



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### Mullan Road Construction Begins!

The Mullan Road project, which includes construction work on Mullan Road (recently renamed Fort Grounds Drive) and Memorial Plaza, began on March 29th, with estimated completion by July 26, 2016. Like most construction projects, it will involve a certain amount of inconvenience to the public and the city.



The project scope includes the reconstruction of Mullan Road from Garden Avenue to Northwest Boulevard, a new public plaza in front of Memorial Field, and a new parking lot. This project was identified in the City's Four Corners/BLM Corridor Master Plan as an important first step to expanding outdoor recreational uses in the Four Corners/BLM area. Once completed, Mullan Road (Fort Grounds Drive) will be a "pedestrian-focused" corridor.

During construction, the project area will be closed to the public. Memorial Field can be accessed from Park Drive and Garden Avenue, and the City Park parking lot can be accessed from Northwest Boulevard. Access to the Fort Grounds neighborhood will be "Local Traffic Only." Please call Dennis Grant, Project Manager, City of Coeur d'Alene, with any questions (208) 769-2398.

#### Mark Your Calendar for Shred Day at the Library



The Coeur d'Alene Public Library will help you to defend yourself against identity theft with a free Shred Day coming Saturday, April 23rd.

A document-shredding truck

### Newsletter Archives



### CITY FACES



#### **Kyle Marine: 2015 Leadership CDA Graduate is new Assistant Water Superintendent**

Kyle Marine, the City's new Assistant Water Superintendent, is no stranger to North Idaho—in fact he grew up on his family's 60 acre dairy farm in the Selle Valley just north of Sandpoint. Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Kyle to learn more about his new role with the City.

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operated by Devries Business Services will be in the upper parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for convenient drive-up service. Bring any old financial or other confidential documents and have them safely destroyed.

Shred Day is made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Library.

## Specialized Needs Recreation Receives \$5,000 Grant from Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation for Camp All-Stars Program

Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR) has been awarded a \$5,000 Quality of Life grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. SNR will use the grant for camp scholarships and transportation costs. The Reeve Foundation's Quality of Life grant program, started in 1999 by the late Dana Reeve, acknowledges the ever-present and demanding needs of people living with paralysis and other disabilities, and the importance of enabling individuals to maintain a positive and fulfilling quality of life. If you would like more information about Camp All-Stars, would like to register your child for a camp, be placed on their monthly mailing list, or if you are interested in volunteering, please call Angie Goucher at (208) 755-6781.



## Digital Drop-In Sessions Offered

Do computers and electronic devices such as e-readers intimidate you? Can you use a little help setting up e-mail or getting online to fill out a job application? The Coeur d'Alene Public Library offers a variety of computer workshops, but now patrons can also get one-on-one help Tuesdays, 2-3 p.m., in the Computer Lab. No reservation is necessary. Drop-in sessions are made possible, in part, through a grant from



the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to the Library Foundation. The library also offers basic computer orientation in two workshops each month and additional workshops focusing on such skills as word processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, and using e-mail and Facebook. For more

### Tell us a little bit about yourself:

Growing up on my family's dairy farm was an education in itself and enabled me to acquire a vast variety of skills. After graduation from Sandpoint High School, I started working for Mountain Utility Company where I helped manage water, sewer, and cable TV systems, along with maintaining a variety of different types of equipment, ranging from a state-of-the-art water micron filtration system to a lagoon land application discharge system. I also worked for different private contractors operating a variety of equipment installing other underground utilities such as gas & communication lines. In April of 2004 I was hired by the City of Coeur d'Alene, and in 2015 I graduated from Leadership CDA. I currently hold a Drinking Water Distribution III license and an Drinking Water Treatment Operator I license, along with my Backflow Assembly Tester license.

### What are your primary responsibilities as Assistant Water Superintendent?

The #1 goal of the Water Department is always to provide abundant, palatable & potable water to our customers along with adequate fire flows for public safety. We pride ourselves in providing outstanding customer service. My goals and duties in this role will be to oversee the day-to-day operations of the utility. I am responsible for project and asset management, assisting with budgets, and general purchasing for the

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information, call 769-2315 or email [info@cdalibrary.org](mailto:info@cdalibrary.org).

## Spring Start Up—Irrigation Backflow Assemblies

Landscape irrigation systems make watering lawns and gardens convenient and save time, but water that may be contaminated by weed killers, pesticides, animal waste, or fertilizers may be back-siphoned (backflow) into your drinking



water. To protect your drinking water from potential contamination, it is important to have an approved backflow protection assembly/device properly installed on your irrigation system. It is equally important to be certain this backflow prevention assembly is tested annually to ensure that

it is functioning properly. In fact, annual backflow assembly testing is required by the State of Idaho and City Ordinance. A lawn irrigation system that is not protected by an approved backflow prevention assembly endangers the health of a household, neighborhood, and the entire community. If you have questions or wish to obtain a list of approved state licensed Backflow Assembly Testers, contact Gary Nolan, 769-2220, ext. 818, or go to [www.cdaid.org](http://www.cdaid.org).

## Become a Volunteer on the Design Review Commission!

The City of Coeur d'Alene has a vacancy on the Design Review Commission. Members on the commission are appointed by the Mayor & Council and serve for a 4 year term. The Design Review Commission is a seven-member commission formed to protect property rights and values, enhance the built environment, review development proposals, and provide recommendations to the city council. To fill out an application and receive consideration for appointment, please visit [www.cdaid.org](http://www.cdaid.org), click on "I want to ...", and then click on "Volunteer." Applications can also be picked up at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue. For more information, please call Shana Stuhlmeier at 769-2240.

## Coeur d'Alene FD Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department recently held their annual awards ceremony at the Lake City Senior Center. Even though most Firefighters look at their work as "just part of the job," we all know that some go above and beyond. Recognized this year as Fire Department Employee of the Year was Bobby Gonder. Congratulations to Bobby for all his hard work and dedication!

department. I work to effectively schedule our crews to provide the best service possible for our customers by proper operation and maintenance of the public water system.

**Tell us about some of the Water Department's goals and upcoming projects:** We are always looking to be proactive to our customers' needs and concerns. We are currently looking to build a 1 to 2 million gallon water storage facility in the northeast quadrant of the city to provide better storage, pressure and fire flows to our customers. We are also consistently working on replacing outdated infrastructure within the city. Every year we proactively look at areas that are going to be reaching their expiration date and make plans to upgrade before we start to have costly failures. We are currently replacing Yardley services in Northshire due to the discovery of the Yardley pipe having only a 30 year life span.

**Tell us about your family.** I have been married for eight years to my wife, Chelsie, and have two sons—a 3 month old and a very active 2 year old, along with a very spoiled Australian Shepherd. We enjoy going to the Oregon coast and spending time outdoors traveling the Northwest.

**What do you love about this area?** I am an outdoor person and enjoy the open spaces that North Idaho has to offer. You can take a 15 minute drive and be off the grid. I love the four seasons and I like downtown Coeur d'Alene with the small town feel.