In The News

Help Determine Funding Priorities

Help determine funding priorities to support Coeur d’Alene’s low-to-moderate income residents. Please take a few minutes to share important feedback and your priorities with the City of Coeur d’Alene (City) to help guide the 5-year Consolidated Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Please participate by completing the 2023 - 2027 CDBG Consolidated Plan Survey. The City receives CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The city is required to submit a 5-year Consolidated Plan to outline various aspects of the program.

The Consolidated Plan presents an assessment of local housing, homelessness, and community development needs, identification of priority needs for use of funds received from HUD, and presents strategies to address the priority needs. Forecasting projects and the use of funds is a crucial component to the plan. Citizen outreach and participation in the planning are critical to ensure community needs are met.

Questions are intended to identify and address the needs within the City. The survey will be open through March 17, 2023.
Short-Term Rental Update for the City of Coeur d’Alene

The City is fast approaching the Short-Term Rental Permit annual renewal date of March 1, 2023. Information regarding the concentrated areas of town has not been provided by the sub-contractor (Granicus) yet, so development of any substantial code amendments has been delayed. Therefore, staff is making the following recommendations to the Planning Commission on February 14, 2023, and to the City Council on February 21, 2023, to be enacted immediately thereafter.

- Code Amendment: Recommendation to repeal Municipal Code Section 17.08.1030 (G), which allows for a 14-day exemption, as it is not something that can be easily monitored.

- Internal Process: The current permit holders will be allowed to renew their permit for one (1) year, with no new applications taken during this year. This will give the City and property owners time to have discussions regarding additional changes to the code, in hopes of completing any needed code changes within 6-months.

- Fees: A fee increase to the annual renewal of $84.00 for a total of $180.00, and violation fees for operating without a permit as follows: $1,000.00 for the first offense, $2,000 for the second, and $5,000 for the third will be proposed at the February 21, 2023 Council meeting.

Questions may be directed to Renata McLeod, City Clerk, 208-769-2231 or at Renata@cdaid.org.

Welcome New Employees!

A warm welcome to the following new City employees. The City is privileged to have these talented individuals join as new team members.

Jessica Levy
Reference Clerk
Library

Justin McGarvin
Firefighter
Fire Department
Fireboat 3 Moves to Its New Permanent Home

On January 18, the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department moved its fireboat (FB3) to its new permanent home at the 3rd Street Marina. The final Certificate of Occupancy was signed off by all departments on January 17, and Fireboat 3 moved from Blackwell Island to the 3rd Street Marina.

The fireboat garage was built by Verdis Construction in Wolf Lodge Bay and was floated to the 3rd Street Marina in September 2022, where an extensive system of blocks, cables, and ropes secured the boathouse into place.

The move was necessary due to the current storage location at Blackwell Island being temporary. The Fire Department would like to thank Kootenai County Sheriff’s Office, and the Parks and Waterways Department for sharing the space while the new garage was being built.

The new location allows closer access to respond to Tubbs Hill, where most Fireboat callouts have taken place. The Fireboat is also used as a standby apparatus during events held on the north end of the lake and the Spokane River such as Ironman, the Lake Crossing, and during fireworks shows.

Funding to build the boat garage came from impact fees and additional funding coming from ignite cda. A grand opening and station dedication will be held in late April or early May when lake water levels rise and the temperature increases.
Seed Swap and 11th Annual Seed Library Summit

On February 11, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, the Library will be hosting a seed swap in the Community Room. Bring your extra seeds (home-saved or purchased) to share with others and go home with some seeds for your spring and summer planting! Learn about seed saving from some of our region’s avid seed savers. Take home seed varieties that you won’t find anywhere else and that are well-adapted to our growing conditions.

No seeds to swap? Come anyway and consider making a donation to help cover costs and help our seed program grow.

If interested in learning more about seed libraries, there will be a virtual Seed Library Summit from The Seed Library Network also on Saturday, February 11, from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm with keynote speaker Beata Tsosie-Peña. Hear her expert perspectives on food and seed sovereignty and a collaborative future.

Themes include seed sovereignty, which ensures a stable local supply of heirloom, organic, and open-pollinated seeds as well as rematriation, which is the return of Indigenous heirloom seeds to their original guardians. The Library will be streaming this summit during the local seed swap event. To register for the virtual summit, visit Seedlibraries.net.

For more information about the Library’s seed swap, contact Char Beach at cbeach@cdalibrary.org or (208) 769-2315 ext 651.

Homeschooling Parents: Coffee & Chat

Join homeschooling parents Wednesdays in February from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Share ideas, programs and materials. Children of all ages are also welcome during this time for age-appropriate activities.

Click here for more information.