often the editor/post producer where I assemble all the elements, add music, narration, add text/graphics to complete the program, tv ad, social post, whatever it is. What I like most about my job, I really enjoy the creative collaboration, the laughs during out takes, the challenges like complex shots or lighting scenes, the fast-paced environment, and the ability to mentor new or less experienced people. And then the technology. When I started a handful of decades ago there was analog technology and now with AI and various programs and gear, just about anything can be used to help capture an image and tell a story. Also, all the channels available to tell and share those stories. I really enjoy communicating with video, music, and dialog.

What about your family and interests?

I feel like I'm very young at heart. My wife and I have spent over 34 years traveling, sharing time with our son and his family, and our extended families RV'ing. I like to save time to game with my xbox and connect with my grandkids through on-line games. Nothing like hearing from a 12- or 13-year-old that they schooled you. I enjoy walking/hiking with two of the three dogs we have. We have a lab mix named Nikita, a Kerin terrier named Turbo and an extremely high maintenance mini dachshund named Sophie. Hence why I only hike with two of the dogs. Sometimes the terrier just wants to stay in the car and won't get out. They're all rescues. I love snow skiing, mountain biking, walking, live music...concerts/festivals, friends (many dating back to the first grade). I enjoy volunteering and fund raising for a handful of organizations, and love technology. I am a life-long learner always trying to add something.

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

I grew up in Spokane and my parents had a boat we'd bring out to the lake during the summer. Add to the fact that many friends' parents had places on or nearby. So, I remember the lake and the city back in the 70's. I remember some of the fourth of Julys at the old park before the resort was built. One day my friend and I started our morning making a couple dozen runs at Mount Spokane and then in the afternoon finished the day with some turns on the lake water skiing. That is one of my all-time favorite memories. I love the natural beauty, the four distinct seasons (though no snow yet this year), the serenity in the sounds of nature, the small-town feel and the outdoor recreation opportunities. I hope I can help support stewardship today to ensure that future generations can enjoy the same clear skies, sparkling lakes, and welcoming neighborhoods I have been so blessed and fortunate to experience. It's about leaving a legacy of care and respect that I hope I can bring while I'm here.

Coeur d'Alene Fire Department Responds to Record Number of Calls for Service in 2024

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department responded to 10,591 emergency calls in 2024; that is a 5.7% increase over 2023 and a 35% increase over the last 10 years. Many incidents require multiple units to respond; as such, these 10,591 incidents resulted in 18,830 total unit responses.

Fire Station #2 on Ramsey Rd. was once again the busiest fire station in the City, having 7,129 unit responses between Engine 2 and Medic 32. In 2024, 38% of all calls for service in the City included at least one unit from Fire Station 2. In 2015 Station 2 had 6,118 unit responses between Engine 2 and Medic 32.

While EMS calls accounted for 74% of all calls for service, structure fires continued to increase this past year. 91 calls for service were dispatched as structure fires. 35 of the reported structure fires were deemed to be working structure fires. 9 of those fires went to a second alarm requiring additional resources and mutual aid units. In contrast, 48 structure fires were reported in 2015.

CDA Fire received assistance from mutual aid units on 297 incidents and provided mutual aid assistance to our neighbors for 280 incidents in 2024.

Six individual firefighters responded to over 1,000 calls for service each.



CDA RECREATION 2025 MENS SPRING LEAGUE BASKETBALL

- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14TH OR UNTIL LEAGUE IS FULL (7 TEAM MAXIMUM)
- GAMES BEGINNING MARCH 10TH
- 7 GAME SCHEDULE PLAYED MONDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 6:15PM
- COMPLETED/SIGNED ROSTERS REQUIRED PRIOR TO PLAYING IN GAMES
- NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AND NO SPOTS WILL BE HELD
- PRACTICE SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE @ \$20 PER HOUR
- SCHEDULES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [TEAMSIDELINE.COM/CDAID](https://teamsideline.com/cdaid)



GAMES LOCATION:
WOODLAND
MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEAM FEE:
\$450



2025 K-8TH SPRING SOCCER

REGISTRATION **FEB. 17TH -**
DATES: **MARCH 3RD**

- K & 1st 3 v 3 Micro Soccer (Must be 5 years old or enrolled in Kindergarten)
 - Games held at Jenny Stokes Field
- 2nd - 8th plays 7 vs 7
 - Games held at CDA Soccer Complex just North of Skyway Elementary
- Season runs Mid-April - End of May
- Register online or in-person!

City Res: \$25
Non City Res: \$35

Registration Link
teamsideline.com/cdaid