



# In The News

## *Message from Mayor Gookin*

### ***A Season of Change and Gratitude***

February marks another important month of transition in our city. Following the departure of Police Chief White after 11 years of service, we now see long-term City Administrator and former Finance Director Troy Tymesen moving on. Looking ahead, Parks Director Bill Greenwood will retire in March, and Fire Chief Tom Greif will retire in April. As a result, 2026 is shaping up to be a year of meaningful change as we welcome new leadership across several departments.

Our Human Resources team is actively recruiting for these key positions, and by summertime we expect to see several new faces joining city staff. Throughout this transition, our commitment to high-quality city services remains strong, and our teams continue to serve the community with professionalism and dedication.

This winter has certainly been unusually mild. With warmer temperatures and little snow, February still leaves me wondering what surprises may be ahead. As my great-grandmother used to say, "As the days grow longer, the cold grows stronger." Old Man Winter has a way of packing a late punch when we least expect it.

I want to sincerely thank our city employees for making the most of this favorable season. Our parks crew has done outstanding work clearing brush around City Hall; streets crews have kept our roads clean; and our first responders have benefited from fewer weather-related incidents.

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### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

#### Mayor

Dan Gookin 208.667.5200

#### City Council

Dan English	208.819.0940
Amy Evans	208.819.1349
Kenny Gabriel	208.660.6828
Kiki Miller	208.661.1778
Dan Scheckler	208.889.9167
Christie Wood	208.819.5274

### **CITY DEPARTMENTS**

Main Line	208.769.2300
Building Services	208.769.2267
Engineering	208.769.2235
Finance/Utilities	208.769.2227
Fire	208.769.2340
Human Resources	208.769.2205
Legal	208.769.2348
Library	208.769.2315
Municipal Services	208.769.2300
Parks	208.769.2252
Planning	208.769.2274
Police	208.769.2320
Recreation	208.769.2250
Streets	208.769.2235
Wastewater	208.769.2281
Water	208.769.2210



## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

### **City Council Meetings**

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month  
6:00 pm

Library Community Room  
[Council Agenda Packets](#)

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### **Ped/Bike Committee**

1st Wednesday each month  
4:00 pm  
City Hall

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### **Planning Commission**

2nd Tuesday each month  
5:30 pm

Library Community Room

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### **Urban Forestry Committee**

3rd Friday each month  
8:00 am  
City Hall

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### **Park and Rec Commission**

Monday before 3rd Tuesday  
5:30 pm

Library Community Room

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### **Arts Commission**

4th Tuesday each month  
4:00 pm  
City Hall

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### **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

4th Wednesday each month  
12:00 pm  
City Hall

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## ***Message from Mayor Gookin, cont.***

Their extra effort has not gone unnoticed, and I am deeply grateful for their service to our community.

As we look ahead, spring arrives next month and with it a renewed sense of energy across the city. With Ironman and Car d'Lane taking place on the same weekend, our community will soon be bustling once again. I look forward to welcoming the activity, celebrating our city, and continuing to move forward together during this exciting season of change.

## ***Farewell Troy Tymesen***



City Administrator Troy Tymesen will conclude 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Coeur d'Alene on February 20, 2026. Mr. Tymesen has served in key leadership roles since joining the organization in 2000, bringing with him more than a decade of banking and financial experience.

Mr. Tymesen first served as the Finance Director/Treasurer with the City and quickly took on additional roles in administration, assisting with property acquisitions and facilitating partnerships in special projects and programs with other agencies, businesses, and

community organizations. He was promoted to City Administrator in 2018, and over the course of his career, he played a pivotal role in guiding the City's growth, overseeing long-term financial planning, and enhancing public services. Ensuring public safety was a priority, he was instrumental in helping shape Coeur d'Alene into a place where people will want to live, work and play.

Former Mayor Woody McEvers praised Mr. Tymesen's longstanding commitment to the City, noting his steady leadership and productive partnerships, and the importance he placed on building positive relationships with staff and the community. A tireless worker, he will be greatly missed by City officials and staff who have become accustomed to seeing him during his frequent visits to every City facility.

Please join the City in saying farewell to Mr. Tymesen on Friday, February 20 from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Cake and refreshments will be served.

## Five Minutes with Newly Appointed Councilmember Dan Scheckler

### Share a bit about your background and experience.

I am a lifelong North Idaho resident who has lived and worked in Coeur d'Alene for many years. I earned my Juris Doctor from the University of Idaho College of Law and have practiced law since 2007, operating a private practice serving individuals and families throughout North Idaho. My professional experience includes regular work with courts, public agencies, and regulatory bodies, which has given me a practical understanding of how local government decisions affect residents, businesses, and property owners. I have also served on a county planning and zoning commission, where I participated in public hearings and land-use decision-making.



What drove you to seek Council appointment? What do you most look forward to about the job of a City Councilor?

I sought appointment to the City Council out of a desire to serve the community and contribute to thoughtful, steady local governance. I believe city government functions best when decisions are made transparently, grounded in law, and informed by public input. What I most look forward to is working collaboratively with fellow council members, city staff, business leaders, and residents to address issues that directly affect quality of life, public safety, and long-term plans for the city. *Continued page 7*

## Ron Jacobson Hired as Interim City Administrator

Former Post Falls Mayor Ron Jacobson has been appointed to the Interim City Administrator position. Current City Administrator Troy Tymeson is set to retire February 20, 2026. Mr. Jacobson would begin in the interim role on February 17, 2026. This overlap ensures hands-on transition time, allowing Mr. Tymeson and Mr. Jacobson to work alongside each other and to ensure a smooth transition of administrative responsibilities. *Continued, page 7*



## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION, CONT.

### Library Board Meeting

4th Wednesday each month

4:00 pm

Library Community Room

For more information, please visit the [Calendar page](#) on the City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

For meeting agendas, visit

<https://www.cdaid.org/81/departments/municipal/meeting-agendas>



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[Coeur d'Alene Police Department](#)

[Coeur d'Alene Parks and Rec Department](#)



## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

### Realtor in the Library

February 4  
4:00 pm

### Yoga for You

Mondays and Fridays  
9:30 am

### Thai Chi Walking

Fridays in February and March  
12:00 pm

### Memoir: Writing with Vulnerability and Courage

Ages 14+  
Saturday, February 28  
10:30 am

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

<https://cdalibrary.org/events/>



## History Hour Lecture



In this monthly lecture series, join the Coeur d'Alene 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. Lectures take place in the Library Community Room.

### Farragut State Park Through the Years - Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30 pm

Step into the story of one of Idaho's most fascinating places with Park Ranger Errin Bair as she takes the audience on a captivating journey through time at the southern end of stunning Lake Pend Oreille. From the colossal forces of Glacial Lake Missoula and the Ice Age floods to the frontier days of Pend Oreille City and the iconic Mary Moody Steamboat, this month's lecture brings the region's past to life. Experience the dramatic transformation of the area during World War II, when the Farragut Naval Training Station became one of the nation's largest naval training centers. Then relive the excitement of the massive scouting events of the 1960s and 70s—including the influential 1965 Girl Scout Senior Roundup, which not only brought thousands of young women from around the country to the site, but also helped prove the land's ongoing value as a public gathering space. This pivotal moment helped set the stage for the creation of Farragut State Park, transforming the area into the beloved destination it is today.

## Kindness Rocks!

Join the Coeur d'Alene Library's teen librarian on Friday, February 27 from 4:00 pm—5:30 pm to paint rocks and spread joy in the community.



All supplies will be provided. This event is designed for patrons ages 12-19. More information at:

<https://cdalibrary.libcal.com/event/16039988>

## Library Newsletter

Do you want to be in the know for all the events and programming happening at the Coeur d'Alene 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: <https://cdalibrary.org/2025/12/01/newsletter>

## 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.

### **Gavin Cantrall**

*Police Officer*  
Police Department



### **Isaiah Shin**

*Police Officer*  
Police Department



### **Christina Stetson**

*Police Officer*  
Police Department



### **Kyle Klyehauer**

*Police Officer*  
Police Department



### **Alejandro Pereya**

*Police Officer*  
Police Department



### **Andrew Martinov**

*Custodian*  
Parks & Rec 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 at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid>.



## **FEBRUARY EVENTS IN NORTH IDAHO**

### [Sons of Norway Craft and Cultural Fair](#)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, February 7  
9:00 am — 3:00 pm



### [The Chocolate Affair](#)

Downtown Coeur d'Alene  
Saturday, February 7  
2:00 pm — 6:00 pm



### [The Art of Seed Starting](#)

New Leaf Nursery Hayden  
Saturday, February 21  
10:00 am—12:00 pm



### [Cabin Fever Market](#)

Kootenai County Farmers Market  
Kootenai County Fairgrounds  
Saturday, February 28  
10:00 am—3:00 pm

## Forest Cemetery Windstorm Recovery and Spring Update

Following the City of Coeur d'Alene's (City) standard safety protocol, Forest Cemetery was closed on December 16, 2025, due to weather reports forecasting a significant wind event. Unfortunately, the storm caused extensive damage the following day. On December 17, 2025, the cemetery sustained the loss of 35 trees—some were completely uprooted, while others snapped off due to the high winds.

In the aftermath of the storm, Parks Department staff devoted more than 800 hours to cleanup and recovery efforts, working from the time the windstorm hit until the cemetery officially reopened on Friday, January 23. This work would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the Streets Department, which provided equipment, assisted with hauling logs to the City yard, and coordinated the donation of salvaged logs to Elder Help of North Idaho.

After a month-long closure, Forest Cemetery is once again open and looking much improved, though additional work remains. Staff will continue filling in holes, resetting headstones that were upended or displaced, and addressing remaining storm impacts.

As spring approaches, regular seasonal maintenance will resume alongside ongoing recovery work. These efforts include pruning, clearing flower beds, maintaining park tables, and continuing upkeep of downtown benches. As part of our agreement with the Downtown Association, cemetery staff provide repairs and the City appreciates the community's patience and support as the Park's Department works to fully restore Forest Cemetery following this historic wind event.



## ***Five Minutes with Newly Appointed Councilmember Dan Sheckler, cont.***

### **What about your family and interests?**

My wife, Lisa Sheckler, is a local prosecutor, and we have one child, Mason, who was born and raised in Coeur d'Alene. Lisa's dad grew up on a dairy near Bonners Ferry, and my father grew up in Kellogg. My brother lives in Post Falls with his family, and my sister lives here in Coeur d'Alene with her family. My parents and several aunts and uncles live in or around Sandpoint.

With deep roots in North Idaho, my wife and I are committed to remaining engaged in the place we call home. The best part of living here is the people and the relationships we build over a lifetime. The second-best thing is the great outdoors. As a family, we value spending time with each other, outside. We go backpacking, fishing, sailing and skiing—but we are up for pretty much any outdoor activity.

### **What do you love most about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho?**

Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho offer a strong sense of community, natural beauty, and a shared commitment to preserving what makes the area unique: it is a great place to raise a family. What I love about North Idaho is what a small town it is. This means you have to treat people with respect—always. You never know when someone from years ago will be there to help you when you slide off the road, and need a pull out of the ditch. People have long memories, so it is best to never burn a bridge. The people we encounter each day—in the grocery store, on the road while stuck in traffic, at our jobs, or in public meetings—are the people we will spend our lives with, together in North Idaho. So, let's be good neighbors, and treat each other with kindness, grace and compassion—always. When we disagree, let's listen first, and understand each other, and then be committed to know that years from now, we will still be here, in the same community. So, the relationship is worth preserving. If we do well at preserving a respectful North Idaho culture, our grandchildren will grow up together, and they can raise their families here too. And that is what is the greatest thing about North Idaho: it's a wonderful place to have an extended family.

## ***Ron Jacobson Hired as Interim City Administrator, cont.***

"Ron Jacobson brings stability and continuity during a period of leadership transition," Mayor Gookin says. "Ron's years of municipal service in Post Falls gives him a strong understanding of local government, regional partnerships, and community expectations. This experience allows him to step into the role quickly with minimal learning curve, ensuring that essential city services remain uninterrupted.

Mayor Gookin added, "Having a seasoned former Mayor in this interim role reinforces public confidence and keeps critical projects moving forward. His presence helps ensure a smooth transition, providing the community with consistent administrative guidance until a long-term appointment is made."

Mr. Jacobson's contract would end by July. The process of appointing a full-time City Administrator has yet to begin.

## Crime Prevention Statistics

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department is currently working on its annual crime report providing details on crime data. The report showcases the Department's efforts to reduce crime in the City. Once completed, it will be available on the Department's website.

Weekly and monthly statistical reports are always available to the public and can be found on the Police Department's website under "Latest News" or follow this link at <https://www.cdaid.org/police>.



## City Board and Commission Vacancies

The City of Coeur d'Alene is seeking applicants for the Arts Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee, Urban Forestry Committee, and Personnel Appeals Board. Members of these committees are appointed by the Mayor & Council.



To fill out an application and receive consideration for appointment, please visit [www.cdaid.org/volunteer](https://www.cdaid.org/volunteer). Applications can also be picked up at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue. For more information, please call 208-666-5754.

## Hoop Fans

There's still time to sign up for the **3v3 March Madness Basketball Tournament**, but spots are filling fast—don't wait!

- 🏀 3v3 March Madness Tournament
- 📅 March 21, 2026
- 📍 Woodland Middle School – Coeur d'Alene, ID
- 💰 Entry Fee: \$150 per team

### Divisions Offered:

- Men's Recreation
- Men's Competitive
- Family Division (16+)

Grab your teammates and get ready for a full day of fast-paced hoops and March Madness fun! Register today:

<https://teamsideline.com/sites/cdaid/program/107204/3v3-March-Madness-Tournament>



Questions? Call the City of Coeur d'Alene's Parks and Recreation Department at 208-769-2253.



# K-8TH SPRING SOCCER

REGISTRATION DATES: **FEB. 16TH - MARCH 3RD**

- K & 1st 3 v 3 Micro Soccer (Must be 5 years old or enrolled in Kindergarten)
  - Games held at Jenny Stokes Field
  - K - Tues. OR Thurs. evenings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday mornings
- 2nd - 8th plays 7 vs 7
  - Games held at CDA Soccer Complex
  - Games played Weeknights & Sat. mornings
- Season runs Mid April - End of May

**City Res: \$40**  
**Non City Res: \$50**

Registration Link:  
[teamsideline.com/cdaid](http://teamsideline.com/cdaid)





**North Idaho College**

## **2026 INDOOR WINTER YOUTH SOCCER CAMPS!**

The City of Coeur d' Alene Parks and Recreation department is excited to continue our partnership with the North Idaho College men's soccer team! These camps will be directed by men's head coach Brad Williams with instruction from players past and present!

### **SESSION DATES:**

SESSION 1: JAN. 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>

SESSION 2: FEB. 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>  
(LOCATION TBD)

SESSION 3: MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>

**AGES 5 - 7 (\$35):**

**5PM - 6PM**

**AGES 8-12 (\$65):**

**6PM - 8PM**



- ✓ Skill Development Sessions
- ✓ Team-Building Activities
- ✓ Conditioning Training
- ✓ Tactical Coaching

Register online at  
[teamsideline.com/cdaid](http://teamsideline.com/cdaid)



Location:  
Woodland Middle School Gymnasium  
2101 St Michelle Dr, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815