



# In The News

## Message from the Mayor

March is here, which brings the promise of spring. I trust the city is resting easy now that we've survived the horrible Winter of 2026.

Yes, I'm joking.

A few weeks back I had coffee with former mayor Widmyer. He told me that in the years he's lived here he has never seen such a gray and dull winter. I concur. I've been here only since 1993, and this is the mildest winter I've witnessed. I don't believe that the city's Street Department did one city-wide snowplow. Lots of deicer went down, but even then, those frigid days we've had in the past just don't seem to happen anymore. Does anyone remember the last time the lake even partially froze?

I'm settling into my role as Mayor in this "year of transition." The farewell party for former City Administrator Troy Tymesen was well attended with many happy memories shared. Last month, the city welcomed our interim administrator, former Post Falls mayor Ron Jacobson. I'm happy to report that Ron is settling into the job nicely. I'm happy to have him here.

One of my hobbies is history. As I've observed at the Wall of Mayors in city hall, I decided to do some research and look back at historical mayors in Coeur d'Alene. I've found some interesting things.

First, city elections in the 1940s were for two-year terms. Elections were held in April with officials taking office in May. *Continued, page 2*



## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

### Mayor

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### City Council

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Amy Evans 208.819.1349

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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

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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](#)

**Ped/Bike Committee**

Wednesday, April 1  
4:00 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

**Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting**

4th Wednesday each month  
12:00 pm  
City Hall

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***Message from the Mayor, cont.***

Second, the elections were partisan. The political parties, however, aren't those that you'd recognize today. One set of meetings lists one of the parties as the Community Welfare Party and the other as the United Democrats.

Third, the city was divided into four wards. Each ward elected two council members to serve a two-year term. A total of eight people served on the city council.

Fourth, the positions of City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Treasurer were also elected. That's a lot of elected officials to pack into a meeting.

I've learned some interesting historical tidbits, which I'm saving for an article in the Coeur d'Alene Press. It's fascinating stuff, looking at our history. And every day, the fine people who work for our city make history. Thank you to everyone who does their part in continuing to make Coeur d'Alene a city of excellence.

Dan Gookin  
Mayor

***Parks & Recreation Director Bill Greenwood: The Legend is Retiring!***

Bill Greenwood began his City of Coeur d'Alene (City) career 27 years ago as a ground maintenance worker for the Parks Department in March 1999, and held several positions during his tenure: Parks Supervisor, Parks Superintendent, Interim Parks Director, and in 2016 he became the Parks & Recreation Director. Bill had decades of landscaping experience and ran his own company prior to moving to Idaho.



Bill initiated, participated in, and managed several significant projects for the City and is responsible for its parks system which is beautifully maintained. Bill has worked tirelessly ensuring his department meets and exceeds the City's focus of excellence.

As the Parks & Recreation Director, Bill has overseen the establishment of many new parks, park amenities, recreational opportunities, and City facilities. *Continued, next page*

## **Bill Greenwood: The Legend is Retiring! Cont.**

Some of his major accomplishments include:

- I90/NW Blvd landscape enhancement
- Cherry Hill 9-11 Playground
- Riverstone Park and all amenities
- Installation of Fallen Heroes Plaza
- Completion of McEuen Park
- Cherry Hill Dog Park
- Completion of the BLM/Four Corners Master Plan that included:
  - Playground, pickleball and futsal courts
  - Renovations of the Grandstands
  - Establishment of a Skatepark
  - Carousel
- Worker's Memorial at City Park
- K-27 Fountain at McEuen
- Creation of Atlas Mill Park
  - Ramp for Physically Challenged
  - Waterfront Dog Park
- CDA on Ice seasonal ice rink in a City park
- Secured agreement with StanCraft to build the Midway Park
- Partnership with the Inland Northwest Pickleball Club to re-align and re-surface dedicated pickleball courts at Cherry Hill
- Downtown Rotary Park
- Memorial benches and artwork throughout the park system
- Millstone Artwork established in Forest Cemetery

Bill has been active in promoting the five divisions that make up the Parks & Recreation Department that include: Building Maintenance, Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, and Urban Forestry. He oversees many sub-committees and organizations including the Urban Forestry Committee, Ped/Bike Committee, Panhandle Parks Foundation, North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation, Tubbs Hill Foundation, Special Needs Recreation, and the Joint Powers Committee.

Bill has worked closely with federal agencies regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund. More than thirteen City properties have been a part of the project with funds used for neighborhood parks during his tenure, which give neighborhood children places to play soccer, football, baseball, and other youth sports, as well as engage in safe, after-school recreation programs. *Continued, page 6*

## **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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Department](#)



**THIS MONTH'S  
EVENTS AT THE  
LIBRARY**

**Realtor in the Library**

Thursday, March 5  
4:00 pm

**Yoga for You**

Mondays and Fridays  
9:30 am

**Thai Chi Walking**

Fridays in February and March  
12:00 pm

**National Park Explorers**

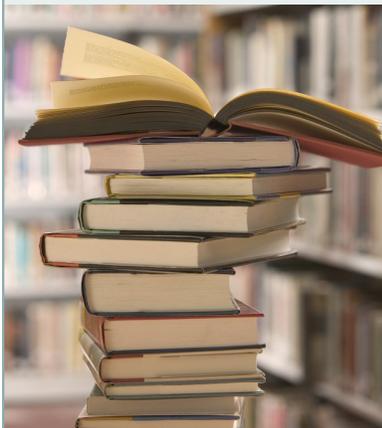
Ages 6-12  
Wednesday, March 11  
1:00 pm & 4:00 pm

**Job Fair**

Wednesday, March 11  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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.

### **Treaty Rock and its Unique History - Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 pm**

Kimberly Rice Brown, charter member and past-president of the Post Falls Historical Society and award-winning preservationist, will discuss the unique history and interpretations of Treaty Rock, a limestone outcropping in Post Falls, Idaho. Ms. Brown will answer questions like why this site is part of the Idaho Roadside History Marker Program and how it became listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Brown, a 48-year resident of Post Falls, has worked to preserve a number of historic sites in North Idaho, and is currently involved in America 250-ID and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

### ***Shackleton's Antarctic Story***

You're invited to join the Coeur d'Alene Library on Thursday, March 19, at 5:00 pm for an exploration of leadership, survival, and a changing Antarctic world with Captain Scott Shackleton, USN, descendant of legendary Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. Presented in partnership with the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy, come learn about the astonishing survival story of the Endurance and the 1914–1917 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, insights from Scott's own Antarctic exploration, and how a changing climate is transforming the South Pole today.

Registration required: <https://inlandnwland.org/event/shackletons-antarctic-story-yesterday-today>

### ***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>

## Expansion of Firefighter Eligibility List

The City of Coeur d'Alene accepting applications for the position of Firefighter.

Firefighters protect the public in emergency situations; they respond to fires, accidents, medical emergencies, chemical spills, flooding, water rescue and other incidents where risks are posed to life and property. The job entails using sophisticated firefighting and rescue equipment, promoting fire safety, inspecting and enforcing safety standards, working with police and other emergency services, undertaking physical and academic training, and maintaining vehicles, equipment, hydrants, water supplies and general living/working quarters. Firefighters may also receive training for and assume specialty roles in high-rise training, ice rescue, lifeguard, confined space, fireboat operation, wildland apparatus, search and rescue and/or water rescue team or other areas.



For minimum requirement and testing information, visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid>

## 2025 Firefighter of the Year

Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Gabe Eckert who was recently awarded the 2025 Firefighter of the Year Award at the Professional Firefighters of Idaho State Convention. The award recognizes exceptional leadership through times of progress and tragedy.



The City of Coeur d'Alene appreciates Firefighter/Paramedic Eckert's service to the community.

## 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>.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association, in partnership with Idaho Central Credit Union, is pleased to present the 21st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14, at 3:00 p.m. Watch the parade entries stroll down Sherman Avenue as they bring the luck of the Irish to Downtown CDA with marching bands, dancing, music, and festive floats!

The parade starts at 3:00 pm at 8th & Sherman and travels west down Sherman Ave. finishing up at 1st St.



Photos: CDA Press

## ***Bill Greenwood: The Legend is Retiring!***

Bill has urged support of programs designed to enhance recreation opportunities, protect community open space, promote smart growth, revitalize neighborhoods, and build public/private partnerships that effectively leverage federal resources.

He oversaw the update of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan in 2021, the remodel of City Hall in 2017-2018, the rebuild of the Police Department pole building after a complete loss due to fire in 2024, and a new garage at the Jewett House after a damaging windstorm in late 2020.



The Parks and Recreation Department and the entire community are appreciative of the contributions Bill has made for the City of Coeur d’Alene.

## ***Free Street Trees Available***

Every year, the City of Coeur d’Alene uses street tree funds to purchase 100 trees to be planted within public rights-of-way at no cost to homeowners. These street trees are planted by City staff or contractors at residential locations in the city limits through the Re-Leaf Coeur d’Alene program. This program was created to enhance City neighborhoods and provide many street-side benefits, such as mitigating stormwater and reducing pollution.

Trees are available to homeowners who are willing to provide care, including watering and protecting them from mowers and trimmers. Those who are interested should contact the Urban Forester with the Coeur d’Alene Parks Department to sign up for a street tree. There is a limited number of trees, and they will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.



The tree species available this year are: Forest Pansy Redbud, Spring Snow Crabapple, Chanticleer Pear and Crimson Spire Oak.

Don’t worry about the planting; trees will be planted by a contract tree crew in April or May. Beginning February 3rd, interested homeowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible since there are limited trees. The deadline to apply for this program is March 13th, 2026.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdaid.org/806/departments/parks/urbanforestry>

## Free Compost Weekend



On April 11 and 12 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, the City's Wastewater Department will be giving away free compost. This is a self-serve event located at 3500 N. Julia Street. Trucks and trailers are welcome, but please no heavy equipment. Bring shovels and buckets and give your garden a head start this growing season.

For nearly a decade, Coeur d'Green Compost has been enhancing local gardens and flower beds throughout the City. When added to existing soil, compost helps bind soil together, control water flows, promote healthy plant growth and suppress plant disease.

Mark your calendars for this popular event and stop by for free compost!



## 911 Emergency Assistance for People with Disabilities



Did you know that the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department (Department) has an ADA Disability Form that can be filed with the Department in order to more effectively respond to emergency situations involving disabled members of the community?

The form is shared with Kootenai County's 911 CAD System for use by Coeur d'Alene's 911 dispatchers. The intention is to ensure that 911 dispatchers and emergency response personnel are aware, in advance, of any information they need to assist people in the event of an emergency.

The form must be resubmitted every two years to ensure information is up-to-date.

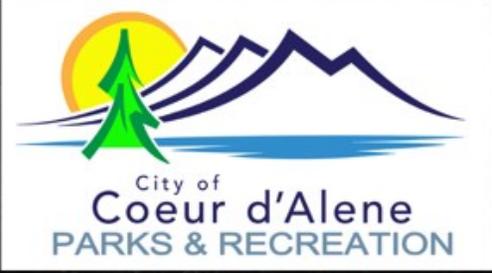
To access the form, visit:

<https://www.cdaid.org/5750/departments/fire/ada-disability-form>

Questions? Contact the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department at 208-769-2340.

Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour on March 8, 2026 for Daylight Savings Time




# **3V3 MARCH MADNESS**

## **TOURNAMENT**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> 2026**

Entry Fee: \$150

Men's Divisions: Rec and Comp

Family Division

Woodland Middle School

Coeur D Alene, ID

More information

<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/cdaid/home>

