IN THE NEWS

Longtime CDA Wastewater Superintendent to Retire

The City of Coeur d’Alene will host a public open house in honor of retiring Wastewater Superintendent Sid Fredrickson, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Coeur d’Alene Library Community Room, 702 E. Front Avenue. Please help us say thank you to Sid for his 30 years of service to our community.

An Important Public Safety Message from the CDA PD

The Coeur d’Alene Police Department is reminding community members to ensure that their residences are secure at all times, especially during the holiday season after a recent report of a prowler entering a home. It is not uncommon for thieves to check the status of and enter unsecured residences and vehicles looking for items that can be quickly taken. As always, if you see suspicious activity and/or individuals in your neighborhood, do not hesitate to contact the Police. If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1. 2320.

Extra! Extra! Read all About Your Library

Did you know that the Coeur d’Alene Public Library has a monthly

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The online version of the newsletter is located at [http://pageturnercdalibrary.blogspot.com/](http://pageturnercdalibrary.blogspot.com/). It’s a great way to keep up-to-date on the latest happenings at our favorite gathering place.

**Sing Along with Mudgy and Santa**

Join the fun on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. at the library with a special family activity, the fifth annual “Holiday Sing-Along with Mudgy and Santa.” The free program will be in the Community Room on the lower level of the library. Children’s author Susan Nipp, creator of the “Mudgy & Millie” book and the nationally known “Wee Sing” series of books and music, will lead the children in singing some holiday favorites. Mudgy Moose and Millie Mouse will be on hand along with Santa Claus and they will be available after the music for informal photos—so be sure to bring your cameras! For more information, call 769-2380.

**City’s Executive Team Makes a Difference**

The City’s Executive Team recently dropped off 40 bags of Thanksgiving fixings at the Kroc Center as part of the Kroc’s 8th Annual Families Feeding Families event. One meal can make a difference, and the Kroc Center teamed up with local food banks in five North Idaho counties to provide holiday meals to those in need.

**City Council Approves Snow Plan**

in the upper peninsula of Michigan and received my Bachelor of Science degree at Michigan Technological University. In search of mountains and adventure, my wife and I aimed for Coeur d’Alene, but ended up in Boise. We spent eight years there before we got the opportunity to move to Coeur d’Alene. After spending five years in this wonderful community, I followed my passion for pedestrian and bicycle facility planning and design and moved to Boston, Massachusetts. Two years later, when reality hit, we decided that life was much better for us in Coeur d’Alene. We bought our old house back and moved home, hitting the reset button on life.

**What is the focus of your current workload with the City of Coeur d’Alene?** Just figuring everything out. My current focus is to identify what needs the most attention and address it. When I have a “free” minute, I look through the piles of project information left in my office!

**What about your family and interests?** My wife, Sharon, and I have two children, Silas (11) and Willow (9), a dog (Loki), and six chickens (I can’t remember all of their names). We love the outdoors (camping, hiking, bicycling, snowboarding, kayaking, etc.) I also

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The City Council recently approved the 2016/17 Snow Plan. The goal this year is to finish plowing the City within 30 hours, down from 38 hours last year! Some years ago it took about 52 hours to plow Coeur d’Alene, but thanks to the hard work and innovation of our awesome Streets crew, we’ve dropped that time significantly. To view the Snow Plan in its entirety, visit https://goo.gl/JHLyDM.

CDA Receives Donation of Tree Trimming, Community Benefits

Ken Roberge lives along Government Way and grew up in the area near Forest Cemetery, so he has a special affinity for that portion of Coeur d’Alene. That’s why Roberge, owner of Specialty Tree Service, donated the company’s time to prune a number of trees within the center median along Government Way by the cemetery. The main focus of the pruning was for form and structure, to develop good branch spacing, and to eliminate any weakly attached or dead branches. This is the second time Roberge has offered his services, and he hopes to continue his efforts. “I’d like to help care for the trees to preserve what we have now, so others can enjoy them also in the future,” Roberge said.

What are the challenges you face as the City Engineer? I think the biggest challenge will be getting things moving smoothly. Our team has the desire to work together to streamline things and improve efficiency. We will get there, but it will take some time.

What do you love about this area? I love the balance of nature and urban living. We are very fortunate to live in a community that has a great downtown with such easy access to the outdoors. We live within walking distance to downtown, Tubbs Hill, Sanders Beach, and work. We couldn’t ask for more!