**IN THE NEWS**

**Farewell Open House for Retiring City Councilmember Ron Edinger on November 14**

Join us in celebrating Ron Edinger’s Retirement at the Hagadone Event Center, 900 S. Floating Green Drive, Coeur d’Alene. Meet and Greet from 4—5 p.m., Ceremony begins at 5:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

**2019 Leaf Pickup Begins Tuesday, November 12**

Please DO NOT include bagged leaves, garden debris, grass clippings, branches, limbs or trash. Be alert of equipment in your neighborhood. Move any vehicles on the street to allow crews to do their work.

Please be sure that all leaves/needles are approximately one foot from the curb line to allow rainwater to drain. Street sweepers will follow crews as they move through the City.

Leaf pick-up will start south of Sherman Avenue and move north. We expect completion before November 29. Follow our progress on maps.cdaid.org/leaf.

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**CITY FACES**

**Virginia Loustalot: Building Permit Tech**

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Building Permit Tech, Virginia Loustalot, to learn more about her role with the City.

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Coeur d’Alene Library Craft Fair, Nov 8 & 9

An annual Christmas tradition in Coeur d’Alene! Every year in November, talented local artisans gather downstairs in the Library Community Room to sell some of the beautiful things that they have been creating all year. A perfect place to find a unique gift for Christmas. This FREE event will be held November 8 & 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2019 Holidays & Heroes Event, December 8

‘Tis the season! The annual Holidays and Heroes event is scheduled at the Greyhound Park and Event Center in Post Falls on December 8. Police officers and firefighters volunteer their time to make this event special and we are happy to work in partnership with businesses, civic groups, and citizens in the surrounding area. We are working to make Christmas a little brighter for less fortunate children. Cash and food items are now being accepted by the Coeur d’Alene Police Department and other participating law enforcement and emergency service agencies. ‘Holidays and Heroes’ is still accepting cash donations and food items, which can be dropped off at the Coeur d’Alene Police Department located at 3818 N Schreiber Way in Coeur d’Alene. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 208-769-2320.

Winners of Library Pumpkin Decorating Contest Named

Left to right, Youth – Kyler Ray Otto, Teen – Ayla Sewell, Adult – Alysia Rajanen

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I worked with a fabrication company for 12 years, in the accounting department, then moved to the HR/Payroll department. When my family and I moved to Coeur d’Alene a couple of years ago, I decided to get my real estate license. I’ve worked in real estate the last two years.

What are your current responsibilities? My main job is customer service. A permit tech is the front line for the Building Department, so being available and ready to help is a big part of what I get to do. Processing permits is another major aspect of my job. Scheduling inspections and keeping permits organized for record keeping are some of my other responsibilities.

What is the most fulfilling aspect of your job, and why? Learning about the building process and codes is really fascinating to me. I grew up around construction and have held a passion for design and home improvement. Getting the opportunity to learn about all the intricate components of a builder’s job has been (Continued on page 3)
Christmas Parade and Lighting Ceremony, Nov 29

On Friday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m., the Coeur d’Alene Downtown Association is pleased to present the 28th Annual Lighting Ceremony Parade sponsored by Idaho Central Credit Union. Watch as the parade entries light up Sherman Avenue and bring the holiday spirit to downtown Coeur d’Alene. Then gather on the Coeur d’Alene Resort lawn for carols and a countdown to a spectacular fireworks display complements of the Hagadone Corporation. At the end of the show, the switch is flipped and over 1.5 million lights brighten the downtown area!

Pop-Up Game Nights Coming To A Location Near You!

As part of the Envision CDA project, we are seeking additional public input on how Coeur d’Alene should grow. We are scheduling three game nights at various locations around the city to play the “Growing Better Places Coeur d’Alene” game that was played at the public launch event on September 26. Mark your calendar for one of the Pop-Up Game Nights and grab your family, friends and neighbors! Kids are invited too. The game is suitable for ages 10 and up. We look forward to seeing you and having your input on how we should grow through the year 2040.

Game nights will be Nov 6 (Silver Lake Mall), Nov 7 (Human Rights Education Institute) and Nov 13 (Lake City High School—cafeteria) from 5:30—8 p.m. More information at: envisioncda.org

Coeur d’Alene Police Winter Driving Class

Whether you are new to winter driving or just need a refresher of what to do when the roads turn icy, this class is for you. We will talk about driving in the snow, avoiding crashes, staying safe in the event of a crash, and what to do if you become stranded. To register, email: winterdriving@cdaid.org or call 208-769-2319.

What do you love about Coeur d’Alene, and North Idaho? The beauty and outdoor lifestyle. We came to Coeur d’Alene to be closer to family, but living here has been a blessing in so many ways. My children get to experience the outdoor lifestyle that I had the privilege of experiencing growing up. They get to see the four seasons which are all beautiful in their own way. It’s a great place to raise a family.

What about your family and interests? I have a husband of almost 9 years, and we have two beautiful children. Most of my free time is spent taking care of my family and driving them to various activities. My personal interests that don’t surround my family are interior decorating, yoga, and I started to enjoy gardening in more recent years. Enjoying life with my family is what’s most important to me and we get to enjoy it in the most beautiful area.