



In The News

Message from Mayor McEvers

As the seasons change, I'm reminded daily that our community thrives when we each bring our best, and when we work together to leave things a little better than we found them. That's been my guiding principle as a five-term Councilmember and then as your Mayor: to lead with positivity, focus on what's working, and keep seeking ways to improve.

We've seen exciting growth in our local economy, with new businesses choosing to invest here. But the real success lies in the people: our city staff, our crews, our volunteers, and every resident who cares enough to speak up, lend a hand, or simply show up.

Some of my favorite moments have been riding alongside our snow-plow and parks crews, seeing firsthand how hard they work for all of us. I've built strong relationships with our staff and deeply appreciate their dedication. I've also had the privilege of connecting with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, touring the reservation, and collaborating with County leaders and fellow mayors.

These interactions remind me that when we come together, when we truly listen and support one another, we create something special. I refer to it as "*kumbaya*." Through it all, I've come to appreciate not just what we have, but who we are, and the history that brought us here.

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Woody McEvers 208.691.5303

City Council

Dan English 208.665.0610

Amy Evans 208.819.1349

Kenny Gabriel 208.660.6828

Dan Gookin 208.667.5200

Kiki Miller 208.661.1778

Christie Wood 208.819.5274

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Main Line 208.769.2300

Building Services 208.769.2267

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Finance/Utilities 208.769.2227

Fire 208.769.2340

Human Resources 208.769.2205

Legal 208.769.2348

Library 208.769.2315

Municipal Services 208.769.2300

Parks 208.769.2252

Planning 208.769.2274

Police 208.769.2320

Recreation 208.769.2250

Streets 208.769.2235

Wastewater 208.769.2281

Water 208.769.2210





Join the fun at the 33rd Annual Lighting Ceremony Parade on November 28.

The Parade starts at 5:00 pm at 8th & Sherman Ave and travels west down Sherman Ave to the intersection of Government Way and Northwest Blvd.

The Lighting Ceremony and fireworks directly follow the parade.



For more information visit:

<https://cdadowntown.com/cda-events/lighting-ceremony/>

Message from Mayor McEvers, cont.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the incredible journey we've shared over the past 23 years. Serving as your City Councilmember and Mayor has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

Let's keep looking for the good and keep building a city we're proud to call home.

Messages from Re-elected Councilmembers



It's my greatest honor to serve the city of Coeur d'Alene. I'm looking forward to the upcoming four years and continuing to work with our city teams.
Amy Evans, Council Seat #2



I look forward to serving this great community for the next four years. Working together I know we can and will make a difference.
Kenny Gabriel, Council Seat #4



I would like to thank everyone for their support. I am honored that the citizens of Coeur d'Alene approve of the work I have done and that I am able to continue to serve. I would also like to extend my appreciation to J.D. Claridge and Bill Brooks for their dignified and respectful behavior during the campaign. It is a step in the right direction to encourage folks to feel confident enough to run for non-partisan offices. I look forward to being part of the City of Cd'A family for the next four years.

Kiki Miller, Council Seat #6

Idaho Department of Labor Job Fair

Idaho Department of Labor Job Fair (Ages 18+) – Wednesday, November 5 (12:00 pm — 3:00 pm)

The Idaho Department of Labor will be hosting a community job and resource fair in the Library's Community Room. Various employers will be on-site, offering a wide range of job opportunities, including full-time, part-time, seasonal, entry-level, and skilled trade positions. Bring copies of your resume and come prepared with questions for future employers.



History Hour Lecture



In this monthly lecture series, join the Library for a special presentation with the Museum of North Idaho featuring a local author or historian who will talk about Idaho's fascinating heritage.

Balancing Act: Idaho's Campaign for Women's Suffrage – Wednesday, November 5 (5:30 pm)

The delicate act of balancing competing interests drove the campaign for women's suffrage in turn of the century Idaho. University of Idaho Retired Emeritus Professor Katherine Aiken and Associate Professor Rebecca Scofield will share their research about the 1896 Idaho women's suffrage campaign, and describe how varied philosophies, economic disparity, and a rapidly increasing population shaped the early practice of women voting in Idaho state elections. This lecture is based on their 2019 Western Legal History Journal article "Balancing Act: Idaho's Campaign for Women's Suffrage" and offered in conjunction with the MONI's new Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit "Voices and Votes."

Library Newsletter

Do you want to be in the know for all the events and programming happening at the Library? If so, sign up for the Library's Monthly Newsletter. You'll receive a calendar of events as well as detailed descriptions of all Library programming. [Sign up here!](#)

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

[From Books to Bricks](#)

Ages 6-12
Tuesday November 4 & 18
4:00 pm

[National Park Explorers](#)

Ages 6-12
2nd Wednesday of Month
1:00 pm — 2:00 pm
4:00 pm—5:00 pm

[Community Sew-In](#)

Thursdays
12:00 pm—3:00 pm

For more information on any Library event, call (208) 769-2315, or visit the Library's [event calendar](#).



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

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

Arts Commission

4th Tuesday each month
4:00 pm
City Hall

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Inaugural Art Spotlight CDA Recipients

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is pleased to announce the first recipients of its new *Art Spotlight CDA* program grants, created to support the performing arts in the community.

The Arts Commission invited local performing arts organizations to apply for funding to support theatre, dance, music, and opera productions, as well as related programming. The inaugural grant cycle runs from November 2025 through October 2026, with an option for a second year of support through October 2027.

The program provides a total of \$15,000 in funding, with selected organizations receiving \$5,000 or \$7,500 in the first year.

Recipients of the inaugural *Art Spotlight CDA* program were announced at the October 7, 2025, City Council meeting:

- **Lake City Playhouse** plans to launch an education program with two core components: a middle school afterschool program with a teen board that develops leadership skills, as well as the creation of a student-led production where storytelling and imagination take center stage.
- **The Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene** will establish a Youth Music Scholarship Fund to assist low-income families, ensuring equitable access to high-quality music education for all students.
- **CDA Summer Theatre** will enhance its Musical Theatre Training Institute through a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club, offering youth programming, seasonal camps, and pop-up workshops. The grant will also allow them to purchase portable equipment such as a digital piano, sound system, and stage lighting.



Grant fund recipients of the new *Art Spotlight CDA* program: From Left, Cynthia Newkirk, Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene; Chuck Ethridge, Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre; Brooke Wood and Simon Drake, Lake City Playhouse.

Each organization will receive \$5,000 to support their upcoming initiatives.

"As an Arts Commissioner, I'm thrilled to see the very first *Art Spotlight CDA* grants going to such inspiring projects. Each of these initiatives expands opportunities for youth---whether it's learning theatre skills, accessing music education, or experiencing hands-on training in musical theatre. These investments will not only enrich young lives but also strengthen the cultural fabric of our entire community," said Mary Lee Ryba, Coeur d'Alene Arts Commissioner.

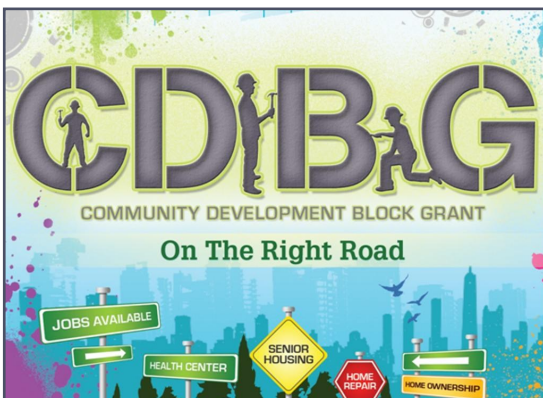
2024 CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

Since its inception in 1974, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been a cornerstone of community development in the United States. Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), CDBG provides flexible funding to states and localities, enabling them to address their unique community development needs. The City of Coeur d'Alene has been a recipient of grant funds since 2007. Since that time, CDBG has played a pivotal role in transforming our community. The program's flexibility allows funds to be used for a wide range of activities, including: Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Public Services, Homelessness Assistance, and Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements.

The City of Coeur d'Alene has drafted its **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)** for the Plan Year 2024 (PY24) CDBG program which covers the period of October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. The report will be available for review and comment from November 17 through December 2, 2025. The draft document will be made available on November 17 on the City's website at www.cdaid.org/cdbg and a hard copy will be available for review at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue.

The **public hearing** to consider comments on the draft CAPER will be held at a regular meeting of the City Council on **December 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm**, in the Library Community Room, 702 E. Front Avenue.

Feel free to reach out to Grant Administrator Sherrie Badertscher at (208) 769-2382, or via email to SherrieB@cdaid.org if you need any more details, have specific questions about the CDBG program, or would like to submit comments on the draft CAPER.



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 Police Department](#)

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



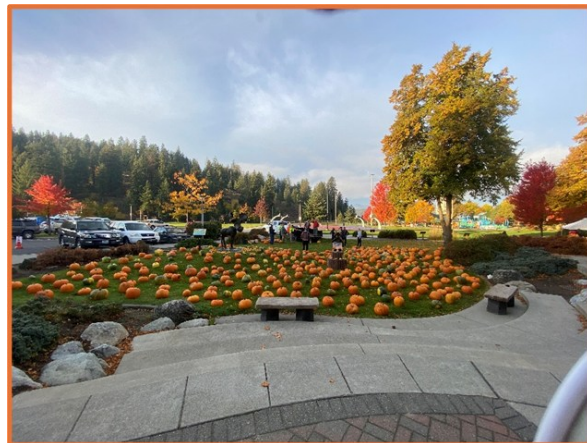
2025 Pumpkin Giveaway

This year's Pumpkin Giveaway at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library was a great success!

On Friday, October 24 the Wastewater Department and Library distributed 777 homegrown pumpkins, a little fewer than last year but still plenty for every family who came out to enjoy the event.

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department was on hand early to help unload pumpkins, and the Library team hosted a wonderful story time presentation surrounded by a sea of orange. Between the crisp fall weather, the beautiful setting, and so many smiling faces, it was a perfect morning for community connection.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this annual tradition such a hit — especially the Library and Fire Department. Events like this are a fun reminder of how City Departments



Green Screen Series & Eco Film Forum

Green Screen Series & Eco Film Forum – Saturday, November 8 (2:00 pm)

Join the Library for the Green Screen Series & Eco Film Forum, a thought provoking and audience engaging event series hosted by Kootenai Environmental Alliance. Each month, the Library shares an environmental based film to provide insight and start a conversation about how to approach these topics locally.

November's film is "How Much Progress Have We Made on Climate Change" by Dr. Simon Clark. This film shows the progress already made around the globe in reducing carbon emissions. Following the film, discussion with time for questions will be led by community panelists Craig Cooper, PhD, limnologist and local climate resilience advocate; Bill Irving, local author of "Losing Home: Grief and Hope in a Changing World"; and Aiyana James, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Climate Resilience Coordinator. The event takes place in the Community Room and includes light refreshments.



Support for 2025 Souport

City of Coeur d'Alene staff turned out to participate in St Vincent de Paul's 2025 Souport event which raised \$38,000 for the warming center. The Parks and Recreation Director Bill Greenwood's Po-Ta-Toes Ham & Corn Chowder was a hit.



Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards Recipients

On October 22, 2025, the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission hosted the 29th Annual Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards ceremony at the Hagadone Event Center, celebrating excellence in the arts. The following were this year's recipients:



Sandi Bloem Arts Legacy Award – former City of Coeur d'Alene Mayor Sandi Bloem receives the award from Councilmember Amy Evans



Excellence in the Arts Award was awarded to Jenny Shotwell



Support of the Arts Award - Dan and Kathryn Pinkerton receive the award from last year's honoree Lorna Hamilton



Emerging Arts Award - Shakespeare CDA Mary Bowers, Artistic Director, and Maggie Johnson, Executive Director, receive the award from Idaho Representative Joe Alfieri



Arts in Education Award - Cynthia Chapman receives the award from 2023 honoree, Nick Thorpe



Student Excellence in the Arts Award - Jerren Bailey receives the award from Arts Commission Student Representative Nora Crabtree

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.



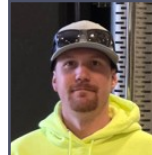
Brandon Layne
Maintenance Worker II
Parks Department



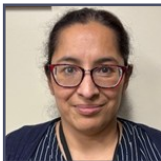
Gilbert Humann
Collection Operator
Wastewater Department



Rafael "Ricky" Estrada
Wastewater Treatment Operator II
Wastewater Department



John Visser
Collection Operator
Wastewater Department



Blanca Bernal
Legal Assistant
Legal Department

New Fire Department Recruits

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department (Department) is proud to welcome seven new recruits. These dedicated individuals are beginning their journey to serve the community and the Department is excited to have them on board.

Over the next few months, the recruits will be training with the Department, learning the skills and knowledge needed to respond to emergencies with courage and professionalism.



Please join the Department in giving them a warm welcome and wishing them success as

Pictured from left to right: Ben Hickman, Zach Ellinger, Mitchell Nunes, Joel Williamson, James Bopp, Evan Brinkmeier, Joey Cordola

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](#).



CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE LEAF FEST BEGINS NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Pick-up will start south of Sherman Avenue and move north.
Leaves will be picked up only once, so mark your calendars!

Do ...

- Start putting leaves/needles out after Saturday, November 1st.
- Keep the leaves about one foot away from the curb line to allow for water flow.
- Please move vehicles off the street during leaf pick-up.
- Be alert for leaf pick-up equipment traveling through your neighborhood.
- Keep a safe distance away from leaf pick-up equipment.

Please Do NOT...

- Place bagged leaves in the street.
- Mix branches, garden debris, grass clippings or other trash in with leaves.
- Miss the deadline... we only have time for one pass.



Find more information about Leaf Fest at:
<https://www.cdaid.org/608/departments/streets/leafpickup>





*The City of Coeur d'Alene wishes you a
Thanksgiving filled with warmth, love and
endless blessings.*