



In The News

Message From the Mayor

They say that April showers bring May flowers, but what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims.

A year ago this month, voters passed the 2025 GO bond. Those funds are now at work—helping us replace aging fire apparatus and address the long-needed remodel or relocation of Fire Station 2. If relocated, the new station would be built on Idaho Transportation Department property east of the Kroc Center and south of the county transfer facility (“the dump”). Negotiations are underway, but either option represents a major improvement over the current conditions. I recently visited Station 2 while filming a “Coffee with the Mayor” video, which will be released soon.



The new fire apparatus is on order and, as expected, will take time to arrive.

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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Police 208.769.2320

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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](#)

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

Library Board Meeting

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

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Message From the Mayor, cont.

One of my long-term goals is to position the City's budget so we can replace these high-cost vehicles on a regular schedule—without having to ask voters each time. That kind of planning takes time, but it's essential for both public safety and fiscal responsibility.

May also marks a solemn anniversary for our community. Eleven years ago on May 5, Sergeant Greg Moore gave his life in the line of duty. As we honor his memory, we are also planning a memorial for Battalion Chief John Morrison, who lost his life last June. I'll share more details about that memorial in the near future.

This month offers a preview of what promises to be a busy summer in Coeur d'Alene. It all begins with Memorial Day, followed by Car d'Alene, Ironman, Pride in the Park, and our 250th Independence Day celebration. Look to next month's newsletter for more details.

And in the meantime—be on the lookout for pilgrims.

Dan Gookin,
Mayor

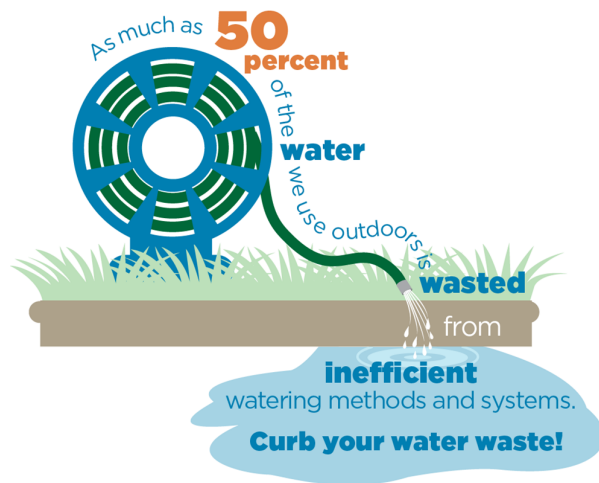
Successful Compost Giveaway

The Coeur d'Alene Wastewater Department hosted its most successful annual free compost giveaway to date on April 11 and 12. Approximately 1,200 cubic yards of locally created compost was picked up during the two-day event.



Events like this highlight the full cycle of the wastewater program—turning waste into a beneficial product for the community. Thank you to City staff who helped organize and support the event and to the community for another great showing!

Outdoor Water Use



With warmer months approaching, it's the perfect time to rethink outdoor water use. The City of Coeur d'Alene (City) often sees water demand **triple or quadruple during the summer**. By adopting a few efficient irrigation habits, gardens and landscaping can

thrive while still protecting the community's water supply.

Here is how you can make an impact this season:

- **Timing is key:** The City recommends watering between 4:00 am - 8:00 am or 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Avoid the midday sun (12:00 pm - 6:00 pm) to prevent water loss from evaporation and potential grass "burn."
- **Water deeply, not daily:** Rather than light daily sprinkling, aim for deep, infrequent watering. For most local lawns, one inch of water per week is sufficient to encourage deep, drought-resistant roots.
- **Audit your system:** Inspect your sprinklers to ensure they are watering your lawn, not the pavement. A single broken head can waste hundreds of gallons a month. Consider upgrading to high-efficiency rotary nozzles or drip irrigation for garden beds.
- **Take advantage of rebates:** Did you know the City offers a [Residential Water Rebate Program](#)? You may be eligible for a credit of up to \$75 toward the purchase of rain sensors, soil moisture sensors, or hose bib timers.
- **Choose local plants:** Incorporating native plants from the University of Idaho's "Idaho-scapes" can significantly reduce your water needs once established.

Being responsible stewards of the water supply today ensures a sustainable future for the community. Working together keeps Coeur d'Alene beautiful and water-wise.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION, CONT.

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>



Find the City on Facebook!

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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

First Thursday each month
4:00 pm

Yoga for You

Mondays and Fridays
9:30 am

Tubbs Hill Walk

Wednesday, May 13
9:00 am

Registration Required

Community Plant Swap

Shared Harvest Community
Harvest Garden
Saturday, May 16
10:00 am—1:00 pm

Thai Chi Walking

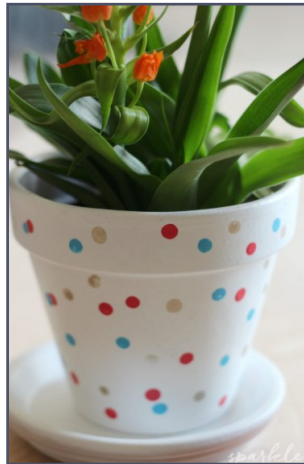
Ages 18+
Friday, May 29
12:00 pm

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

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



Flowerpot Painting



Looking for a thoughtful, last-minute Mother's Day gift or a way to brighten a friend's home for spring? Join the Coeur d'Alene Library on Saturday, May 9, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm for an afternoon of crafting where you'll transform plain terracotta pots into vibrant, hand-decorated works of art!

There is an extensive supply of paint pens and decoupage supplies to personalize a pot for a friend along with plant cuttings to take home to plant. All supplies will be

provided but participants are welcome to bring a plant cutting to share.

Pop-Up Dance For Parkinson's

The Northwest Parkinson's Foundation will be hosting a class called Dance for Parkinson's, designed for individuals with Parkinson's Disease, their families, and community members interested in experiencing this unique approach. The class offers a supportive environment to explore movement. Over the course of an hour, participants will engage in gentle exercises starting from seated in a chair, progressing to standing, and ultimately moving across the floor.



Although labeled as a dance class, the event primarily focuses on movement, stretching, connection, enjoyment, and physical activity. The class takes place in the Library Community Room. Come see what it's all about — you might find it uplifting and beneficial. Learn more about this type of class through <https://danceforparkinsons.org/>

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>

The Osprey Have Arrived!

After testing each of the three (3) osprey nests during the month of March, an Osprey couple has made the south nesting tower their home this spring. Time will tell how many eggs will be laid and how many baby Osprey will hatch this summer.



Osprey typically lay 2 - 4 eggs in mid April to early May, with an incubation period of 5 - 6 weeks. Baby osprey spend about two months in the nest before they start experimenting with their flying abilities just above the nest. To coax the fledglings, parents will cut back on the fish supply encouraging young osprey to take flight.



You can follow the family's journey by visiting <https://www.cdaid.org/2806> and clicking on the South Camera link.

Backflow Prevention



Landscape irrigation systems make watering lawns and gardens easier, save you time, and can be designed to be water efficient. However, water contaminated by weed killers, fertilizers and animal waste can backflow into your drinking water.

Annual backflow assembly testing is required by the State of Idaho and City of Coeur d'Alene ordinance. Testing must be done annually at spring irrigation start up and no later than July 1. For more information, contact the City's Cross Connection Operator Gary Nolan at 208-769-2298.

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>.



LOCAL MUSEUMS TO VISIT

Have you ever wondered about the history of North Idaho? The area has a robust list of museums to visit that cover all sorts of topics and periods for anyone who is a history lover.

Here are a few to check out:

[Bird Aviation Museum](#)
Sagle, ID

[Boundary County Museum](#)
Bonners Ferry, ID

[Captain John Mullan Museum](#)
Mullan, ID

[Crane Historical Society Museum](#)
Harrison, ID

[Hughes House Museum](#)
St Maries, ID

[Northern Pacific Depot
Railroad Museum](#)
Wallace, ID

[Priest Lake Museum](#)
Priest Lake, ID

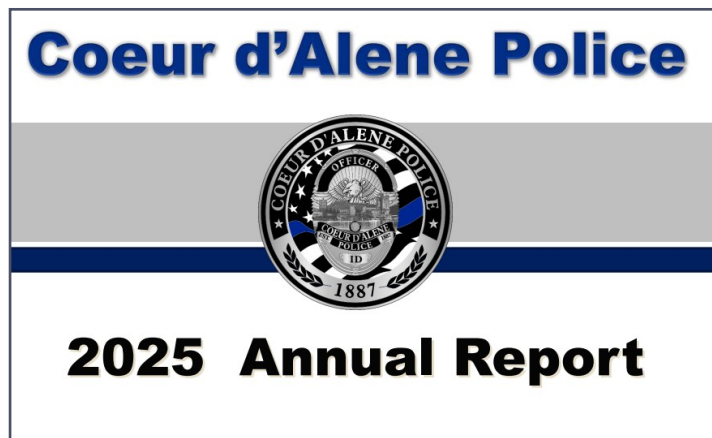
[Shoshone County Mining
and Smelting Museum](#)
Kellogg, ID



Police Department's 2025 Annual Report

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department (Department) has again achieved a record low number of Part One crimes in 2025 since instituting Intelligence Led Policing methodologies and strengthening community ties over the past decade. Part One crimes, which include crimes such as aggravated assault, burglary, rape, homicide, robbery and theft, decreased 23.74% from 2024 to 2025.

While the men and women of the Department work diligently every day, success could not be achieved without the valued partnerships with community members who have provided information and support to help the Department solve and prevent crimes.



To view the Department's full 2025 Annual Report, please visit:
[https://www.cdaid.org/files/Police/CDAPD Annual Report 2025.pdf](https://www.cdaid.org/files/Police/CDAPD%20Annual%20Report%202025.pdf)

City Hall Closed on Memorial Day

On Monday, May 25, 2026, Coeur d'Alene City Hall will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. Other City offices and facilities will be closed as well. Emergency calls for Police, Fire, and Streets can be made by dialing 9-1-1. Other City facilities have emergency numbers and can be reached if the need arises: Sewer Back-up 769-2241 and Water 755-9729.

City of Coeur d'Alene garbage pickup will be delayed by one day due to the Memorial Day holiday. If your garbage is normally picked up on Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday.



Celebrate Preservation Month this May in Coeur d'Alene (and Save the Date for America250!)

May is National Preservation Month, and organizations across our community are coming together to highlight the places and stories that shape our shared history. The Coeur d'Alene Historic Preservation Commission is partnering with Kootenai County Historic Preservation, the Museum of North Idaho, the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office, National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Preservation Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Press, and America250 Ambassadors to offer a series of events and learning opportunities throughout the month.



Established in 2005 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Month recognizes the importance of historic places and heritage tourism, and the role preservation plays in supporting strong, vibrant communities.

A full day of activities is planned for Friday, May 22, 2026. From 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm., the public is invited to attend the Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) training at the Coeur d'Alene Library. Hosted in partnership with the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, this free training brings national experts to Idaho to share practical tools and best practices for strengthening local preservation efforts. Topics will include the value of preservation, design review standards, legal fundamentals, and strategies for community engagement.

That evening at 5:00 pm, the community is invited to the Museum of North Idaho for the third annual Historic Preservation Reception and the presentation of the 2026 Heart of History Award. This year's award will go to the community for preserving the historic Roosevelt School. The event will be held on the museum grounds and will include participation from local and state preservation partners.

To attend the training, please register at:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/syC8k7g5HM?origin=lpLink>

To RSVP for the evening reception, contact Traci Clark at tclark@cdaid.org or 208-769-2274.



Looking ahead, mark your calendar for the America250 Celebration on Friday, July 3, 2026, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on the east lawn of the Kootenai County Courthouse.

Hosted by the City of Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commissions and other historic preservation partners, this family-friendly event will commemorate America's 250th birthday, the 100-year anniversary of the Kootenai County Courthouse, Idaho's statehood and much more. More details will be shared soon.

Seedlings Planted on Tubbs Hill



The City of Coeur d'Alene hired a contractor to plant seedlings on Tubbs Hill recently as part of the Fuel Mitigation project that has been ongoing since last fall.

All seedlings planted are native to Tubbs Hill and include a mix of 65% Larch, 20% White Pine, and 15% Ponderosa Pine. Contractors planted a total of 500 seedlings, with 300 protected by Vexar tubes and 200 treated with Trico deer repellent. Each tree has been marked with tubes and wire stake flags to make it easier to locate during survival inspections and a release spray application planned for later this spring following green-up.

The City asks visitors to Tubbs Hill to not pull up tubing or remove flags while enjoying the area. If you have questions about the grant work or any other questions regarding public trees, please contact Monte McCully, Urban Forester, at 208-292-5766.

City of Coeur d'Alene Community Opportunity Grant Program: Call for Applications

The City of Coeur d'Alene is currently accepting applications for the Plan Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding cycle of its Community Opportunity Grant (COG). The 2026 Plan Year begins on October 1, 2026, and runs until September 30, 2027.



Any for profit, nonprofit organization, or business may apply for CDBG COG funds 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.

The City has been notified that its Plan Year 2026 allocation will be \$272,696. Of the upcoming allocation, approximately \$60,020 will be made available in Plan Year 2026 COG funding, which includes \$4,863 of remaining Plan Year 2022 grant funds for reallocation. Eligible projects will be considered including Public Facilities, Public Services, and LMI Affordable Housing, including for-sale and for-rent products. A maximum of \$20,904 will be available for Public Service projects. 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 (Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, Meet an urgent need). Project proposals must request funding of at least \$10,000 to be considered. *Continued, page 9*

City of Coeur d'Alene Community Opportunity Grant Program: Call for Applications, cont.

An Educational Workshop will be held in-person on May 7, 2026, at 2:00 pm, in the Ron Edinger Conference Room (2nd floor) located at Coeur d'Alene City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814.

For further information or to request an application, please contact Sherrie Badertscher, the City's Grant Administrator at 208-769-2382, or by email to SherrieB@cdaid.org. Ms. Badertscher is available to provide individualized technical assistance, discuss specific funding proposals, or assist with application troubleshooting. Applications and additional information are also available by visiting the City's website at <https://www.cdaid.org/cdbg/community-opportunity-grant>.

Applications are due May 29, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Submit a hard copy to the City of Coeur d'Alene, Attn: Sherrie Badertscher, 710 E. Mullan Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, or email to SherrieB@cdaid.org.



2026 YOUTH GOLF CAMPS!

SESSION 1: JUNE 8 - 11
8AM - 9:30AM: AGES 8-10
10AM - 11:30AM: AGES 11-13

SESSION 2: JUNE 22 - 25
8AM - 9:00AM: AGES 5-7
9:30AM - 10:30AM: AGES 5-7

SESSION 3: JULY 6 - 9
8AM - 9:30AM: AGES 8-10
10AM - 11:30AM: AGES 11-13)

SESSION 4: JULY 20 - 23
8AM - 9:30AM: AGES 8-10
10AM - 11:30AM: AGES 11-13)

Register at the link below!

 teamsideline.com/cdaid

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CDA, ID 83815



