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City of Coeur d’Alene Mask Resolution

On October 26, 2020, the Coeur d’Alene City Council met in a Special Call Council meeting and passed Resolution No. 20-059, requiring the use of face coverings in indoor or outdoor public places, with certain exceptions, to help reduce the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19. During the meeting, Mayor Widmyer stated that “doing nothing was not an option, as our COVID-19 positive numbers have gotten worse since July.” The Resolution took effect on October 27, 2020, and will remain in full force and effect for ninety (90) days unless it is terminated, modified, or extended sooner. A violation of the Resolution is an infraction subject to a fine of $100.00. The resolution and FAQs are posted to the City’s website on the main page, or CLICK HERE.

Leaf Fest Begins November 12th!

Thursday, November 12, marks the start of the City of Coeur d’Alene’s annual leaf pick-up program, Leaf Fest. Please rake your leaves and pine needles about one foot away from the gutter/curb line to allow for water drainage. City crews and equipment are limited, so we need your help. Leaves will be picked up only once. Please do not put leaves in the Street after City crews have completed your area and do not include bagged leaves, branches, debris or trash. Pick up will start south of Sherman Avenue and move north. We expect completion before December 4th. Follow our progress on maps.cdaid.org/leaf, beginning Nov. 12.

TRACI CLARK
DEPARTMENT SPECIALIST
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Department Specialist, Traci Clark, to learn more about her role with the City.

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Mayor & City Council Issue Statement Condemning Acts of Violence, Inhumanity & Racism

The Coeur d’Alene Mayor and City Council join their voices with those of elected leaders and community members throughout our state and nation to condemn acts of violence, inhumanity, and racism. In 2013, the City of Coeur d’Alene was one of the first leaders in the state to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance. We strongly encourage other cities in Idaho to adopt similar ordinances that protect the rights of all individuals. We condemn white supremacy and any groups who promote it. Racism causes persistent discrimination and disparate outcomes in many areas of life, including housing, education, employment, and criminal justice. We have deep empathy to the nationwide anger and fear that racism instills if unchecked. We value the diversity of our community and the inclusion of all voices. It is important for us all to have the courage to stand together, unite and understand that our differences make us stronger. We issue a strong statement of commitment to ensuring fair and impartial treatment of all residents of our City regardless of their ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, religion, age, or socioeconomic class. We implore citizens to treat all in our community with dignity and respect.

Pumpkin Giveaway A Success!

The pumpkin collaboration between the Library and the Wastewater Utility Department was a huge success again this year. Thank you to all of our community members who helped us go with the flow and picked up pumpkins to carve or paint. We gave away over 500 pumpkins and look forward to doing more next year!

https://youtu.be/CkJJXsrCo3E

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I worked for a very large corporate law firm in Missoula, Montana for over 28 years. One of my many duties was the front desk receptionist. I had contact with lawyers and clients on a daily basis, whether in person or on the phone. I am a very social person so I love to interact with folks.

What are your current duties and responsibilities: I currently answer the phones at the front desk at City Hall and greet the public when they come in and ask questions about which department they need to see. I also process all the incoming mail and outgoing mail. I also enjoy assisting the other departments with projects they need help with.

What is your philosophy about customer service? Customer Service, to me, is one of the most important jobs an office has. It is the first point of contact when we greet the citizens by phone or in person, and the last impression when they leave. I hope they have a friendly greeting at the City of Coeur d’Alene!

What do you enjoy most about your job? I enjoy talking with the citizens; everyone is friendly here in Coeur d’Alene. I have learned a lot about the different departments that the City of Coeur d’Alene runs. I also

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enjoy meeting all the City employees. It has been a very easy transition for me here, as everyone has been so welcoming and friendly.

What about your family and interests? My husband and I have two kids. Our youngest just graduated from high school. We are officially empty nesters! We love to hunt, motorcycle ride, and visit family up at Priest Lake every summer. I love to flower garden in my yard and can homemade raspberry jam.

What do you love most about Coeur d’Alene and North Idaho? I love being closer to my extended family. I lived here as a child and both sets of my grandparents are from Post Falls and Coeur d’Alene. As a child, my father played on a men’s softball league in the summer and would play down at Memorial Field. My older brothers and I would walk over to the beach on Coeur d’Alene Lake and swim all day. I would spend every summer up at Priest Lake at my grandparents’ cabin. I feel very lucky to be able to move back and continue to make great memories in Coeur d’Alene with my family.

Library Returns to Curbside Service

Panhandle Health has raised the COVID Risk Level to RED. As a result, the Library is closed to the public, but will be providing curbside service. Please be aware of the following guidelines:

1. Place a hold by logging in to your library card account at cdalibrary.org or by calling 208-769-2315.
2. You will be notified when your hold is available by email, text, phone call, or postal mail.
3. At the library, park in the designated spaces and remain in your vehicle.
4. Call the library number, 208-769-2315, and your holds will be brought to you.
5. If you do not have a cell phone, call the library before you leave home and let them know when you expect to arrive.

Temporary Library Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Closed Sundays.

Child Care Scholarships

Feeling overwhelmed and need child care assistance? Child Care Scholarships are available through United Way of North Idaho for low-to-moderate income families who are working or attending school. The scholarships are partially funded through the City’s Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds. Apply online at www.unitedwayofnorthidaho.org/childcare-assistance.