



In The News

Message from Mayor Woody McEvers

As the vibrant colors of fall begin to blanket our beautiful City, I invite you to join me in celebrating the season and the spirit of Coeur d'Alene. October is a time to connect, give back, and embrace all the beauty and creativity that surrounds us.

This month, we honor the National Arts and Humanities Month, a perfect opportunity to “*Celebrate the Arts within You.*” Whether you're a painter, musician, writer, or simply someone who appreciates the power of creativity, I encourage you to participate in local arts events and support the incredible talent in our community.

Take time to explore our parks, beaches, and trails, which are especially stunning this time of year. From harvest festivals and art walks to volunteer opportunities and family-friendly activities, there are countless ways to get involved, connect with neighbors, and celebrate the season together.

And as Halloween approaches, I encourage everyone to enjoy the festivities, be safe, and don't forget to share your candies! Whether you're trick-or-treating, attending a community event, or simply decorating your home, let's make this October a celebration of who we are and all we can be, together as a caring community.



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FUN FALL EVENTS IN THE INLAND NORTHWEST

Farm Fest 2025

Kootenai County Fairgrounds
Saturday, October 11
10:00 am—5:00 pm

Harvest Festival

Museum of North Idaho
Saturday, October 18
10:00 am—3:00 pm

Apple Palooza

Downtown Coeur d'Alene
Saturday, October 18
10:00 am—3:00 pm

Prairie Home Farm

Pumpkin Patch
Wednesday and Saturdays in
October
10:00 am—5:00 pm

Scarywood

Silverwood Theme Park
October 3—October 26

Friday Night Frights

Drive-through treat giveaway
Hayden Meadows Elementary
School
Friday, October 24
6:00 pm—7:30 pm

10th Annual Trunk or Treat

Lakeland High School
Rathdrum
Saturday, October 25
5:00 pm—7:00 pm



Annual Pumpkin Giveaway and Story Time

Autumn Family Storyfest - October 24 (10:00 am)

Celebrate harvest season at the Library! Meet outside in the brisk fall weather to have a fun family story time that includes autumn books, songs, activities, and even a story read by Coeur d'Alene's Wastewater Director, Mike Anderson. When story time ends at 10:30, families can sip hot cider while picking out a pumpkin to take home. All pumpkins are grown using the City's Coeur d'Green compost! There will also be an opportunity to decorate pumpkin cookies, make a fall craft, play some festive games, and even visit with costumed ponies!

The story time and activities will be geared towards children ages 3-8.



29th Annual Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards

You are cordially invited to the [29th Annual Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards](#) presented by the City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission.

The event will take place on Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm at the Hagadone Events Center.

Please RSVP to Mary Lee Ryba, CdA Arts Commission Chair at mryba@gold.uidaho.edu or 208-755-4916 by October 15. For more information contact Jo Anne Mateski, Arts Commission staff support, at jmateski@cdaid.org or (208) 666-5754.



Houseplant Swap at the Library

Houseplant Swap (All Ages) – October 11 (1-3 pm)

Do you have a green thumb or simply want to add some life to your living space? Join the Library for a special event where you can swap houseplant cuttings with fellow plant enthusiasts. Whether you're a seasoned plant parent or just getting started, this event is perfect for everyone. Bring your houseplant cuttings to share and discover new varieties to take home. No cuttings? No problem! The Library will provide a selection of cuttings, so you can join in the fun.



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 Search for Rare and Heritage Apples in the Pacific Northwest – Wednesday, October 8 (5:30 pm)

David Benscoter will present his book "Lost Apples" and his project to recover heritage varieties of apples from 100 or more years ago that may survive on local agricultural properties. An astonishing number of apple varieties were developed and cultivated in the Pacific Northwest, with more than 1,600 known cultivars documented in historical records. Mr. Benscoter has recovered at least 30 formerly "lost" apples in the Inland Northwest, and he continues to search for more that may still survive. Mr. Benscoter will provide information about his "LostApples.wiki" website where individuals can submit information about lost apple varieties that may contribute to Lost Apple research.

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

[Healing Power of EFT Tapping](#)

October 6
1:00 pm—2:30 pm

[Dream Interpretation Basics](#)

Ages 14+
Thursdays
5:30 pm—7:00 pm

[Autum Family Storyfest](#)

October 24
10:00 am

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, October 14
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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United Way Day of Caring

On Thursday, September 25, City employees lent a helping hand at St. Vincent De Paul North Idaho during United Way's Day of Caring.

Volunteers helped sort, organize and prepare incoming donations of clothing, household goods, and other items in the warehouse. These efforts help ensure that St. Vincent De Paul thrift stores have quality, well-organized goods ready for distribution. Funds from sales of donated goods support critical programs such as Father Bill's Kitchen, housing, shower and laundry facilities, and emergency shelters. For more information on United Way's Day of Caring, visit <https://www.uwnorthidaho.org/day-of-caring>



Fire Department Open House

The Fire Department (Department) would like to thank everyone that attended the recent Open House as it was an opportunity to give back to the community that has supported the Department in so many ways in 2025. Chief Greif began the event with a welcoming speech and a traditional "de-commissioning" ceremony for Ladder 341 that was placed into service back in 2000. Dr. Nick Swayne and the North Idaho College Board of Trustees were in attendance as L 341 was donated to the NIC Workforce Training Center Firefighter 1 Program. All in attendance shared a "moment of silence" for the shooting victims, families, and friends of the June 29 tragedy.

Hundreds of community members came out to join the Fire Department as they enjoyed great attractions and food, with over 500 hot dogs served. The Open House would not have been possible without the many community partners that helped with the annual event.

Turn to page 7 for photos from the Open House.

New ArtCurrents Installations Coming This October

Six new ArtCurrents sculptures will be installed this October in key locations in Coeur d'Alene, including Sherman Avenue, Lakeside Avenue, Atlas Waterfront Park, and Riverstone Park. Each piece celebrates the Pacific Northwest's natural beauty, cultural heritage, and vibrant artistic expression. The selected artworks are "Wilderness Peace" by A. Lee Harris, "Seasonal Rotation" and "Anatomy of Autonomy" by Jennifer Kapnek, "Unfurled Feathers" by Holly Burk, "Oaths Minced" by Anthony Heinz May, and "Ember" by Karen Sixkiller.

The ArtCurrents program enriches the City's landscape while providing artists an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work. These pieces will be on display from October 2025 through September 2026, with the possibility of a one-year extension.

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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.



Samuel Webb
Utility Operator
Water Department



Mary Cortez
Records Specialist
Police Department



Lucas Bauer
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.

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 Recreation Department](#)



Winterizing Irrigation Systems

City of Coeur d'Alene water customers will soon be starting to prepare their lawn and garden irrigation systems for the coming cold weather.

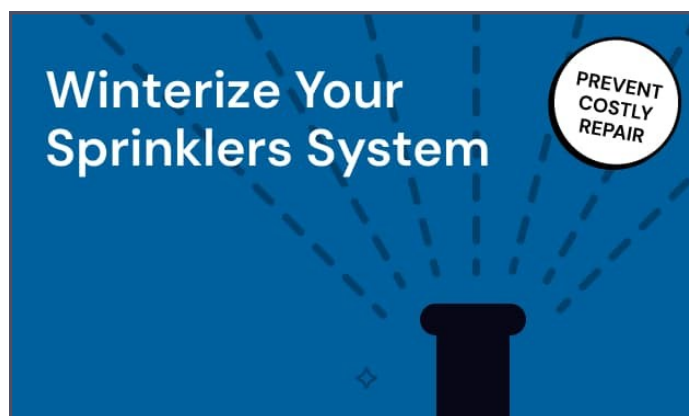
The most common practice is to use compressed air to blow out the leftover water in the irrigation piping. When performed correctly, this can be an efficient method to prevent expensive damage to irrigation systems caused by freezing. If performed incorrectly, however, costly damage to backflow can occur. You also run the risk of contaminating not only your water, but that of your neighbors.



The following guidelines will help provide protection to you and other community members from irrigation system contamination.

- 1) Make sure that the blow-off port where air is introduced into the irrigation system is downstream of your approved backflow assembly. Blow-off ports installed upstream of the backflow assembly can allow oil and contaminated air from the air compressor tank to be back pressured into your potable water service as well as the city water main. High pressure air introduced upstream of the backflow assembly can also damage the internal components of the assembly, resulting in the assembly not properly protecting the drinking water supply, as well as costly repair/replacement of the assembly.
- 2) If your irrigation system is protected by a Pressure or Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker, then it must be removed before the introduction of compressed air because these assemblies can be damaged if subjected to air from either upstream or downstream of the assembly.
- 3) City of Coeur d'Alene code requires the backflow assembly to be installed with unions so it can be removed before the introduction of compressed air, and stored inside for the winter. If the assembly was installed without unions and it cannot be removed to prevent freezing, then it must be thoroughly drained.
- 4) Perform your required annual backflow assembly test at spring start-up no later than July 1 to ensure the assembly is operating correctly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cross Connect Operator Gary Alan Nolan at 208-769-2298.



Photos from the Fire Department Open House



Fire Chief Tom Greif decommissions Ladder Truck 341 and officially donates it to NIC for the Firefighter 1 Academy program.



Attendees observe a moment of silence in remembrance of BC John Morrison.



Firefighter Devin McLaren teaches kids and parents alike to use fire extinguishers.



Firefighter-Paramedic Ryan Rhodes encourages little ones to spray water on the "fire" on the kids combat challenge course.



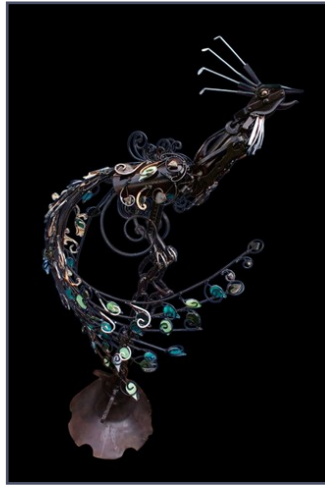
Engineer Matt Church helps a little girl slide down the pole on the kids combat challenge course.

New ArtCurrents Installations Coming This October, cont.

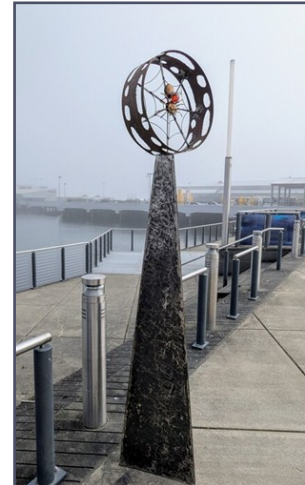
The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission issued the "Call to Artists" from April 15 to June 30, 2025, inviting submissions from artists residing in Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. Final selections were approved by the Arts Commission during its July 22 meeting and subsequently by the City Council on August 19, 2025.



"Anatomy of Autonomy"
Artist: Jennifer Kapnek



"Unfurled Feathers"
Artist: Holly Burk



"Ember"
Artist: Karen Sixkiller



"Wilderness Peace"
Artist: A. Lee Harris



"Seasonal Rotation"
Artist: Jennifer Kapnek



"Oaths Minced"
Artist: Anthony Heinz May

CDA RECREATION 2025/26 MENS WINTER LEAGUE BASKETBALL

- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10TH OR UNTIL LEAGUE IS FULL (16 TEAM MAXIMUM)
- GAMES BEGINNING NOVEMBER 9TH
- 10 GAME SCHEDULE PLAYED SUNDAYS 11AM-3PM
- COMPLETED/SIGNED ROSTERS REQUIRED PRIOR TO PLAYING IN GAMES
- NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AND NO SPOTS WILL BE HELD
- PRACTICE SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE @ \$20 PER HOUR
- SCHEDULES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [TEAMSIDELINE.COM/CDAID](https://teamsideline.com/cdaid)



GAMES LOCATION:
WOODLAND
MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEAM FEE: \$650

REGISTER ONLINE AT
[TEAMSIDELINE.COM/CDAID](https://teamsideline.com/cdaid)

CITY OF CDA PARKS AND RECREATION 2025 3RD-8TH GRADE YOUTH BASKETBALL

3RD - 8TH GRADE REGISTRATION :
SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 17TH

- GAMES ARE PLAYED MONDAY - THURSDAY EVENINGS AND SATURDAY MORNINGS AT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GYMS
- PRACTICES BEGIN LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER WITH GAMES BEGINNING MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER AND ENDING BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

\$40 : CITY RESIDENTS
\$50: NON-RESIDENTS

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[TEAMSIDELINE.COM/CDAID](https://teamsideline.com/cdaid)