



## In The News

### *Fire Department General Obligation (G. O.) Bond*

#### **Investing in Coeur d'Alene's Fire and Emergency Services**

The City of Coeur d'Alene has experienced significant population growth, leading to a 35% increase in emergency calls since 2015. The surge in call volumes has placed considerable strain on the City's fire stations and equipment, highlighting the urgent need for upgrades to ensure the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department (CDAFD) can continue providing reliable and effective emergency responses.

#### **Proposed Project and Bond Election**

On May 20, City residents will vote on a bond election aimed at funding essential upgrades for CDAFD. This investment is crucial for maintaining the City's emergency response capabilities and ensuring the safety of its residents.

#### **Fire Truck Replacements**

Fire trucks typically serve approximately 10 years in frontline service, followed by 5 years in reserve capacity. As the vehicles age, they require frequent repairs which greatly reduces their reliability. The proposed bond includes a \$10 million dollar investment to replace 5 engines, 1 ladder truck, 1 heavy rescue truck and 2 command vehicles. This investment ensures CDAFD can continue delivering efficient and reliable emergency services. The replacements are vital for the CDAFD to ensure they can continue responding to both fire and emergency medical service calls, which constitute 75% of total calls. *Continued, page 2*



#### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

##### Mayor

Woody McEvers 208.691.5303

##### City Council

Dan English 208.665.0610

Amy Evans 208.819.1349

Kenny Gabriel 208.660.6828

Dan Gookin 208.667.5200

Kiki Miller 208.661.1778

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

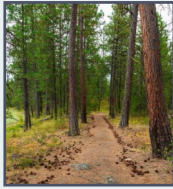


## HIKING TRAILS IN AND AROUND COEUR D'ALENE

Spring is a great time to get out and explore the hiking trails in and around Coeur d'Alene. Here are just a few to get you inspired to get out and get moving!

### Community Forest in Post Falls

A riverfront haven that's perfect for adventurers of all ages boasting over 10 miles of trail systems winding through lush landscapes.



### Mineral Ridge Trail

Mineral Ridge National Recreational Trail is easily one of the most popular hiking trails in Coeur d'Alene. A nearly three-mile loop, reaching the summit of Mineral Ridge will give you some of the best views of Lake Coeur d'Alene.



### Indian Cliffs Trail

The Indian Cliffs Trail is a three-mile round-trip hike near the town of Plummer. The trail begins on a flat bench above Lake Chatcolet, then climbs a tall, open ridge which offers wonderful views of Lake Chatcolet and the surrounding area.



## Fire Department G. O. Bond, Continued

### Upgrading Fire Station No. 2

Fire Station No. 2, built in 1992, was originally designed for two firefighters but now accommodates five per shift and handles 35% of the City's emergency calls. The proposed \$6 million dollar investment will provide needed upgrades to Station No. 2, to meet its modern fire and EMS needs. The station will feature expanded apparatus bays for modern emergency vehicles, added safety features including a designated decontamination area, designated PPE storage, upgraded ventilation systems and improved living and working spaces for firefighters.

The current station is too small to support effective operations, including training and administrative duties. The proposed improvements include creating space for a battalion chief and a six-person crew, enhancing the CDAFD's ability to meet growing emergency needs. These upgrades will ensure that firefighters have the facilities necessary to perform their duties efficiently and safely.



### Why is this bond election \$16,400,000?

In 2015, the CDAFD purchased new fire engines in the amount of \$580,000. Today, the same piece of apparatus is approximately \$1,200,000. In 2015, a new ladder truck was purchased for \$1,200,000 and today a new ladder truck is approximately \$2,400,000. Currently CDAFD does not have a reserve ladder truck and there is only one reserve fire engine that is 18 years old, and has already exceeded its useful life expectancy. The expected build time for new fire apparatus is approximately 36-48 months from the time of order, which makes securing the bond at this time even more crucial.

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## ***Fire Department G. O. Bond, Continued***

In 2017, CDAFD opened Fire Station No. 4, located at Atlas Rd & Hanley Ave at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000, or \$180/ square foot. Today, it is expected to cost approximately \$4,000,000, or \$400/ square foot to rebuild Station No. 2 which is located at Ramsey Rd & Kathleen Ave.

### **Bond Tax Impact**

The interest rate on the issue of the proposed bond is anticipated to be 3.12% per annum, with the total repayment amount estimated at \$19,444,750 over the life of the bond. It includes \$16,400,000 in principal and \$3,044,750 in interest. The term of the bond will not exceed ten years from the date of issuance. The estimated average annual cost to taxpayers is \$16.07 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. As of May 20, 2025, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the City, including accrued interest, is \$865,019.



### **Your Vote Counts**

The May 20 bond election is a critical opportunity for City residents to shape the future of their fire and emergency services. By voting, residents can ensure that the CDAFD has the resources needed to safeguard the community and continue providing high-quality emergency responses.

For more information and to review a tax impact calculator, visit [CDAFireBond2025.org](https://CDAFireBond2025.org).

## ***Honoring Sergeant Greg Moore: 10th Anniversary in Memoriam***



May 5, 2025, marks the 10th anniversary of the line of duty death of Sergeant Greg Moore. The loss of Sergeant Moore is still felt by his family and friends, the men and women who served with him, and citizens in the community. Sergeant Moore will forever be part of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department family.

On May 5, at 8:30 am, the Police Department will hold a private graveside memorial with his family. After the graveside memorial has concluded, at approximately 9:00 am, the family, along with members of the Police Department, will move by procession to the "Sgt. Greg Moore Memorial" at McEuen Park for a public memorial.

The procession will begin at Forest Cemetery on Government Way at approximately 9:00 am and travel south to Northwest Blvd. Vehicles will travel east on Sherman Ave. to 7th St., south on 7th St. to Front Ave. and west on Front Ave. stopping near 4th St. The Police Department would like to invite anyone who wishes to participate to line the route during the procession. Citizens are also invited to attend the public memorial at McEuen Park at 9:30 am.

## 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, July 8  
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

### Childcare Commission

4th Monday each month  
6:30 pm  
City Hall

### Arts Commission

4th Tuesday each month  
4:00 pm  
City Hall

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## Arts Commission Seeks Artists

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is seeking artists to participate in its "ArtCurrents" program. Artists submit applications for placement of their sculptures around downtown Coeur d'Alene and Riverstone for a period of one (1) year, with an option to renew for a second year. The displayed works should be created and displayed with the intention of selling within the year, with the City of Coeur d'Alene receiving a 25% commission from the sale. The Arts Commission has set a minimum cost for the piece at \$7,000 with a maximum cost of \$30,000 to make the art accessible to a variety of buyers.

The selected artists or artist's teams will be paid a stipend of \$1,000.00 for the first year. A second stipend of \$1,000.00 may be paid to the artists at the start of the second year should the Arts Commission choose to retain the piece. ArtCurrents pieces are displayed along Sherman Avenue, Lakeside Avenue, City Park, and the Riverstone area.

Public art is a distinguishing part of our public history and our culture. It creates and enhances neighborhood and community identity. It adds to the visual landscape and character of the city. It turns ordinary spaces into community landmarks, promotes diverse dialogue and, most importantly, is accessible to everyone. ArtCurrents is looking for creative artists who capture the spirit and atmosphere of the environment in which we live. The Arts Commission is interested in seeing high quality, thoughtful art pieces with an emphasis on excellent craftsmanship. Pieces are encouraged which center on themes or interpretations of the Northwest in any form and are family-oriented. The artwork may be in any medium that will withstand the elements year-round and can be abstract or realistic. ArtCurrents provides high visibility outdoor gallery space for each piece chosen throughout high traffic streets, parks, and public spaces in town. The pieces will enrich the beauty of the city landscape while providing exposure to the artist with the intent of selling the piece.

Applications must be received through the CaFÉ website ([www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org)) no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on June 30, 2025. The call is entitled: "Coeur d'Alene Art Currents 2025".

Installation of the artwork will begin in October.

For more information about the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission, visit [www.cdaid.org/arts](http://www.cdaid.org/arts).

To see current ArtCurrents pieces on display, click [here](#).



## Fire Department Visitors

On April 9, Fire Station 3 had 15 preschoolers swing into the station!

After a tour of the station and engine, the preschoolers learned about important fire safety practices.



## 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.

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](#)



## Grant Funds Available

The City of Coeur d'Alene is currently accepting applications for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding cycle of its Community Opportunity Grant (COG). Any for profit or nonprofit organization, or business may apply for the CDBG's Community Opportunity Grant for qualifying projects and services that benefit low- and moderate- income (LMI) people or neighborhoods in Coeur d'Alene. Applicants must be in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

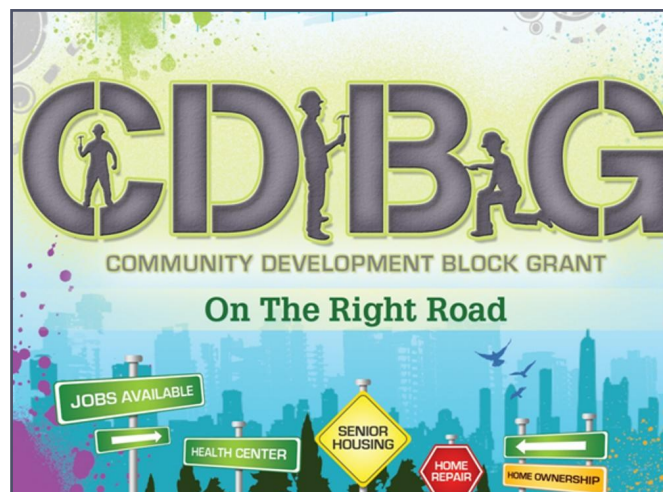
While the City has not received a funding notice from HUD, it is expected the 2025 allocation will be similar to last year's actual allocation of \$296,418. It is anticipated that there will be approximately \$81,644 available in Plan Year 2025 COG funding, and approximately \$36,900 available of remaining COG funding from prior plan years 2020-2022 available for eligible grant proposals. Of the total funding available, a maximum of 15% of the total Plan Year 2025 allocation, or \$34,400 will be available for public service type grants in the program year. Projects must further the goals of the City of Coeur d'Alene's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and meet at least one (1) National Objective as defined by HUD. Grant fund proposals shall be in an amount of at least \$20,000.

An Educational Workshop will be held in-person on **May 13, 2025, at 2:00 pm** To participate in the workshop, plan to attend in-person at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Ave, Conference Room 6.

Grant proposals must be received by 5:00 pm on May 30, 2025. Submit a hard copy to the City of Coeur d'Alene, Attn: Sherrie Badertscher, 710 E. Mullan Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814, or by email to [SherrieB@cdaid.org](mailto:SherrieB@cdaid.org).

The Grant Application and more information about the grant program can be found on the City's website at: <https://cdaid.org/community-opportunity-grant>.

The City of Coeur d'Alene's CDBG Community Development Specialist Sherrie Badertscher provides administrative services for the Community Opportunity Grant. Please contact her at (208) 769-2382, or [SherrieB@cdaid.org](mailto:SherrieB@cdaid.org) for one-on-one technical assistance, to discuss a particular funding proposal, or to help trouble-shoot an application.



## Water System of the Year Award



The City of Coeur d'Alene Water Department has been named Water System of the Year by the Idaho Rural Water Association.

This prestigious award recognizes a water utility system that has demonstrated exceptional efforts in the proper management, operation, and maintenance of their system. The City's team was selected based on their consistent performance exceeding industry standards, commitment to sustainability, innovative practices, and exceptional response during the recent citywide cybersecurity incident.

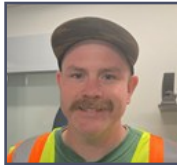
The award was presented at IRWA's Spring Conference Awards Banquet on April 3, 2025, in Boise. Utility Supervisor Mark Broglio was able to attend and accept the award on the City's behalf.

This recognition is a testament to staff's dedication to the community and by their leadership in water resource management.

***Congratulations Water Department staff!***

## Welcome New Employees!

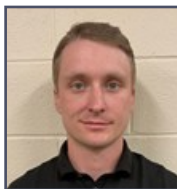
A warm welcome to the following new City employees. The City is privileged to have these talented individuals join as new team members.



**Aaron Read**  
*Heavy Equipment Operator*  
Streets & Engineering  
Department



**Brandon Newton**  
*Senior Utility Operator*  
Water Department



**Joshua Chinco**  
*Police Officer Recruit*  
Police Department



**Barbara Baker**  
*Associate Planner*  
Planning Department



**Connor Pomeroy**  
*Public Safety IT Technician*  
Police 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](#).





## National Preservation Month

May is National Preservation Month, and the Coeur d'Alene Historic Preservation Commission and Museum of North Idaho are teaming up to celebrate the occasion.

Preservation Month was established in 2005 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to promote historic places and heritage tourism, and demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation.

Locally, a variety of events are planned throughout the month, and all members of the greater Coeur d'Alene community are invited to participate. If you plan to attend the Historic Preservation Reception and Awards event on May 8, please RSVP to Traci Clark at [tclark@cdaid.org](mailto:tclark@cdaid.org) or 208-769-2274.



EVENTS

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
RECEPTION & AWARDS\***

**MAY 8TH** 6PM - NORTHERN PACIFIC  
DEPOT (201 N THIRD STREET)

**FARMERS MARKET OUTREACH**

**MAY 21ST &  
28TH** 4-7PM - FIFTH STREET MARKET

**GARDEN DISTRICT CELEBRATION**

**JUNE 1ST** 1-3PM - PHIPPENY PARK

**MUSEUM OF NORTH IDAHO  
WALKING TOURS**

**11:30AM TO 1:00PM** **OLD FORT SHERMAN**  
MAY 3 & 17

**1:00PM** **DOWNTOWN CDA**  
MAY 10 & 24

**\$18.00 (ADULTS)** **NOTABLE WOMEN  
CEMETERY TOUR**  
MAY 11

**\$9.00 (YOUTH)** **GARDEN DISTRICT TOUR**  
MAY 31

 **Museum of North Idaho**

VISIT [CDAID.ORG/HPC](http://CDAID.ORG/HPC) & [MUSEUMNI.ORG](http://MUSEUMNI.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION  
\*RSVP FOR THE RECEPTION TO [TCLARK@CDAID.ORG](mailto:TCLARK@CDAID.ORG) OR 208-769-2240





## Spring Walking Adventures

Come join the Library and learn about the natural wonders and history that are right in your backyard! This series of walks will take place around Tubbs Hill and the surrounding area, exploring the flora, fauna, geology, and history of the local area. Each walk will be led by a local community member eager to share their passion and knowledge. Meet at the lower entrance of the Library (outside the Community Room) by the moose statue **unless otherwise specified**. Each walk will be about two hours. It is recommended that you park in the lower parking lot. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes for a moderate hike, bring water, and please no dogs.

Walks will take place on [May 5 \(medicinal plants\)](#), [May 7 \(forest health\)](#), and [May 21 \(osprey nests\)](#).



## 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.

### The Halsey Brothers: A Story –Wednesday, May 14 (5:30 pm)

Third generation Idahoan Don Pischner will tell the story of the Halsey Brothers. Mr. Pischner, whose grandparents settled north of Hayden Lake during the 1890s, represented the people of North Idaho as a four-term legislator.

Ever since, Mr. Pischner's love of Idaho's history, including the politics, characters and events of its territorial era, has only grown. In the 1980s, he served on the Board of Directors for the Museum of North Idaho, and he currently serves as the District 1 Trustee to the Idaho State Historical Society.

## 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

### Meditation for a Peaceful Mind

Saturday, April 12

10:30 am

Ages 16+

### Science of the Heart

Saturdays, May 3 & 17

10:00 am—11:30 am

Registration Required

For more information on any

Library event, call

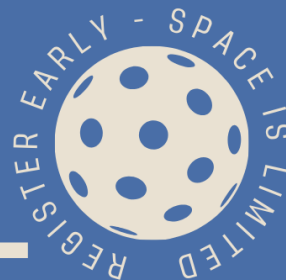
(208) 769-2315, or

visit the Library's

[event calendar](#).



# YOUTH PICKLEBALL LEAGUES!



**AGES 10-18**

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
FROM 5-6:30PM

**3 SESSIONS:**

**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> -  
JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**

MAY SESSION MUST REGISTER IN  
PERSON AT CDA CITY HALL!

**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> -  
JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> -  
AUGUST  
22<sup>ND</sup>**



**\$90**

PER  
PLAYER/PER  
SESSION

**MCEUEN PARK  
PICKLEBALL COURTS**

**TEAMSIDELINE.COM/CDAID** 420 E. FRONT ST. CDA, ID 83814

## Lithium-ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries are increasingly found in devices and systems that the public and first responders use or interact with daily. While these batteries provide an effective and efficient source of power, the likelihood of them overheating, catching on fire, and even leading to explosions increases when they are damaged or improperly used, charged, or stored. Below is a guide on how to handle lithium-ion batteries.

# HOW TO HANDLE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

## DO'S

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Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing lab.
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Only used the battery and charging cord designed for the device.
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Keep devices and batteries at room temperature.
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Store batteries away from flammable objects.

## DON'TS

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Do not leave devices plugged in once fully charged.
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Do not charge the device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
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Do not charge devices at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
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Do not discard lithium-ion batteries in the trash.

### FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS SAVE LIVES!

In addition to following the tips above, choosing to install and maintain fire and life safety systems can **save lives and protect property.**