



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

CDA preps for annual Leaf Fest 2017 and Pine Needle Pickup

The City of Coeur d'Alene is ready for Leaf Fest 2017 and is inviting residents to rake pine needles and leaves into the streets. This major annual leaf pickup extravaganza begins November 13, but pine needles are picked up a week prior, starting November 6, because they are not mixed with the leaves. Community members interested in utilizing leaves or pine needles for mulch or landscaping can call the Streets & Engineering Department to coordinate pickup at (208) 769-2233. Pine needle pickup will be concentrated in the Fairways, Indian Meadows and Pinegrove areas. City Streets Division crews will return to these areas during Leaf Fest, too.



Residents are asked to rake the pine needles a foot away from the curb into the street, ensuring that the needles do not block storm drains and cause flooding. For those neighborhoods with leaves and not pine needles, leaves can begin to be placed, too. Additional detail, including an interactive map showing the Leaf Fest pickup zones and an educational video, can be found at cdaid.org/leafpickup. For more information, contact Streets & Engineering at (208) 769-2233.

Arts Commission Vacancy



The City of Coeur d'Alene has a vacancy on the Arts Commission. Members of the commission are appointed by the Mayor and Council and serve for a three year term. To fill out an application

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CITY FACES



Susan Thorpe: Promoting Literacy and Reading One Child at a Time

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Susan Thorpe, Children's Librarian, to learn more about her role with the City.

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and receive consideration, please visit www.cdaid.org/volunteer, or pick up an application at City Hall. For more information, call Amy Ferguson at (208) 666-5754.

“The Idaho Farmer”

The City’s newest public art piece, “The Idaho Farmer,” was dedicated on October 30. The statue is located on the sidewalk next to McEuen Park at 6th Street and Front Avenue. Created by local artist, Terry Lee, “The Idaho Farmer” was commissioned by The Jacklin Family and donated to the City of Coeur d’Alene “in recognition of the Idaho Farmers who produce seeds, food and fodder from the prairies, meadows and gentle slopes of North Idaho.” The statue is located next to the extremely popular “American Worker” statue, also created by Terry Lee, and donated to the City by Dean and Cindy Haagenson.



CDA seeking input on CDA TV, new ways to connect



The City of Coeur d’Alene is asking the community for input on its local television station and new ways it is providing access to the public’s business. Coeur d’Alene residents who take the quick online survey about CDA TV by November 17 will be entered into a drawing for an iPad Mini donated by Bunkhouse Media. Access the survey by visiting cdaid.org/CDATVsurvey.

2017 Holidays and Heroes

‘Tis the Season! The annual Holidays and Heroes event is scheduled at the Greyhound Park and Event Center in Post Falls on December 10. Police officers and firefighters volunteer their time to make this event special and are happy to work in partnership with businesses, civic groups, and citizens in the



Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:

I graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a Bachelor’s degree in English literature, and went on to earn an elementary teaching credential from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I taught 2nd and 3rd grades in Monterey, and music to kindergarten through 6th grades in Santa Maria. Then in the mid-1990s I followed my family to Coeur d’Alene. I worked for 5 years at Sterling Codifiers, but I wanted to work with children again, so when the opportunity opened in 2002 for the children’s librarian position at Coeur d’Alene Public Library, I was ecstatic!

What are your current duties and responsibilities?

I plan children’s programs and develop the children’s collections, including materials for babies, preschoolers and elementary-aged children. There are so many wonderful books being published for kids today, as well as innovative new materials coming out, like pre-loaded tablets and mp3 players. As a lifelong library user myself, getting to experience even a part of this incredible period in children’s literature is a real treat. I also help hire and train new circulation staff. Getting to work with this marvelous and talented group of people is humbling and very rewarding.

What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job?

I have been with the library for over 15 years now, promoting reading and getting books into the hands of all kids in our community. We partner with organizations like Head Start to achieve this. I feel very fortunate to have made

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surrounding area to make Christmas a little bit brighter for less fortunate children. "Holidays and Heroes" is still accepting cash donations and food items, which can be dropped off at the CDA Police Department located at 3818 N. Schreiber Way. For more information, call (208) 769-2320.

ArtCurrents Expands to Riverstone!



"Revenge of the Ants"
Artist: Jason Sanchez

ArtCurrents is our year-long art-on-loan program in which we provide a small stipend to Northwest artists to provide their pieces in downtown and, for the first time ever, now in Riverstone Park, too! The pieces can be purchased and the City receives 25% of the payment, which goes directly back into the Public Art Fund. Look for plaques identifying each piece and an updated ArtCurrents map out soon! For all things public art in Coeur d'Alene check out

our website at www.cdavid.org/arts.

250 Tree Seedlings plant on Tubbs Hill

Look for 250 Ponderosa pine tree seedlings recently planted on the west side of Tubbs Hill in areas where brush has been removed for fuel reduction purposes, thanks to volunteers from the Tubbs Hill Foundation and urban forestry staff. 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.



many connections with amazing people in this community who care about the future of these children and our community as a whole. It is a fantastic place to live and work!

What would you like Coeur d'Alene youth to know about the library?

I think the kids who are familiar with public libraries know how much we have to offer, even beyond books and guidance from librarians. There are still many children, though, who do not have the opportunity to experience all of this and I would want them to know our library has so much for them to access and use, all FREE—from computers and online access, to video games and DVD movies. Libraries are working harder than ever to foster positive relationships with patrons, from fine forgiveness to ordering materials based on patron recommendations — we aim to provide the materials that people want. Most recently, our library has developed a makerspace with the types of materials and tools patrons themselves requested, and will soon include at least one 3-D printer. Having a library card can open up the world for children!

What about your family and interests?

I have a grown daughter and siblings, along with their families, who continue to live in this beautiful region. I enjoy traveling, music and art, as well as cooking — especially baking and developing gluten-free recipes for myself and friends who are gluten free.