In The News

25 Years—The Lake District Legacy

ignite cda’s Lake District (District) was formed in 1997 and is wrapping up its 25-year term. Over the District’s term, ignite cda has created immense value for the Coeur d’Alene community via:

- Increased taxable valuation through the use of strategic public/private partnerships like Riverstone and Parkside. When the Lake District was created in 1997, the tax base value of all of the properties located within the District was approximately $107 million. The current tax base of the properties within the District at the time of closure, even following the 2016 Lake District de-annexation, was approximately $762 million, an increase of more than $655 million (612%) over the base value.

- The creation and enhancement of superior public spaces. Examples of great public spaces located within the District include McEuen Park, Memorial Park and Grandstand, Atlas Waterfront Park, the Prairie Trail, and Sherman Avenue Rotary Park. Continued, page 2
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- The creation and enhancement of wonderful community assets. Examples of assets located within the District include the Kroc Community Center, CDA Public Library, Higher Education Campus, CDA Regional Chamber of Commerce Building, Downtown Parking Garage, Sorenson Magnet School and the new site for the Museum of North Idaho.

Please enjoy this [video](#) showcasing the legacy of the Urban Renewal Lake District.

Leaf-Fest 2022

Monday, November 14 marks the start of the City of Coeur d’Alene’s annual leaf pick-up program. Please rake your leaves and pine needles about one foot (1’) from the gutter/curb line to allow for water drainage. City crews and equipment are limited so the City needs 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 Ave and move north. The City expects completion before December 9. Follow the pick-up process [here](#).

Help the City Name Winter Storms

The City of Coeur d’Alene’s Streets Department has asked for help naming this year’s winter storms. From November 1 to November 23, kids can submit a theme and ten (10) names by filling out a form in the Children’s Library. Mayor Jim Hammond will choose and announce the winner at the City Council meeting on December 6. The winner will receive a fun remote-control snowplow.

Firefighter Gear

The Coeur d’Alene Fire Department enjoys teaching kids about fire safety!

Recently, the Discovery Christian Dayschool hosted the Fire Department for a safety demonstration.

Firefighter Glenn puts on his gear piece by piece to show the kids each part that protects him while extinguishing a fire.
Library Craft Fair — Saturday, December 3

The Library Craft Fair is an annual Christmas tradition in Coeur d’Alene! Every year during the holidays, talented local artisans gather in the Library Community Room to sell handcrafted items that they have been creating throughout the year. This year’s fair will be on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The fair is the perfect place to find unique Christmas gifts for friends and family. A portion of each sale at this free event goes towards supporting the Friends of the Library.

For more information, contact JD Smithson at jsmithson@cdalibrary.org or 208-769-2455.

Winners of the Library’s It’s Pumpkin Time Contest

Congratulations to Max, Hannah, and Neisha for winning the It's Pumpkin Time Competiton!
New Fire Department Boathouse

The Fire Department recently transferred their newly built boathouse to its home at the 3rd Street docks. More work will need to be done in the next few weeks to anchor it and add power. They are looking forward to sharing its completion and appreciate the support of the community!

Click here to see a video of the move!

Coeur d’Alene Police Department’s Winter Driving Class

Whether you are new to winter driving or just need a refresher of what to do when the roads turn icy, the winter driving class is for you. Topics include 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.

Christmas Parade and Downtown Lighting Ceremony - Friday, November 25

The Coeur d’Alene Downtown Association is pleased to announce the 30th Annual Lighting Ceremony Parade, presented by Idaho Central Credit Union, at 5:00 pm on November 25. Watch as the parade entries light up Sherman Avenue as they bring the holiday spirit to Downtown CDA with marching bands, dancing, music, and festive floats! Then gather on the Coeur d’Alene Resort’s lawn for carols and a countdown to a spectacular firework display complements of the Hagadone Corporation. At the end of the show, the switch will be flipped and over 1.5 million lights will brighten the downtown area. The 2022 parade theme is "Winter Wonderland" and includes sugar plum fairies, toy drummers, snowflakes, and dancers! Applications to participate in the 2022 Lighting Ceremony Parade will be accepted through November 14, and can be obtained here.
**Mayor Hammond Visits Borah Elementary School**

The Readers Becoming Leaders program is designed to connect a mayor, council member, or senior staff member to elementary students with the hope of building connections, empowerment, and a sense of belonging for our city’s youth.

Mayor Hammond read a book entitled “Friends City” to Borah Elementary’s 3rd graders which introduces students to great examples of civic leadership, how local government works, and the inner workings of the city in which they live.

The Wastewater Department’s Dave Thorp and Mason Morrow also gave a great demonstration on how the vacuum truck works.

**The City of Coeur d’Alene is Hiring!**

Visit our employment website if you are interested in working for the City of Coeur d’Alene. Up-to-date job postings are listed [here](#).