IN THE NEWS

Water Wisely Coeur d’Alene

Water consumption has risen by two-to-three times the average annual amount in the past three-months. The City experienced a record setting maximum day demand of 42.76 million gallons per day (MGD) on July 1. The peak usage normally occurs in mid-August. A press release was published the first week of July, urging a voluntary citywide water conservation effort in order to reduce the peak consumption during the extreme drought and hot, arid conditions. Daily water consumption has been reduced to 35-39 MGD. In order to help mitigate the increased demands, the City is constructing a new well that will be operational in late fall.

To help with the water conservation efforts the City’s Parks Department has reduced watering schedules of City parks and greenspaces to every other day which has shown to be a tremendous help to reduce the demand on the public water system.

Here are some quick tips to keep in mind:

- Please do not water between the hours of 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
- Please water every other day.
- If you have an odd numbered address please water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you have an even numbered address water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Please check that your irrigation system is working properly and that overwatering is not occurring.

BAILEY LERWILL
MAINTENANCE WORKER
PARKS AND RECREATION

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Maintenance Worker Bailey Lerwill to learn more about her role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:
I was born and raised in Driggs, Idaho next to Grand Teton

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Summer Bike Riding Safety Tips

- Always ride your bike in the direction of traffic. Make predictable moves so traffic doesn’t have to guess what your intentions are.
- The speed limits on trails is 15mph. If you want to go faster, use the on-street bike lanes. The trails have pedestrians, dog walkers, strollers and wheelchairs. Excessive speed is dangerous.
- Night riding is great in the summertime. Many bike shops have full moon rides on a monthly basis. Please remember to wear reflective clothing and use a headlight or head lamp.

*Ride Safe Coeur d’Alene!*

Community Yard Sale at City Hall: Saturday August 21st

The City of Coeur d’Alene Recreation Department is hosting a community yard sale! It will be held in the Coeur d’ Alene City Hall parking lot on Saturday, August 21st 2021. This is a fabulous opportunity for some spring cleaning. Come down to grab some great deals on clothes, furniture, electronics, household items and more!

You can register for a vendor stall at CDA City Hall at 710 E. Mullan Ave. or give us a call for more information at 208-769-2250.

Only $10 for a 15x15 booth.

Vendor space is limited so get your spot soon!

Free to attend and lots to see.

8am – 12pm

National Park and West Yellowstone. I grew up in an excavation family. This helped me learn about hard work and the reward that comes from a good work ethic. I continued my career path as a backcountry guide taking people into the wilderness during the summers. I then went on to work on a 5000-acre private ranch doing maintenance and various other things.

What kind of training do you need to be a Maintenance Worker?

The training needed to be a maintenance worker is probably best acquired through having a good mentor in this field of work. Often times you end up learning a library of skills and tricks to get through tasks. Patience and being detail orientated helps as well.

What does a Maintenance Worker do?

A maintenance worker does just about anything and everything. We can go from being a landscaper to a carpenter in the same day. We take care of everything in the public eye and a lot more that’s behind the scenes all while maintaining a friendly demeanor.

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What do you enjoy most about your job?

It can be a lot of work but it’s one of the most rewarding jobs I have had experience with.

What about your family and interests?

I have a couple of cow dogs and my family still lives in southeast Idaho. I enjoy riding my horses in the back country and I also have a couple of dirt bikes. You can often times find me outdoors or riding in the woods. It keeps me pretty busy.

What do you love most about Coeur d’Alene and North Idaho?

I love the people in Coeur d’Alene as well as the outdoor opportunities. Everyone has been very friendly and I feel like I fit in here. Plus, it’s absolutely gorgeous!

Update on the Centennial and Atlas Trails

This summer and into fall, portions of Centennial and Atlas Trails will be closed during construction of a new water main. The work will take place on the Atlas trail near Nez Perce Drive and continue south under the interstate and then east to the Centennial Trail to the Seltice Trailhead. Trail traffic will be rerouted during construction and signs will be posted to alert trail users of new routes.
Extreme Fire Danger and Stage 2 Restrictions in Kootenai County

Due to the current drought conditions and the current fuel moisture levels, the current fire danger level is being raised to EXTREME throughout the Mica Fire Protection District.

If you have any questions, contact your local fire jurisdiction.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

STAGE II Fire Restrictions are in effect in this area. Thank you for being careful with fire and, please, call 911 to report any wildfires.

FIRES OR CHARCOAL

Prohibited: Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.

Exceptions: Persons using a fire or stove fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area clear of flammable material.

SMOKING

Prohibited: Smoking outside an enclosed vehicle or building. Exceptions: You can smoke while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Cross Country Travel

Prohibited: Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

Chainsaws/Other Equipment

Prohibited: The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. - Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine; blasting, welding, or other activities that generate flame or flammable material; or using an explosive.

Remember – Fireworks are illegal on public lands.