



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### Downtown Parking Garage Open House July 12

Spend a small part of your evening with us learning about the Downtown Parking Garage Project, on Wednesday, July 12, at 6 p.m., at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Community Room. Members of the project steering committee, including City of CDA staff, ignite CDA board members and staff, and Miller Stauffer Architects will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the project. To view project info online, visit [cdaid.org/garage](http://cdaid.org/garage).

#### CDA Arts Commission Accepting Mayor's Awards in the Arts Nominations

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 22nd Annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts. Nominations may be submitted for art organizations, individuals, businesses or students and must be received by August 31. Download a nomination form at [cdaid.org/arts](http://cdaid.org/arts), or pick up a nomination form at City Hall. For more



information, call Amy Ferguson, CDA Arts Commission staff support, at (208) 666-5754, or email [amyf@cdaid.org](mailto:amyf@cdaid.org).

#### CDA Downtown Parking Map is Online



Need info on downtown parking? We've built an awesome map for you showing all of the two-hour free parking as well as info on our public parking lots! You can even click on a lot to get an image and

the cost to park there. Visit [maps.cdaid.org](http://maps.cdaid.org) for more information.

### Newsletter Archives



### CITY FACES



**Mike Anderson:**

#### **Bringing Big City Wastewater Treatment Experience to Small Town Coeur d'Alene**

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Mike Anderson, newly hired Wastewater Superintendent, to learn more about his role with the City.

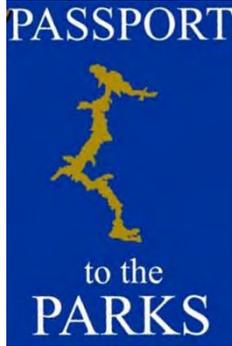
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## City of Coeur d'Alene—Parks Passport Program

Visit parks, enter to win amazing prizes! Did you know that we have 31 great parks here in Coeur d'Alene? The Parks Passport program was created to familiarize the community with all of the great parks available for your use! Participate in this fun program by visiting the selected parks each year over the summer months. See more information at [www.cdaid.org/3373/departments/parks/park-events/parks-passport](http://www.cdaid.org/3373/departments/parks/park-events/parks-passport) or call (208) 769-2252.



## We're Hiring!

Summertime is our busy time where we work hard to make Coeur d'Alene the amazing place we all live, work and play. That means streets and parks maintenance worker jobs, custodial openings, swim instructors, sports official positions, and more! Check out [cdaid.org/jobs](http://cdaid.org/jobs) for all of our openings!

## Learn About the Atlas Mill Property Online!

As the City continues to work through the due diligence phase of



purchasing the Atlas Mill property by the end of October, we've built a new website section to help the community learn about the project. Visit [cdaid.org/atlasmillproject](http://cdaid.org/atlasmillproject) to see

photos of the site, a Frequently Asked Question section and more! Please feel free to leave us feedback on other items we should include on the website to better help folks learn about the opportunity.

## Author Talks About History of CdA City Park

The closure of Fort Sherman and the building of a railroad line that  
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**You moved to this area from the East Coast. What interested you in a job with the City of Coeur d'Alene?** There were 3 things that excited me about working for the City of Coeur d'Alene, (1) utilizing my skills and cultivating new ones, (2) how the City conducts business within the community, and (3) Coeur d'Alene is a beautiful city. The opportunity to live in such a picturesque area was the icing on the cake!

**What is your education and professional background?** I hold a bachelor's degree in geography, and associate degrees in biology and environmental science. I have been involved in the wastewater industry since 2005.

**What are the most challenging issues facing the Wastewater Dept. currently?** All wastewater plants have limitations imposed on them with regard to what can be in the wastewater. New effluent requirements can be quite challenging to meet and often require large amounts of investment in the system. Our treatment plant is currently in the middle of an upgrade that will allow us to meet these new requirements. Also, aging infrastructure can be a financial and environmental burden; however the wastewater dept. has been utilizing a new technique which lines the underground pipes which,

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brought new tourists to the young community of Coeur d'Alene were among the factors that led to creation of City Park. Landscape architect Jon Mueller will share stories and images from his new book, "Private Park, Public Park: A Story of Coeur d'Alene and its First Park," on Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m., in the Library Community Room. For more information, call (208) 769-2315.



### Here comes the SUN! And there it goes ...

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library will host an event to safely watch the upcoming total eclipse of the sun—partially visible in Coeur d'Alene—on August 21, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. The eclipse begins about 9:15 a.m. The first 200 participants will receive special glasses for the reviewing. For more information, call (208) 769-2315.



### Cd'A Receives City Achievement Awards

We're very proud of our Coeur d'Alene Public Library and Coeur d'Alene Police Department for earning City Achievement Awards from the Association of Idaho Cities. The library was recognized for community engagement after opening up the satellite branch at Lake City High School. The Police Department earned its honor for the creation of the Community Action Team to further enhance its efforts toward a safer Coeur d'Alene. Congratulations!



after curing, has the strength of a brand new pipe. This allows us to replace suspicious areas of pipe before they become major problems.

**How has the treatment of wastewater changed over the years?** The basic principal of treatment is essentially the same as it always has been. We continue to use microscopic organisms, or what we call "bugs," to oxidize all the organic matter in the wastewater. There have been major advancements in how we separate these "bugs" from the water which allow for a cleaner or more efficient final product or effluent water quality.

**The wastewater plant is undergoing a major addition right now. What is it and why is it important?** Our treatment plant is receiving a 3rd stage of treatment or tertiary treatment process. This third stage uses membranes to screen out phosphorous, which is a major nutrient used by plants in the river. By removing these nutrients, we're preventing the spread of algae which can be prolific and devastating to the river ecology.

**Tell us a little bit about your family and interests:** I live in Post Falls with my wife and have 2 sons who are both living in North Carolina. In my spare time, I enjoy going on road trips with my wife. Being new to this beautiful area, there are ample places to visit and explore!