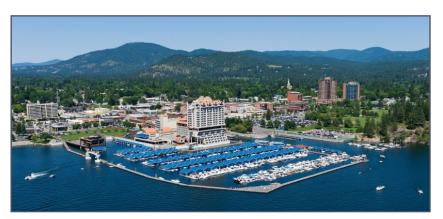
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# In The News

# Message from Mayor McEvers

As summer winds down and the excitement of a new school year begins, I invite everyone to take a moment to reflect on the joy this season brings. Summer is more than just warm days and sunshine. It is also a time to reconnect with loved ones, explore the outdoors, and create lasting memories. Whether you spent your summer traveling, enjoying our City parks, or simply relaxing with family and friends, I hope it brought you moments of peace, laughter, and renewal.

With the school year beginning, I also want to remind all residents to stay alert and drive safely in school zones.

As we turn our attention to the months ahead, let us carry that spirit of gratitude and community into the Fall season. I hope we all continue to inspire and support one another, embrace new opportunities, and work together to build a vibrant and inclusive City of Coeur d'Alene.







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## NORTH IDAHO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The <u>Coeur d'Alene Insider</u> <u>website</u> is a large directory of community resources for Coeur d'Alene and surrounding areas in North Idaho.

It includes information on local events, clubs, classes, free meals and other resources as well as ways to give back to the community.

Below is a small list of the vast resources the site has to offer:

- Art and music events
- <u>Classes</u> for things like hunter safety, technology assistance, literacy workshops, home improvement, child safety, and much more
- Free meals and food bank resources
- Clubs and organizations involving topics like birding, art, crafts, cars, gardening, genealogy and more
- Support groups for cancer, Alzheimer's, new moms, substance abuse, mental health and more
- <u>Volunteer opportunities</u> for donating time and goods

For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.cdainsider.com">https://www.cdainsider.com</a>



# **Multiuse Trails Update**

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (Committee) has been working with the City to weigh in on e-bikes, e-motorcycles, and other fast-moving electric vehicles. The City is in the process of updating City Code to address the numerous concerns the City has been hearing. E-bikes are currently allowed on City trails as long as they have a pedal-assist function.

The City, Committee and the Centennial Trail Foundation are discussing other electric vehicles, like e-scooters, but have not determined what regulations may be needed.

E-motorcyles (Surons, etc) are NOT allowed on any area trails, parks, natural areas or rights-of-way.

E-motorcycles are to be treated as motorcycles and can only go where motorcycles are allowed.

If you are on an e-bike, e-scooter, or even a normal pedal bike, please do not exceed 15 miles per hour on trails, bike paths or multiple use paths.

These regulations will help preserve the ability to use e-bikes on City trails for years to come. For more information, contact Trails Coordinator Monte McCully at mmcully@cdaid.org.



## Women Who Run with Wolves

#### Women Who Run Wolves Reading Club – Saturdays (10:30 am)

Are you ready for a powerful shift to reconnect with your authentic sense of self? Come ready for group discussions, study guides and heart work journaling as the group reads and discusses "Women Who Run With Wolves: Myths and Stories of the Wild Women Archetypes" by Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés. Through the stories and commentaries in this remarkable book, the group will retrieve, examine, love, and understand the wild woman, and hold her against their deep psyches as one who is both magic and medicine.

Visit <a href="https://cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/14812633">https://cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/14812633</a> for more information and additional event dates.

# History Hour Lecture



In this monthly lecture series, join the Library for a special presentation with the Museum of North Idaho featuring a local author or historian who will talk about Idaho's fascinating heritage.

# Mining Impacts and Environmental Recovery in the Coeur d'Alene Basin – Wednesday, September 10 (5:30 pm)

Sharon Bosley will present the long and evolving history of the Bunker Hill Superfund Site. Mining and smelting significantly shaped the region's economy and development, and she will describe how early industrial practices—common for the time—resulted in the release of lead, arsenic, and other metals into the surrounding environment, particularly through tailings disposal and smelter emissions.

Sharon will provide information on the Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission (BEIPC), which was formed to coordinate collaborative cleanup and restoration efforts among federal, state, tribal, and local partners, guided by both scientific expertise, history, and community input.

# Library Newsletter

Do you want to be in the know for all the events and programming happening at the Library? If so, sign up for the Library's Monthly Newsletter. You'll receive a calendar of events as well as detailed descriptions of all Library programming. Sign up here!

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

### Lawyer in the Library

1st Thursday of the Month 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## Yoga for You

Mondays and Fridays 9:30 am

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#### Tie Dye Party

Ages 14+ September 13 10:30 am—12:00 pm

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#### Pageturners Books Club

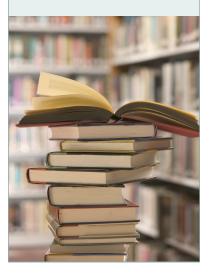
September 24 10:15 am—12:00 pm

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#### **Legacy Planning Workshop**

September 23 & 30 5:00 pm—6:00 pm

For more information on any Library event, call (208) 769-2315, or visit the Library's event calendar.



## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

## **City Council Meetings**

1st and 3rd Tuesday
each month
6:00 pm
Library Community Room
Council Agenda Packets

#### **Ped/Bike Committee**

1st Wednesday each month 4:00 pm City Hall

#### **CDA TV Committee**

2nd Monday each month 8:00 am City Hall

#### **Parking Commission**

Tuesday, October 14 3:00 pm City Hall

#### **Planning Commission**

2nd Tuesday each month 5:30 pm Library Community Room

## **Urban Forestry Committee**

3rd Friday each month 8:00 am City Hall

#### **Park and Rec Commission**

Monday before 3rd Tuesday 5:30 pm Library Community Room

## **Arts Commission**

4th Tuesday each month 4:00 pm City Hall

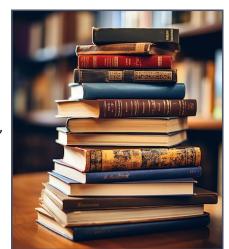
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## InlandShare Library Group Forms as CIN Winds Down

After decades of collaboration, the Cooperative Information Network (CIN) will officially dissolve on September 30, 2025. This decision comes after ongoing legal and operational challenges made it increasingly difficult for member libraries to work together under the existing framework.

In response, a group of libraries has come together to form a new network: the InlandShare Library Group (ILG). This new consortium is built on shared values of access, collaboration, and community service. ILG includes:

- Clarkia Public Library
- Coeur d'Alene Public Library
- Kellogg Public Library
- Liberty Lake Library
- Mullan Library
- Osburn Public Library
- Pend Oreille County Library District (Calispel Valley, Ione, Metalines, Newport)
- Plummer Public Library
- Priest Lake Public Library
- Silver Hills Library
- St. Maries Public Library
- Wallace High School
- Wallace Public Library
- West Bonner Library District (Blanchard & Priest River)



These libraries will continue to share print and digital resources among themselves, ensuring that patrons still benefit from a broad and diverse collection. The Community Library Network (CLN) and the Benewah County Library Free District will now operate independently.

## **What This Means for Patrons:**

On August 1, 2025, several changes took effect:

- Holds between networks (ILG, CLN, and Benewah) were turned off. Patrons are only able to place holds and pick up items within their own network.
- Items checked out from outside a patron's network after August 1 must be returned to the same library.
- Between August and September, libraries will begin updating patron records to reflect their home tax district.

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# 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.



**Michael Keefe**  *Streets Maintenance Worker* Streets Department



Ivan Stark
Recreation Monitor
Parks & Recreation Department



**Ryan Knelleken** *Treatment Operator I* Wastewater Department



**Elisaa Corless** *Reference Clerk* Library



**Daniel Rempala**Police Officer Recruit
Police Department



**Evan Lantzy** *Librarian* Library



Braxton Todd

Assistant City Attorney
Legal Department

# The City of Coeur d'Alene is Hiring!

Visit the City's employment website if you are interested in working for the City of Coeur d'Alene. Up-to-date job postings are listed here.



## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION, CONT.

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 4th Wednesday each month 12:00 pm

Library Board Meeting
4th Wednesday each month
4:00 pm
Library Community Room

For more information, please visit the <u>Calendar page</u> on the City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

Find the City on Facebook!

City of Coeur d'Alene

Coeur d'Alene Fire Department

Coeur d'Alene Police Department

Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec Department



## InlandShare Library Group Forms as CIN Winds Down, cont.

On October 1, all networks will transition to fully independent systems. Find the full list at <a href="https://libraries.idaho.gov/idea">https://libraries.idaho.gov/idea</a>.

#### **Library Cards and Access:**

Each network will set its own policy for non-resident cards. The Coeur d'Alene Public Library will continue to offer non-resident cards for \$30.

## Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

ILL services will continue to be available at each library that offers the service.

For more information, patrons are encouraged to contact their local library. Coeur d'Alene Public Library patrons can reach out to Director Elizabeth Westenburg at <a href="mailto:ewestenburg@cdalibrary.org">ewestenburg@cdalibrary.org</a>

# Coeur d'Alene Fire Department Open House



Join Coeur d'Alene Firefighters at Fire Station 3 on Saturday, September 13, from 12:00 pm—3:00 pm for the Fire Department's Annual Open House. Fire Station 3 is located at 1500 N. 15th St.

Activities will include:

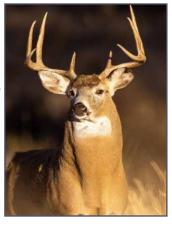
- Idaho Disaster Dogs
- Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations
- Life Flight Demonstrations
- Fire and Police Apparatus
- Firefighter Combat Challenge for Kids
- Sparky the Fire Dog
- Police SWAT Bearcat

Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided during the Open House. Hope to see you there!

# Fall is Hunting Season

Every year, more than 10 million Americans go hunting. For many, it's a way of life. Although rare, hunting accidents can and do happen. Hunter safety courses are available and designed to teach the fundamentals of safe and ethical hunting along with local Idaho hunting laws and regulations.

For more information on hunter laws, regulations and safety classes, contact Idaho Fish and Game at <a href="https://idfg.idaho.gov">https://idfg.idaho.gov</a>



# Back to School Safety

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department would like to remind the community that September 2, 2025, marks Coeur d'Alene School District's first day of K-12 classes. With school back in session it brings increased walking and biking activity near schools. Drivers are encouraged to allow extra time, slow down, and exercise caution, especially in school zones.

During the first few weeks of school, the Police Department's patrol officers, traffic team, and school resource officers will focus on traffic enforcement in an effort to remind drivers to slow down and obey traffic laws, particularly around local schools. There is nothing more important than the safety a child.



# Back to School Safety Reminders for Drivers.

#### Here are 4 easy ways to stay alert:

- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop off procedure.
- · Make eye contact with children crossing the street.
- · Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.

# **Cemetery Walking Tours**

Join the Museum of North Idaho (MONI) and walk amongst the dead. Discover the rich tapestry of history and heritage on walking tours of Forest Cemetery and St. Thomas Cemetery. Nestled in the heart of the city, these cemeteries are more than just a resting place, they're living museums where history and nature converge.

Step beyond the headstones and uncover the lives of those who shaped our community. These guided tours will introduce you to notable men and women, from pioneers and civic leaders to unsung heroes. Hear chilling tales of murder, greed, and mystery, along with the fascinating stories of everyday individuals whose lives left a lasting impact. As you walk among the graves, history will be brought to life with tales of triumph, tragedy, and the legacy left behind.

For tour dates, times and tickets, visit <a href="https://museumni.org/cemeterytours">https://museumni.org/cemeterytours</a>

