IN THE NEWS

Welcome New City Councilmember Christie Wood

On January 7, 2020, Christie Wood will be sworn into office as the newest City Councilmember.

Christie Wood retired from the Coeur d’Alene Police Department as a sergeant in 2015 after 26 years of service. She worked in both the Patrol Division and the Detective Division, and for her last 15 years in the Public Information office. Prior to being hired by the city, Christie was a law enforcement specialist in the U.S. Air Force. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Justice Studies, with a minor in media relations. Christie has been a member of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations since 2007, filling the law enforcement seat. She has served as President of that organization for the past nine years. Christie also served as an elected Board Member for School District 271 from 2000 to 2008. She has served as an elected Trustee at North Idaho College since 2004 and as a City of Coeur d’Alene Parks and Recreation Commissioner since July 2016. She is married to David Wood and has one son, Bryan. Her interests are education, public safety, and public governance. She enjoys walking her dog on the City trails, gardening, and traveling. Welcome Christie Wood!

Newsletter Archives

Brandon Jank: IT Network Administrator

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired IT Network Administrator, Brandon Jank, to learn more about his role with the City.

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Coeur d’Alene Police Foundation’s Annual Children’s Hospital Toy Drive a Huge Success

Coeur d’Alene Police Officers and Explorers delivered 75 full boxes (6.0 cubic feet) of donated toys, clothing, make-up, toiletries, DVD’s, games, art supplies, Christmas wrapping supplies, etc., to the Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital in Spokane. These items were collected during a Toy Drive sponsored by the Coeur d’Alene Police Foundation which took place over the course of three Saturdays at Walmart in Hayden. They will be given to children who are patients at the Children’s Hospital. The children are also able to select gifts for their family members. Officers will also be delivering toys to the NICU at Kootenai Health in Coeur d’Alene later this week.

Thanks to our generous community members who donated the above gifts, over $4,700 in cash, and almost $800 in gift cards. These donations surpass last year’s Toy Drive which resulted in 63 full boxes and $2,700 in cash donations.

The members of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department wish all of you a Happy New Year!!!

2020 Residential Parking Permits Are Available Now

The City of Coeur d’Alene is pleased to announce that 2020 Residential Parking permits are now available for purchase. These permits will allow one 2-hour parking session per day at either the McEuen Park or Memorial Field parking lots. The cost for the annual pass is $10.00 for a City resident, or $20.00 for other residents of Kootenai County. Permits can be purchased online (City Resident: http://bit.ly/Cityres; County Resident: http://bit.ly/Countyres) or by phone at 1-800-828-4197. You will need to

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I grew up in Coeur d’Alene and graduated from Coeur d’Alene High School in 2002. After high school, I founded NexGen Computers in Dalton Gardens with my younger brother where we repaired technology, managed IT systems for small to midsize businesses, and built high performance computing systems for technology events and the media. In 2014, I moved to Moscow to study Computer Science at the University of Idaho. I was offered a position as a Technology Solutions Partner where I supported end users and administered computer and network systems.

What are your current responsibilities: I am responsible for the overall operation of the City’s computer, network, and electronic information systems. This includes administration of servers, internet access, phones, security devices and their supporting technology. I also plan, design, and implement upgrades and expansions to accommodate growth and new City capabilities and requirements.

What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job, and why? I love to design (Continued on page 3)
provide the vehicle license plate number as the permit will be valid for only one vehicle. No paper permit will be issued. Additionally, the permit holder will be required, prior to issuance, to verify residency by providing a copy of the vehicle registration and a local utility bill. For more information, visit cdaid.org/parking, or call Diamond Parking at 1-800-828-4197, Option 2.

Coeur d’Alene Library Tales of Silver Valley Musical

Find Snow-Related Information at www.cdaid.org/snow

The City’s snow information page provides information on winter snow planning, an interactive snow plowing progress map, as well as fun winter activities hosted in partnership with local schools. If you have a specific question, please call the Streets & Engineering Dept. at 208.769.2235.

and create great technology experiences. The ability to build and maintain systems that are critical to municipal operations is greatly fulfilling. Not only do I get to work in the city I love and grew up in, I get to touch the lives of many residents that call Coeur d’Alene home.

What do you love about Coeur d’Alene, and North Idaho? Coeur d’Alene is the most beautiful place in the world. Throughout my travels I always compare the places I visit to our home. I really enjoy the high quality of life with quick and easy access to the outdoors, whether it be hiking, camping, snowmobiling, fishing, or just relaxing on the lake.

What about your family and interests? I am very fortunate to have most of my family in Coeur d’Alene and many of us own or operate businesses in the area. We love the great outdoors and have family camping, snowmobiling, and lake trips. When I’m not outside running away from technology or playing with my 6 month old daughter, I enjoy building robots, packet radio systems, and 3D printers.