



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Coeur d'Alene Preps for Annual Leaf Fest and Pine Needle Pickup

The City of Coeur d'Alene is inviting residents to rake leaves and pines needles into the street for pickup as crews ready for the City's annual leaf hauling endeavor—known as Leaf Fest.

Coeur d'Alene is also inviting community members interested in utilizing leaves or pine needles for mulch or landscaping to call in and coordinate pickup. (208) 769-2233.

Starting November 1, residents are asked to rake the leaves and pine needles a foot away from the curb into the street, ensuring that they do not block storm drains.



This work will help Street crews be ready for the major Leaf Fest endeavor, which will occur from November 14 to December 2.

The City averages 700 loads of leaves per year, equating to 2,000 tons of leaves. The leaves will be hauled to the Coeur d'Alene Airport this year and tilled into the ground to yield a bumper crop of nutrient-rich soil for future use along the Prairie Trail. For more information, contact Streets and Engineering at (208) 769-2233.

City Hires New City Engineer/Lead Project Manager

The City of Coeur d'Alene has hired local engineer and city resident Chris Bosley as the new City Engineer/Lead Project Manager. The

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Crystal Shaw: Serving & Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Population

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with School Resource Officer Crystal Shaw to learn more about her role with the City.

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City Engineer plays a crucial role in nearly every aspect of local development as well as all transportation planning and projects.



The position is part of the newly combined Streets & Engineering Department, managed by Director Tim Martin.

Bosley has nearly two decades of experience in the field of engineering, with work done in geotechnical and transportation specialties. A former employee of

Welch-Comer Engineers, Bosley has already worked on numerous City projects, having helped plan and as part of the project management team for the recent Four Corners Master Plan improvements at Memorial Field, and having worked on the Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive Master Plan, as well as the City's Education Corridor.

Tree Seedlings Planted on Tubbs Hill

We recently planted 300 tree seedlings on Tubbs Hill. The project was a great success thanks to the city's Urban Forestry Committee, Community Canopy volunteers, the Tubbs Hill Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department. Ponderosa pine tree seedlings were planted in areas where brush has been removed for fuel reduction purposes. The new trees will provide canopy and shade which will help reduce the density of the shrubs (ladder fuels) naturally, making Tubbs Hill a safer place for recreation.



CDA FD Welcomes Nine New Firefighters!

On Monday, October 17, the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department welcomed nine new firefighters to the City of Coeur d'Alene. For the next 8 weeks, these Probationary Firefighters will receive basic

Tell us a little bit about your career in law enforcement and your current role as a Student Resource Officer:

Being a police officer is what I've wanted to do since I was in grade school. I began volunteering with the Spokane County Sheriff's Explorer program in high school and then attended Spokane Community College receiving my AAS in Criminal Justice. I have been with the Coeur d'Alene Police Department for 12 years. I started as a patrol officer and then moved to the Detective Division and began investigating crimes against children. When I became a child forensic interviewer, I knew I had found my calling — working with kids. I didn't know that's where this career would lead me but being a School Resource Officer has afforded me the privilege to really get to know the children that I serve and protect on a more personal basis.

Currently, I am the School Resource Officer for the seven Coeur d'Alene elementary schools. I am able to talk with students at lunch and spend recess with them. I conduct presentations in their classrooms and after school and I also teach

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firefighter training (Firefighter 1 curriculum) before beginning their shift assignments on December 16. These nine new Probationary Firefighters will supplement the department's staffing levels for the opening of our new Station 4 (Hanley/Atlas) in mid-December. Their training over the next year will include: Fire Suppression, Search & Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Prevention/Public Education, Hazardous Materials, Marine Operations, Auto Extrication and Emergency Vehicle Operations.



City of Coeur d'Alene to Collect on Unpaid Parking Tickets

The City is in the process of printing notices to begin collecting on unpaid parking tickets. These are the tickets that citizens haven't paid over the last 3.5 years. Approximately 8,400 notices will be



mailed out within the next couple of weeks. For anyone who owes less than \$40, they will have until December 31, 2016 to pay in full. If they do not, they will be sent to collection and there will also be an additional 33% fee attached to the fine as an administrative charge for the collection

services. For anyone who owes \$40 or more, they will receive a 25% discount on their fines if they pay in full by December 31, 2016. If they do not pay, they will also be sent to collection and will owe the full amount, plus a 33% administrative charge.

Collecting on these unpaid parking fines is important to ensure that the City will have adequate revenues to continue to maintain and improve its parking facilities—and these funds also contribute to our amazing parks system.

lessons on internet safety, which is a huge passion of mine. Every day my goal is to make each contact I have a positive one. My top priority is the safety of my students as well as the community and if I can interact with each of them in a professional, respectful manner then maybe they will walk away having had a positive interaction with Law Enforcement. For some of these kids, they haven't had a positive interaction with a police officer and I can do that, even when enforcing the law.

Outside of the job, I spend as much time as possible with my own family, taking advantage of our beautiful area and all the activities constantly going on.

