



In The News

Downtown Core Working Group Webpage Launches

Since May 2024 the Downtown Core Working Group, comprised of representatives from Coeur d'Alene's Planning and Zoning Commission, Design Review Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Downtown Association, design professionals, Council Member Dan Gookin, and city staff, has been meeting regularly to evaluate the existing development regulations and design guidelines for Downtown Coeur d'Alene, evaluating the possibility of additional towers in Downtown, reviewing regulations and design guidelines from other communities, and creating a list of initial recommendations to be studied further and vetted by stakeholders. The mission of the Downtown Core Working Group is to ensure that as Downtown evolves, it remains vibrant, walkable, and uniquely Coeur d'Alene—a place where thoughtful design enhances the public experience, historic buildings are honored, public view corridors are considered, and high-quality, compatible development is encouraged.

The Downtown Core Working Group was created in response to community concerns. There were two design review approvals in Downtown Coeur d'Alene for a townhouse/condominium project on Garden Avenue and the Marriott A/C Hotel on Sherman Avenue—both of which led to appeal hearings before the City Council in 2023 and 2024, respectively. *Continued, page 2*



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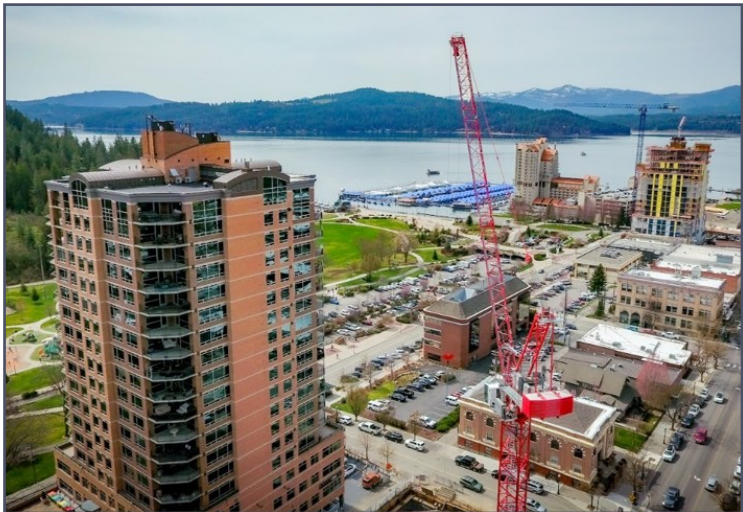
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The start of construction on the Thomas George condominium tower on Front Avenue and 3rd Street, followed by the Marriott A/C Hotel and the Sherman Tower (Coeur d'Alene Resort) meant Downtown would have unprecedented development activity with three active cranes. Additional concerns included the risk of losing iconic historic properties prompting the City Council to enact a temporary moratorium on demolition permits for historic buildings that expired in December 2024. Although no formal vote was taken, City Council members expressed a clear desire to revisit the Downtown Development Regulations and Design Guidelines with meaningful community input.

As Is Conditions with Resort Tower, Thomas George & Marriott



The Working Group will be hosting public forums and bringing together a stakeholder group comprised of community members, property owners, business owners, developers, architects, engineers, representatives from downtown neighborhoods, city leaders, and others to get input and varied perspectives on possible amendments. The desired outcome is to have clear and consistent standards that protect Coeur d'Alene's identity while guiding growth in a thoughtful, responsible way. These standards will aim to strike a balance between preserving historic character and our small-city charm while supporting the area's strong economic development potential.



To learn more, provide initial input, and to sign up to receive project updates, and/or participate in stakeholder meetings or other public forums, please visit the project website:

<https://www.cdaid.org/dcworkinggroup>

Coeur d'Alene Seeks Input for Grant Funding

In anticipation of the upcoming CDBG Annual Action Plan for Plan Year 2025 (starting October 1), the City of Coeur d'Alene is actively seeking input from residents and community organizations regarding community needs and grant funding recommendations. We invite you to participate by sharing your insights through a brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25AAP>

CDBG funds support local community development initiatives which specifically benefit low- and moderate income (LMI) residents and neighborhoods, prevent or eliminate slum and blight, and address urgent community development needs.

The draft Annual Action Plan for Plan Year 2025 will be available for review and comment for a period of 33 days from July 3, 2025 through August 5, 2025. The draft Annual Action Plan will be available on the City's website at www.cdaid.org/cdbg or in person at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

The City Council will hold a **Public Hearing** on **August 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm**, in the Library Community Room, 702 Front Ave. This is an opportunity for all residents and community organizations to provide comments and feedback.

To provide written comments on the draft Annual Action Plan or for additional information, please reach out to CDBG Administrator Sherrie Badertscher at 208-769-2382 or via email at sherrieb@cdaid.org.

Thank you for taking part in shaping the community's future!

Rain in the Park

The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department is bringing "rain" to McEuen Park! During the event, firefighters will station an engine in the park and turn on the hoses, giving the community a chance to cool off. Feel free to stop by the engine and chat with the firefighters! Kids can get a fire hat and sticker!



ALERT! KOOTENAI:

**IF WE CAN'T
REACH YOU,
WE CAN'T ALERT YOU**

Alert! Kootenai is the official notification program for Kootenai County Emergency Management. This is the primary means for providing the public with critical alert information about an emergency or disaster. To receive information, you must opt-in.

Sign up here:

[https://www.kcsheriff.com/228/
Alert-Kootenai](https://www.kcsheriff.com/228/Alert-Kootenai)



It's getting hot out there and more small fires may potentially become big fires. Alert! Kootenai can provide essential information on things like evacuations.



Tubbs Hill Trail Work

In early Spring, Trails Coordinator Monte McCully along with volunteers with the Tubbs Hill Foundation and expert trail builders, analyzed sections of Tubbs Hill for trail maintenance work. After the trail analysis was finished, comprehensive trail work was completed. Public feedback was positive and several community members felt confident that their concerns regarding runoff and trail erosion had been addressed. The City would like to thank everyone who has been involved in trail maintenance this year on Tubbs Hill.



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION 2025 *American Heroes Parade*

Come join the American Heroes Fourth of July Parade from 10:00 am—12:00 pm on Sherman Ave on July 4. The parade route starts at Sherman and 15th St. and finishes at Sherman and 1st. This year's theme is Home of the Brave.



Artistry of Animals

Wednesdays, July 2 – July 30 (10:00 am at Higgins Point)

Meet nature's original master craftsmen! This is a destination program for adventurous families that love getting outdoors to enjoy nature. Each week, story time at Higgins Point State Park will focus on an intriguing woodland creature, their "craft," and the science behind it, and also create a special project that's inspired by animals and nature. While all ages are welcome, this program is designed for ages 4-10. Participants should allow time to hike an easy third-of-a-mile (paved) trail from the Higgins Point parking lot (at the end of E. Coeur d'Alene Lake Dr) up to the picnic shelter where story time will take place.

- July 2 – Beavers: The masters of architecture
- July 9 – Bees: The masters of dance
- July 16 – Hares: The masters of disguise
- July 23 – Bears: The masters of gourmet
- July 30 – Owls: The masters of storytelling

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.

Boom! Bust! Bloom! - History of Spirit Lake – Wednesday, July 9 (5:30 pm)

The railroad and timber empire caused Spirit Lake's population to boom in 1908. Members of the Spirit Lake Historical Society will tell the story of the town's expansion, empire building, collapse, and survival from 1900 to the present. Brad Sondahl and Ole Hohman will guide attendees through the history of the railroad depot, the lake and timber industry, and the devastating fires that changed Spirit Lake forever. Mona Stafford will speak of the town's "blooming" revival and the effort to use a grant from Innovia to revive the heart and soul of Spirit Lake, Idaho.

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

[Dabbling in Design](#)

[Ages 9-12](#)

Thursdays through August 7
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[Pokemon GO Community Day](#)

All Ages
July 5, 6 & 20
2:00 pm—5:00 pm

[The Idaho Originals Project](#)

Thursday, July 10
5:00 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, August 12
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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Free Outdoor Movie Nights

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department invites you to two free outdoor movie nights at the Rotary Band Shell in City Park. Pack up the picnic chair, snacks, and a blanket, and watch a movie in the great outdoors!

Wicked: Saturday, July 12, at 8:45 pm



Moana 2: Saturday, July 26, at 8:00 pm



Call for Nominations: Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards

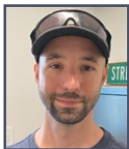
The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 29th Annual Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards (formerly Mayor's Awards in the Arts). Nominations may be submitted by art organizations, individuals, businesses or students and must be received by August 29, 2025.

The Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards are presented by the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission and the City of Coeur d'Alene to recognize and encourage excellence in the arts and to stimulate and support awareness of the arts throughout the community. Nominees may be businesses, organizations, individuals or students who have, through distinguished service or creative accomplishment, made a significant contribution to the arts in Coeur d'Alene. Nominees need not be based or have residence within the City limits. Award recipients will be honored at a community celebration in October.

Download a nomination form at [City of Coeur d'Alene - Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards](#) or contact the City at (208) 769-2300 to request a form. You may also pick up a nomination form at Coeur d'Alene City Hall, located at 710 E Mullan Ave, Coeur d'Alene, 83814.

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.



Daniel Sefton
Heavy Equipment Operator
Streets & Engineering Department



Shane O'Shea
Lead Maintenance Worker
Parks Department



Jacob Meyer
Utility Operator
Water 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 [Calendar page](#) on the City of Coeur d'Alene's website.

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