



In The News

Message From the Mayor

This month marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's Independence Day. Happy birthday, America!

Before 1776, July 4th was just another hot summer day. In the years that followed, it's become an American tradition to visit a public park, have a picnic, watch a parade, enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers, and to celebrate our country's birth by blowing stuff up.

Speaking of blowing stuff up, last month, the Coeur d'Alene City Council updated our ordinance regarding illegal fireworks. This update gives our first responders clearer tools to address illegal aerial fireworks. While the code change was met with wide support, a few people stood in opposition. They claim that setting off such fireworks is a celebration of freedom and independence. I understand their perspective, but I believe that it overlooks an important point.

The founders' motivation for independence from Great Britain was self-governance. This goal was the reason why they cried for liberty. But liberty doesn't mean the freedom to do whatever you want. Freedom is strongest when it recognizes both individual liberty and the rights of our neighbors. *Continued, page 2*



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Message From the Mayor, cont.

As the Declaration of Independence states, “...to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” This text illustrates beautifully the model of freedom supported by the Founding Fathers: If you don’t like the government, you can legally and peacefully change it.

It’s my hope that we have a wonderful and safe anniversary. I support those who question our rules; they help remind us when government goes too far. I also hope those who question the new ordinance appreciate the process created here, where rules and laws—and even government itself—can be changed when a majority of the people desire it.

Please enjoy a safe and happy Independence Day.

Dan Gookin,
Mayor

July 4th Holiday Closures

On Friday, July 3, 2026, Coeur d’Alene City Hall will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Other City offices and facilities will be closed as well. Garbage pickup **will be delayed** by one day.

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 208-769-2241, and Water 208-755-9729.



4th of July Traffic Routes and Parking Information

The American Heroes 4th of July Parade (Parade) on July 4 begins at 10:00 am, starting at 15th St and proceeding west on Sherman Ave. Sherman Ave. will be closed to cars beginning at 6:00 am and roads will reopen at 1:00 pm.

Special Event Parking and free parking will be available throughout the City on July 4 with options listed below:

\$20 Special Event Parking (All-Day Pass):

- City Hall Lot
- Coeur d’Alene Library Lot
- McEuen Parking Lot
- City Park Lot
- Independence Point Lot
- Memorial Field/Carouse Lot
- City Parking Garage

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4th of July Traffic Routes and Parking Information, cont.

Free Parking will be available at the following locations:

- North Idaho College parking lots and along E. Rosenberry Drive
- All legal street parking throughout Coeur d'Alene
- *Note: 2-hour parking limits will be enforced in the downtown corridor.*
- *No street parking allowed on Sherman Ave. between 5:00 AM and 1:00 PM on July 4.*

Parking can be found at <https://gis.cdaid.org/parks/>
Click on a blue or pink item on the map for parking lot locations.

People are encouraged to arrive early as the City welcomes tens of thousands to celebrate Independence Day in downtown Coeur d'Alene.

The map below is courtesy of the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce and can be viewed at <https://cdachamber.com/chamber-announces-traffic-routes-and-parking-map-for-july-4th-celebration>



**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

Parks 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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Call for Nominations: Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission is now accepting nominations for the 30th Annual Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards, recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made significant contributions to the arts and cultural life of the community.



The annual awards celebrate excellence, leadership, creativity, advocacy, and philanthropy in the visual, performing, literary, and cultural arts throughout the Coeur d'Alene area.

Community members are encouraged to nominate artists, educators, volunteers, patrons, organizations, or businesses whose work has enriched the arts in Coeur d'Alene. Nominations must be received by August 28, 2026. Award recipients will be recognized at the 30th Annual Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards celebration in October.

Download a nomination form at [City of Coeur d'Alene - Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards](#) or contact us 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.

The Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission serves to support, promote, and advocate for the arts as an essential part of community life.





CRIME PREVENTION

THIS BULLETIN IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TO PREVENT MISUSE

E-Motorcycles vs E-Bikes

E-bikes (all classes) are allowed in the same places as standard bicycles and are subject to the same regulations.

The maximum speed for any vehicle allowed to be operated on a trail, bicycle path, pedestrian path, or multi-use path is 15 miles per hour (unless otherwise posted).



Electric motorcycles (dirt bikes), such as the popular Surrón X, are **NOT LEGAL** on City streets, sidewalks and most trails.

Despite sometimes being referred to as 'e-bikes,' these are motorbikes that constitute specialized off-highway vehicles (SOHV), which cannot be legally operated on public roadways, much less bike paths or multiuse trails.

Hazards of these include:

- Excessive speeds
- Pedestrian safety
- Environmental impact/erosion

Illegal operation of e-motorcycles in unauthorized areas of the City can result in penalties ranging from an infraction fine of \$100 plus court costs, up to a misdemeanor criminal charge with a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000 or both.



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>



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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 Wednesday each month
4:00 pm

Lawyer in the Library

First Thursday each month
4:00 pm

Yoga for You

Mondays and Fridays
9:30 am

Jurassic Park Movie Marathon

Ages 13+
Mondays, June 8 - August 24
3:30 pm

Subterranean Tales at Higgins Point

Ages 4-10
Wednesdays
June 24—August 6
10:00 am

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

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



Jam Out in July

Summer Preserve Making (Ages 16+) - Monday July 6 at 4:00 pm

Putting up jams and jellies is a wonderful way to savor the flavors of summer all year round. Participants will learn preserving do's and don'ts and see jam making and water-bath canning.



Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newbie to canning, you're invited to learn tips and share your own. The event takes place in the Coeur d'Alene Library's Community Room

San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers

Join the Coeur d'Alene Library (Library) on Tuesday, July 28 from 5:00 pm—6:30 pm for a free concert in the Library's Community Room featuring the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers (SFSF). Formed in 1986 when renowned fiddler Alasdair Fraser placed an advertisement in a local newspaper looking for people interested in sharing Scottish fiddle music, their small group of enthusiasts has since grown to over 250 members.



Most of the musicians live in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, but there are members from all over California and beyond, even some overseas. Local Coeur d'Alene musicians will be performing in several towns with the fiddlers during their visit.

Food Pantry at the Library

The Coeur d'Alene Library (Library) has recently launched a Community Food Pantry located just inside the Library's entrance. Donations can be delivered to the front desk at the Library. Patrons are welcome to take what they need. Thank you to the community for helping make the food pantry possible.

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>

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.

Christina Vanni
Permit Technician
Building Department



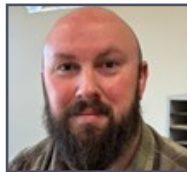
Kent Rountree
Maintenance Worker II
Parks Department



Joshua Baker
Utility Operator
Water Department



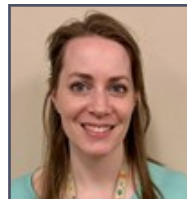
Darren Clavette
Laboratory Analyst
Wastewater Department



RonieJo Bolin
Police Officer Recruit
Police Department



Laurel Hoffman
Reference Clerk
Library



Thomas McDowell
Maintenance Worker II
Parks 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 at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid>.



SUPPORTING LOCAL FILM MAKING

The City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission has established a new Filmmaking & Support of North Idaho Film Festival Subcommittee to strengthen support for filmmaking and film-related industries in North Idaho.

The subcommittee will operate under the Arts Commission's mission to support arts, culture, and creative industries that enrich the community and contribute to economic vitality. Film and media arts are increasingly recognized as powerful tools for storytelling, workforce development, tourism, and regional investment.

The subcommittee plans to engage stakeholders, host listening sessions, and explore pilot opportunities that highlight North Idaho's creative talent and production capacity. It is also dedicated to help nurture North Idaho's film festivals and film-related events.

For more information, please contact City of Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission Filmmaking & Support of North Idaho Film Festival Subcommittee Chair Charlotte Doutriaux, cdoutriaux@gmail.com.



Coeur d'Alene Seeks Input for Grant Funds

In anticipation of the upcoming CDBG Annual Action Plan for Plan Year 2026 (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/26AAP>

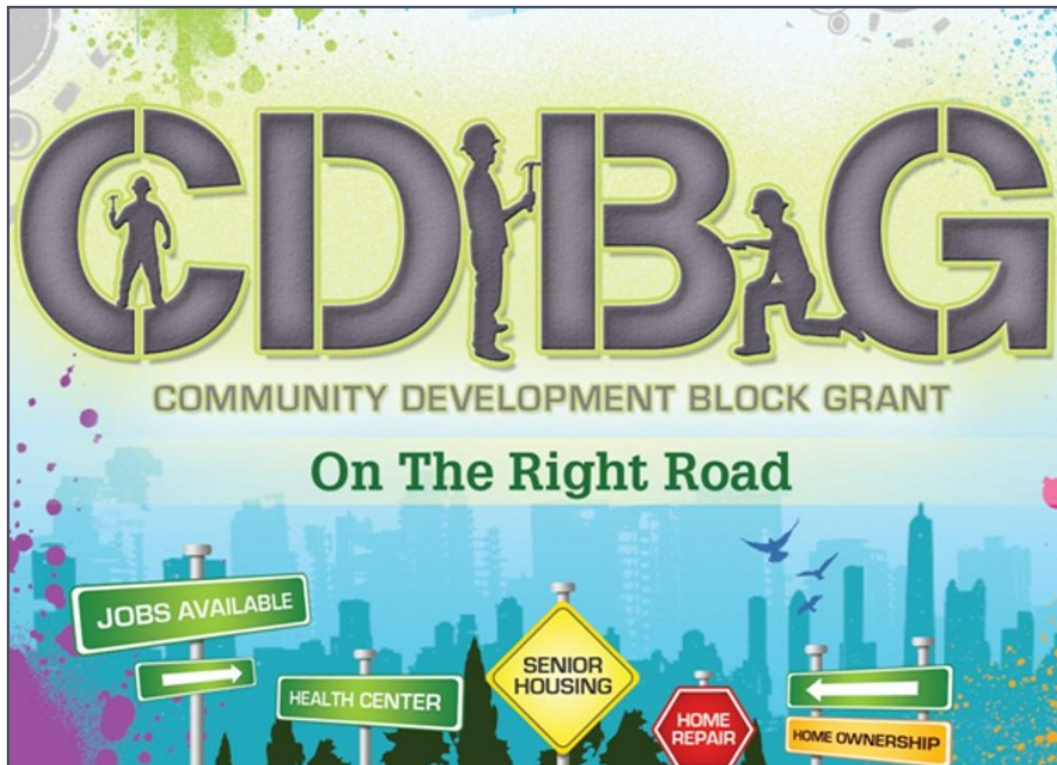
CDBG funds support local community development initiatives which specifically benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents and neighborhoods, prevent or eliminate slum and blight, and address urgent community development needs.

The draft Annual Action Plan for Plan Year 2026 will be available for review and comment for a period of 33 days from July 2, 2026, through August 4, 2026. 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 4, 2026, 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 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 our community's future!





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JULY 8
THE RHYTHM DAWGS
(ROCK VARIETY)

JULY 15
THE HANKERS
(BOOT KICKING COUNTRY)

JULY 22
BRUISER
(CLASSIC ROCK)

JULY 29
THE HIPSTERS
(90S ROCK)

AUG 12
PAPER FLOWERS
(REMEMBERING FLEETWOOD MAC)

AUG 19
SAMMY EUBANKS
(ROCK AND BLUES)

AUG 26
GIGAWATT
(80S TRIBUTE)
SEASON FINALE
SEPT 2



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GIGAWATT
(AWESOME 80S TRIBUTE)

JULY 19
PRAIRIE FIRE
(ROCK AND COUNTRY)

JULY 26
STRANGE BREW
(ROCK AND MORE)

AUG 2
TUXEDO JUNCTION
(BIG BAND SWING)

AUG 9
DR PHIL AND THE ENABLERS
(BOOT KICKING COUNTRY)

AUG 16
THE HANKERS
(BOOT KICKING COUNTRY)

AUG 23
**CHAMPIONS UNDER PRES-
SURE** (A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN)

SEASON FINALE
AUG 31
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