

Municipal Milestones

CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE



September 2026



Message from the Mayor

As mayor, I receive interesting invitations and offers that I didn't see as a council member, from ribbon-cuttings to grand openings. When these events are relevant to the city or advance work the city is pursuing, I'm happy to attend and support our general welfare. Frankly, though, some occasions may only need a cardboard cutout of the mayor, and that presence would suffice.

On the more active and enjoyable side, I attended the North Idaho State Fair grand opening, received a "mayor's award ribbon" to present, and was invited to judge the Chocolate Extravaganza. Fun times.

At the grand opening, Fair Board Chairman Jerry Johnson asked me to say a few words. I welcomed everyone and reaffirmed the city's support for keeping the fair in its current location, right in the heart and geographic center of Coeur d'Alene.

Over the years, some have argued that the fair should move to a supposedly "better" site, usually described only as "out on the prairie." They claim the current property would be better used for development and that a sale would raise enough money to relocate and rebuild the fairgrounds. Such claims are dubious.

The fair is fine where it is. Two years ago, the City Council passed a resolution supporting its current location, and the City would welcome a long-term commitment from county officials to do the same. *Continued page 2*

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Message from the Mayor, cont.

With that commitment, the fair can invest confidently in expansion that benefits residents across the county.

I appreciate the support county commissioners have provided so far, and I encourage an even stronger commitment going forward. The North Idaho State Fair is one of Coeur d'Alene's defining community assets, reflecting our lifestyle, our traditions, and our shared love for this community and its people.

Dan Gookin,
Mayor

Seeking Student Representatives

The City of Coeur d'Alene is seeking youth representation on City Commissions, Boards, and Committees. Service on these boards gives high school students between the ages of 14-18 an unprecedented opportunity to learn about city government, special projects, and to become involved in the community.

If you are interested in serving as a student representative on any of the following committees, or know of a student who might be interested, please visit www.cdavid.org/volunteer/student-representative and download an application form. The deadline for applying is Friday, September 18, 2026. Possible committees on which you might serve are:

- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Urban Forestry Committee
- CDA-TV Committee



A question that gets asked a lot is: What is the time commitment for a student representative? It depends on the board/ commission/ committee, but for the most part, City boards meet once a month, for not much longer than an hour or two. CDA-TV Committee meets every other month.

To find out more about an individual board/ commission/ committee, visit the city's website: www.cdavid.org and look under the individual board and its agenda, and perhaps even talk to one of the committee liaisons. Please email Jo Anne Mateski at jmateski@cdavid.org for more information or to request an application

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

For more information, please visit the [Calendar page](#) on the City of Coeur d'Alene's website.



Fire Department Open House

On Saturday, September 19, join the Fire Department for the annual Open House at Station #3 located at 1500 N 15th St!

From 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, enjoy a Firefighter Combat Challenge for the kids, fire extinguisher demos, a Life Flight demonstration, fire apparatus, and much more. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Upcoming Community Events

Longest Table at City Park: September 9

Join the Innovia Foundation at Coeur d'Alene City Park for this community-building event. The Longest Table is a growing movement built on a simple, powerful idea: sharing a meal.

Wednesday 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk: September 12

The Tunnel to Towers North Idaho 5K Run & Walk is an annual event that honors and supports first responders and military service members.

McEuen Park at 8:00 am

Walk, Run, Read! September 19

Race to improve literacy with every stride at this exhilarating 5k and Kids Dash at City Park. Not just a race, this family-friendly event supports The Literacy Project of North Idaho, turning your miles into meaningful support for the community's literacy skills.

Coeur d'Alene City Park at 8:00 am

Oktoberfest: September 18 & 19

Sample crisp Oktoberfest style beers throughout downtown Coeur d'Alene businesses while enjoying live music.

Friday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Saturday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Local Trails Less Traveled: September 24

Join Inland Northwest Land Conservancy and the Coeur d'Alene Library for an evening with David Taylor, co-author (with Rich Landers) of *Urban Trails* – Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, to discover some of the best trails in the Spokane-Coeur d'Alene region.

Coeur d'Alene Library Community Room at 5:00 pm



What's Happening at the Coeur d'Alene Library This Month

Birds of Prey Northwest



Don't miss seeing raptor biologist Janie Veltkamp's presentation featuring live owls, hawks, falcons & eagles. Learn how they live, hunt & contribute to ecosystems. This event is sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society. Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room. All ages.

History Hour Lecture



Over the past 125 years, the lakes near the Rathdrum Aquifer have been transformed by human intervention. Tom Richards will trace the impacts of dikes, dynamite, and mill ponds to their ultimate end in landmark court decisions and modern conservation efforts. Wednesday, September 9 at 5:00 pm in the Library Community Room. All ages.

Find Happiness from a Different Source



Kadam Trina shares the life-changing wisdom of Buddha on how to find deep, lasting happiness in busy and challenging lives. This talk will include a guided meditation and an opportunity for questions. Everyone is welcome! September 25 at 5:30 pm in the Library Community Room. Ages 16+

Resilience Writing Workshop



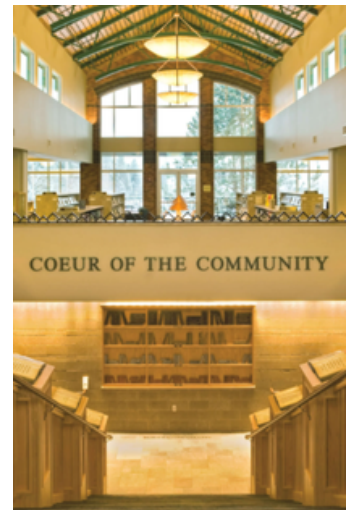
Get unstuck from (almost) anything through a resilience-building writing practice. This flexible, participant-directed space meets you where you are. With guided prompts, you'll find words that heal, uplift, motivate, and inspire. September 26 at 10:30 am. Ages 16+



Looking for a full list of events at Library?

Visit

<https://cdalibrary.org/events>



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>

Back to School Safety

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department would like to remind the community that September 8, 2026, marks Coeur d'Alene School District's first day of K-12 classes. With school back in session it brings increased walking and biking activity near schools.

Drivers are encouraged to allow extra time, slow down, and exercise caution, especially in school zones. During the first few weeks of school, the Police Department's patrol officers, traffic team, and school resource officers will focus on traffic enforcement in an effort to remind drivers to slow down and obey traffic laws, particularly around local schools. There is nothing more important than the safety of a child.



Back to School Safety Reminders for Drivers:

- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop off procedures.
- Make eye contact with children crossing the street.
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.

Firefighter Recruit Academy

On Monday, August 24, eleven firefighter recruits started their first day of the Fire Academy. Over the next 12 weeks, they will complete intensive training to prepare for a career in the City's fire service. The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department is excited to welcome this new class and look forward to seeing their growth, success, and the positive contributions they will bring to both the Fire Department and the community.

Recruits:

Top stairs top to bottom: Adam Burnside, Colton Visser, Hayden Phelps, Lee Ditzkoff

Platform left to right: Jacob Atkins, Dylan Murphy

Lower stairs top to bottom: Conner Conigliaro, Alex Lundberg, Sterling Farrah, Colton Orrino, Gavin Mooney



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.

Wyatt Wilhelm

Utility Operator
Water Department



Julie West

Records Specialist
Police Department



Tyler Crye

Public Works Inspector
Streets & Engineering 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>



City Tidbits

Did you know that the City of Coeur d'Alene's (City) Wastewater Treatment Plant performs over 700 tests each month to maintain permit compliance and process control? The City's lab supervisor and lab analysts sample the Spokane River weekly. River sampling provides a real-world performance check on wastewater treatment plants. The lab supervisor also oversees the industrial pretreatment program that regulates the discharge of commercial and industrial waste into the City's collection system. This ensures that wastewater is treated before being discharged.

The objective of the City's Wastewater Department is to protect human health and the environment through cost-effective collection and treatment of wastewater.



Riverstone Block Party & Brewfest

The North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation is partnering with Riverstone for the second-annual Riverstone Block Party & Brewfest from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 12.

This is a free, family-friendly event featuring 50+ local businesses, including shopping, games and activities for all ages, live music, food trucks, and beer tasting. All proceeds benefit the North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation, which assists with maintenance and capital improvement of the Centennial Trail, as well as supports the development of new trails in Kootenai County. You can help the Foundation by becoming a sponsor, donor and member.

The North Idaho Centennial Trail is 23 miles long, extending from the Idaho/Washington state line to Higgins Point, 6 miles east of Coeur d'Alene at the end of Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive. You can walk, jog, or bicycle on a Class I & II paved trail. Operation and maintenance of the Idaho Centennial Trail is a cooperative effort of the City of Coeur d'Alene, the City of Post Falls, Kootenai County, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, and the North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/riverstone-block-party-brewfest-tickets-1985402318781?aff=oddtcreator>



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