In The News

CDA Fire Department Firefighters Complete Paramedic School

The Fire Department is proud to announce that four (4) of its firefighters have completed Paramedic School. The Department used a 2-year paramedic program through the National Medical Education and Training Center (NMETC). The program consists of 1,500 hours of didactic skills training, hospital clinical time and field internship. New medics will now complete a mentorship program with existing paramedics and the county credentialing process before hitting the streets on their own. The Department is very proud of these new Paramedics! Congratulations to Travis Georgious, Andy Goodsell, Ben Kaiser, and Morgan Zajicek on their continued dedication and service to the community.

Georgious
Goodsell
Kaiser
Zajicek
CdA Arts Commission Seeks Artists for “ArtCurrents”

The City of Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission is seeking artists to participate in its “ArtCurrents” program. Artists submit applications for placement of their sculptures around downtown Coeur d’Alene, Riverstone and Atlas Waterfront Park areas for a period of one (1) year, with an option to renew for a second year. The displayed works will also be offered for sale, with the City of Coeur d’Alene receiving a 25% commission from the sale.

The selected artists or artists teams will be paid a stipend of $1,000.00 for the first year. A second stipend of $1,000.00 will be paid to the artists at the start of the second year. ArtCurrents pieces are displayed along Sherman Avenue, Lakeside Avenue, City Park, Riverstone and Atlas Waterfront Park areas.

Public art can be a change agent for the community. It creates and enhances neighborhood and community identity. It enhances the visual landscape and character of the city. It turns ordinary spaces into community landmarks and promotes community dialog and, most importantly, it’s accessible to everyone.

Applications must be received through the CaFE website (www.callforentry.org) no later than 5:00 pm PST on July 8, 2022. The call is entitled: “Coeur d’Alene Art Currents 2022.” Installation of the artwork will begin in October.

For more information about the Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission, visit www.cdaid.org/arts.

4th of July Kid’s Parade

The annual Kid’s Parade begins the 4th of July celebration in Coeur d’Alene. This year’s parade will be held on Friday, July 1. The crowd favorite begins at 10:00 am at 10th & Sherman Avenue and continues to Independence Point. The parade lineup will start lineup at 9:30 am. The theme for this year’s parade is “NICKLEODEON.” For more information, call 208-769-2250.
**Water Rescue Training**

In April, firefighters with the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department practiced water safety rescues with two new rescue mannequins, Flo Tation and Ida Sunk. These trainings prepare the Fire Department to deal with an increase in water-related incidents that happen each summer on Lake Coeur d’Alene.

![Water Rescue Training](image)

**Emergency Call Statistics**

Did you know that the Fire Department lists a breakdown of daily calls for service on the Department’s Facebook page?

Details include calls for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA), Fire Calls and Miscellaneous incidents.

Visit [https://www.facebook.com/CDAFIRE](https://www.facebook.com/CDAFIRE) for more information.

**Supporting First Responders**

On May 5, Anchored Coffee Company donated 100% of their profits, along with community donations, to the Coeur d’Alene Police Foundation. The combined efforts resulted in an amazing donation of $4,000! Thank you to Anchored Coffee Company owner Kassi Allen and her employees, and to each and every one in the community who donated. The Foundation will put the money to great use supporting local first responders.

![Supporting First Responders](image)

**IDAHO DISASTER DOGS**

- K9 Lady
- K9 Tamarack
- K9 Bear
- K9 Murphy
**Music on Mondays is Back Starting June 27**

Join us for a concert at the Library on June 27 from 6:00 pm—7:30 pm. The band Old Plank Road is playing on the McEuen side of the Library. Bring your chairs and snacks and enjoy some music.

Old Plank Road will delight you by playing a modern improvisational version of American Old-time music. Brad Sondahl plays guitar and sings, Don Thomsen plays mandolin, and Dave Lorang plays upright bass.

Click [here](#) for information on other upcoming summer concerts at the Library.

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**Take Out Craft Kits From the Teen Library**

Make a watercolor pet portrait and an origami cat and dog (in honor of Social Petworking month).

Kits will be available starting June 9 in the Teen Library.

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**June Pageturners Book Club**

The Pageturners Book Club is discussing *All the Light we Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The story of Marie-Laure, a blind French teenager, and Werner, a German soldier, whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. The book won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction.

Pageturner discussions are open to any adult reader and books are available for check out at the Research and Information Desk.

Masks are required to attend. For more information, call JD Smithson at 208-769-2315 ext 455, or email to: [communications@cdalibrary.org](mailto:communications@cdalibrary.org).
Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Legal Assistant Charitye Cunningham to learn more about her role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:
My background and experience include over ten (10) years in administration, 911 communications in the fire service as well as fire prevention plan review, codes and standards. For extra volunteer work and schooling, I graduated from a 12-week Community Police Academy and have taken quite a few Paralegal classes as well.

What does a Legal Assistant do?
A Legal Assistant performs a variety of complex duties to help expedite legal services provided through the City's Legal Department. They assist attorneys in every detail required to develop and maintain a comprehensive and complete case file.

What do you enjoy most about your job?
So far, I am enjoying the complexity of my job most. It is a fast paced environment where each case requires various objectives, organization and attention to detail. Working with insightful and charismatic individuals adds reward to the challenging days.

What about your family and interests?
My family is a very small, supportive circle who enjoys watching me persevere through life’s challenges and they understand a lot of my need to want to always better myself. My interests include all things outdoor with my family, my Labrador, running, learning, crime documentaries and cooking.

What do you love most about Coeur d’Alene and North Idaho?
What I love most about Coeur d’Alene is the quiet beauty and opportunities to get involved with the community. I also love the endless outdoor possibilities of North Idaho and watching my son grow up here.
CDBG Public Input Opportunity

In preparation for the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) upcoming Annual Action Plan for 2022, the City is working to collect input from residents on community needs and grant funding suggestions. To share your input with CDBG staff, please complete the following survey. There will also be a public forum and a public hearing for additional information and involvement. Thank you for engaging with the City’s CDBG Grant.

CDBG funds can be used for local community development activities in order to benefit low to moderate-income residents and neighborhoods. As a federal program, CDBG funds can be used to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight, benefit low and moderate-income persons, and meet certain community development need having a particular urgency. Low and moderate income (LMI) is characterized as households whose income is at or below 80% of the local median income.

A Public Forum will be held in person and virtually to inform residents on how CDBG funds were used in past program years and to obtain citizen input about current needs and spending priorities for Plan Year 2022 on June 7, 2022 starting at 1:00 pm at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho in Conference Room 5, and via Zoom at:

By Computer
https://cdaid-org.zoom.us/j/98143595838?pwd=RWEyZ2dlRXorcJMTJjCQVEydmh0UT09

By Phone
877 853 5257 US Toll-free
888 475 4499 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 981 4359 5838
Passcode: 356443

A Public Hearing to consider any and all public comments will be held at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Library Community Room, 702 Front Avenue, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. For the meeting agenda and details on how to participate, visit https://www.cdaid.org/council/council-agenda-packets prior to the meeting.

To submit written comments or for more information, contact Chelsea Nesbit at 208-769-2382 or by email at cnesbit@cdaid.org.
The 2022 School Tours of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Come to an End

The Wastewater Department likes to refer to school tours as tours of the unseen. Every year, the Wastewater Department teams up with partners in Water, Stormwater, and friends at the University of Idaho to give tours to local students. This year, the Department gave tours to Borah Elementary, Lake City High School, Coeur d’Alene High School, Inch Homeschool, Ramsey Elementary, and Wallace Middle School to discuss water tapping, stormwater, macro invertebrates, aquatic invasive species, and wastewater treatment and lab. Tours attended by Northwest Expedition Academy (NEXA) also took place at the City’s Compost facility.

It was most certainly the busiest year of tours attended, by 373 local area students. A real terrific opportunity to show the community all the things that go on under City streets unseen. Thanks everyone who helped to make this the best year ever!

Summer Irrigation Tips from the Water Department

- Turf only requires 1” of water per week in the region.
- Make sure to use soil amendments such as fertilizer or gypsum to help build a healthy soil profile to promote deeper root growth to build a healthy, heat tolerant lawn.
- Install proper matched brand heads, preferably MP Rotators that are lower water use. This can save 20% to 50% water use alone.
- Adjust your irrigation settings according to monthly temps and rainfall to water only what your turf requires. Savings can be achieved during spring and fall irrigation.
- As most irrigation systems run after dark, check your systems routinely to make sure of no damaged heads or leaks.
- Don’t water during the heat of the day when high evaporation rates occur, usually between noon and 6 pm. Watering during this time can actually burn the grass as water magnifies the sunlight like glass.
- Consider adding rain and moisture sensors to water only when needed.
- If using hose sprinklers, use a hose bibb timer so that you don’t forget and over water.
- The City Water Department offers rebates on the purchase of certain water saving devices of up to a $75 credit applied to your water bill.

For more information, contact the Water Department at 208-769-2210.