



In The News

Mayor Hammond Stepping Down

Please join the City in wishing Mayor Jim Hammond the best as he steps down on August 31 from his role as Mayor. The Mayor and his wife will be relocating to Colorado to be closer to their youngest son and grandchildren.

Mayor Hammond has actively served communities in North Idaho for several decades. He was elected as Mayor of the City of Coeur d'Alene in 2021. Previously, he served six years as an Idaho State Senator, five years as Mayor of Post Falls, nine years as a City Councilmember, and previously served as the City Administrator for Coeur d'Alene. His dedication to public service is demonstrated by his past membership on various Boards and Commissions, including the Planning and Zoning Commission, Idaho State Building Authority, Idaho State Board of Education, Education Commission of the States, Chairman of Idaho State Charter Commission, Idaho Racing Commission, Panhandle Area Council Board, Post Falls Chamber Board, United Way Board, Jobs Plus Board, Post Falls Food Bank Board, and Post Falls Education Foundation Board.

The City wishes the Mayor well on his next adventure in life. The City Council will select a successor to fulfill the remainder of Mayor Hammond's term.



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Jim Hammond 208.666.5754

City Council

Dan English 208.819.0940

Amy Evans 208.819.1349

Dan Gookin 208.667.5200

Woody McEvers 208.691.5303

Kiki Miller 208.661.1778

Christie Wood 208.819.5274

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Main Line 208.769.2300

Building Services 208.769.2267

Engineering 208.769.2235

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



BEAT THE HEAT IN EXTREME WEATHER!

It's crucial to stay cool in hot weather as it can have serious effects on your health. Fortunately, there are some simple steps you can take to find relief when the temperatures climb to uncomfortable levels.

- Stay hydrated to keep your body temperature down. 
- Keep blinds shut and curtains drawn to block out the warm light of the sun.
- Avoid the oven and cook on the grill or with a slow-cooker.
- Eat smaller meals throughout the day, focusing on fruits and vegetables. 
- Create a cool breeze with a fan and use exhaust fans to pull hot air out of the house.
- Fill a spray bottle with water to mist yourself.
- Cool off in a cold shower. 
- Wear loose, light colored clothes and a hat to cover your face.

[Know the signs](#) for heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

Something's Wrong with my Purple Leaf Plum

Prunus cerasifera, commonly known as a Purple Leaf Plum tree or Flowering Ornamental Plum tree, are beautiful in the spring with their bright purple flowers that seem to be among the first to bloom. Their purple leaves stand out all season long. These trees have been planted all throughout the Coeur d'Alene area and, if you happen to have one planted in your yard or a right-of-way location such as a grassy sidewalk strip or swale, you may be looking at it with concern, and rightly so. Although beautiful, these trees have many issues that led to their removal from the City's approved street tree planting list many years ago. These trees were extremely popular as street trees in the early to late 90's, and there is still a large population of Purple Leaf Plum trees in the City's Urban Forest. Some of the fatal flaws that often make them short-lived include:

- They are multi-stemmed by nature and have a poor structure. This makes the tree more prone to branch failure and most will have splitting trunks within 15-20 years of planting.
- A very shallow root system makes them prone to uprooting in wind events and storms.
- A plethora of diseases and pests target this tree, affecting its canopy and overall health.

Planting this tree is not recommended. It is also not permitted to be planted in right-of-way locations as street trees. This year, you may look at these trees and notice that they look dead or have a very weak canopy. Why? The City had a severe cold snap in late winter which greatly affected this species of tree. Because of their early bloom, the trees have borne the brunt of the damage from the cold snap, resulting in a tree that appears dead or has significant die-back. This, combined with some of the other pests and diseases that affect Purple Leaf Plum trees, has caused problems that will need to be addressed. Many trees will need to be removed and replaced, and others may need pruning to reduce the amount of dead wood. *Continued on page 3.*

Something's Wrong with my Purple Leaf Plum, cont.

If you have a tree that is in a condition similar to the tree pictured on the right, the best course of action is to contact the City of Coeur d'Alene's Urban Forestry office for assistance. Staff can assist with identifying the tree, its location (right-of-way or private property), and provide guidance on proper tree care to deal with the issue.

The Urban Forestry office is working to mitigate issues on City-owned/managed properties. The City, however, does not have a crew that can remove trees for homeowners from their private properties.

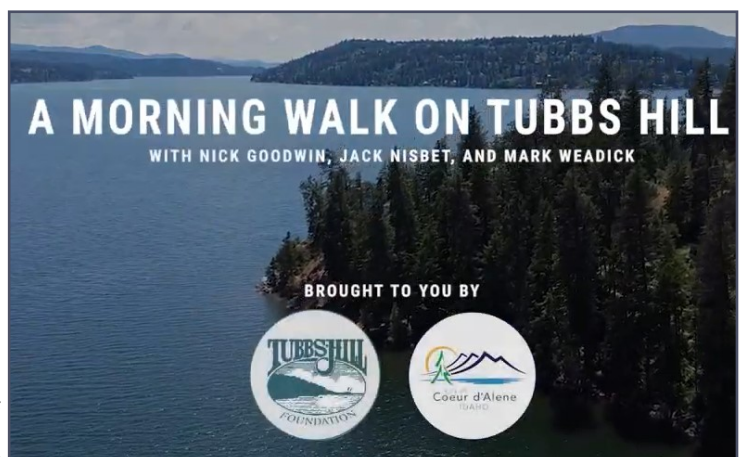
In addition, by ordinance, homeowners are responsible for trees located in public right-of-way locations abutting their property. The City does have a cost share program to assist with tree work as well as a tree service licensing program to help you find a company that can perform the work safely and correctly. Before working on trees in the public right-of-way, you must contact the City and obtain a no-cost permit for right-of-way tree removals and pruning. If you have a tree you are concerned about or want to report a dead tree or other issue, please contact the City's Urban Forestry office at 208-769-2266, or via email to Nick Goodwin at Ngoodwin@cdaid.org.



A Morning Walk on Tubbs Hill

Located in downtown Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene, Tubbs Hill is comprised of 165 acres of publicly owned land. It has an abundance of tranquil, breathtaking scenery and hiking trails, and is dedicated to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene.

[Learn about Tubbs Hill](#) as board member and forester Mark Weadick, local naturalist Jack Nisbet, and City of Coeur d'Alene Urban Forester Nick Goodwin explore the forest, discussing plants, history, and more.



**THIS MONTH'S
EVENTS AT THE
LIBRARY**

Music on Mondays
Mondays in August
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tai Chi and Qi Gong
Tuesdays
10:00 am

Lawyer in the Library
1st Thursday of the Month
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Yoga for You
Mondays
9:30 am

Ukelele Club
Every Second Saturday
3:00pm - 4:45 pm

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



Coeur d'Con



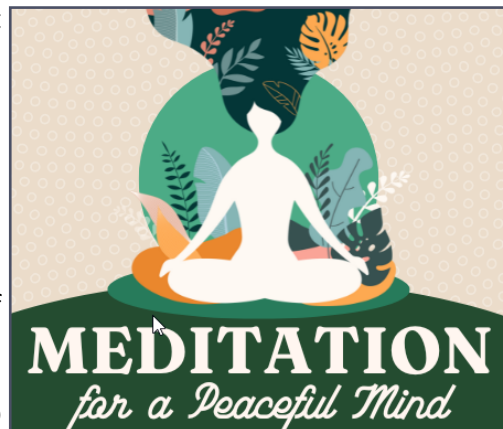
Place Saturday, August 24, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on your calendar because Coeur d'Con is coming! Coeur d'Con is a jam-packed, family-friendly, pop culture celebration organized by the Coeur d'Alene Public Library, which celebrates books, movies, games, manga, comics, and all expressions of geek culture.

Coeur d'Con is free to attend! The event offers a variety of themed contests, games, crafts, and other activities with events for every age group throughout the day. Local businesses, artists, and experts exhibit and sell their goods on the grassy side of the Library offering unique wares and perspectives on pop culture.

For updates, visit the [Coeur d'Con website](#). If you have any questions, get in touch with the Coeur d'Con Team via email to coeurdcon@gmail.com.

Meditation for a Peaceful Mind

Join the Library on August 10, at 10:30 am for an enlightening experience. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or a curious beginner, this meditation class will guide you through the principles and practices of meditation in a calm and supportive environment. The instructor, Deb Vester, will lead you



through various techniques aimed at reducing stress, enhancing mindfulness, improving focus, and promoting overall well-being. The meditation session will take place in the Library Community Room.

While everyone is always welcome at the Library, this event is intended for participants ages 16 and up.

New Parking by the Kroc Center

In partnership of the Streets and Engineering Department, Kroc Center and a private land owner parking was increased west of the Kroc Center. The new parking area located by the Prairie Trail contains 22 parking spaces and two (2) ADA spaces.

The parking lot will provide parking for Prairie Trail users, legion baseball game attendees and Kroc Center event attendees.



Poet Laureate Honorific

The City is pleased to announce the establishment of the honorific of 'Coeur d'Alene Poet Laureate.' Poets, including songwriters, who are 18 years of age or older and residents of Coeur d'Alene are encouraged to apply through Friday, August 9, 2024.

The Coeur d'Alene Poet Laureate will have the unique opportunity to reflect the City's distinctive landscapes, social situations, and significant events through their art. This initiative is designed to not only to foster a deeper appreciation for poetry and literature within the community, but also to document Coeur d'Alene's distinctive character. The City Council authorized the poet laureate program proposal during its regular meeting held on July 2, 2024.

Interested poets and songwriters can find more information on the City's [website](#).

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

Parking Commission

2nd Tuesday each month

3:00 pm

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

Childcare Commission

4th Monday each month

6:30 pm

City Hall

Arts Commission

4th Tuesday each month

4:00 pm

City Hall

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**CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMISSION
MEETING
INFORMATION,
CONT.**

**Historic Preservation
Commission**

4th Wednesday each month
12:00 pm
City Hall

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.

Find the City on Facebook!

[City of Coeur d'Alene](#)

[Coeur d'Alene Fire Department](#)

[Coeur d'Alene Police Department](#)

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



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

Kelly Schroeder

Treatment Operator I
Wastewater Department



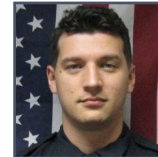
Mickeal Ray

Treatment Operator I
Wastewater Department



John Carter Gonzalez

Police Officer Recruit
Police Department



Jared Ekstrom

Police Officer
Police Department



Janelle Sells

Accountant
Finance Department



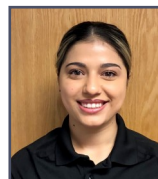
Derek Galloway

Police Officer Recruit
Police Department



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Police Officer Recruit
Police Department



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



A green poster for K-8th Fall Soccer. It features a silhouette of a soccer player in the top left, a soccer ball in the bottom left, and the City of Coeur d'Alene logo in the top right. The text is bold and colorful, with 'K-8TH' in white and 'FALL SOCCER' in yellow. Registration dates are listed in a dark green arrow, and fees are in a yellow arrow. A registration link is in a dark green arrow.

**K-8TH
FALL SOCCER**

REGISTRATION **JULY 29TH -
DATES: AUG. 14TH**

- K & 1st 3 v 3 Micro Soccer (Must be 5 years old or enrolled in Kindergarten)
 - Games held at Jenny Stokes Park
- 2nd - 8th plays 7 vs 7
 - Games held at CDA Soccer Complex just North of Skyway Elementary)
- Season runs 1st week of September - middle of October
- Register online or in-person!

**City Res: \$25
Non City Res: \$35**

Registration Link
teamsideline.com/cdaid

Adult Fall Softball is right around the corner! Registration is open and in-person at the City's Recreation Department located at 710 E. Mullan Ave. Leagues start the first week of September. Recreational co-ed games will be held Monday and Wednesday nights, and competitive co-ed double header games will be on Thursday nights. The men's league will be Tuesday night double headers. The fall league is shorter than the summer leagues because of inclement weather and the need to be concluded by the middle of October.

Firefighters Enjoying Lemonade at National Lemonade Stand Day and Keep Coeur d'Alene Cool at Rain in the Park

City Council proclaimed July 20 as [Lemonade Day](#) to foster entrepreneurship among the community's youth.

Coeur d'Alene Firefighters visited several lemonade stands throughout the City and helped support the success of area youth.



Captain Greg Rod



Firefighter-Paramedic Don Bates, Captain Greg Rod



Firefighter-Paramedic Mike Bowlin, Firefighter-Paramedic Justin McGarvin, Firefighter-Paramedic Cory Miles, Captain-Paramedic Chris Kieres, Engineer Jeff Butcher



Battalion Chief Lee Holbrook, Captain Joe Lind,
Firefighter Keith Benz, Engineer-Paramedic Erik
Loney



Firefighter Keith Benz (top of engine),
Engineer-Paramedic Erik Loney

