

# Municipal Milestones

CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

August 2026



## Message from the Mayor

Years ago, a neighbor of mine made this comment: Some people work 50 weeks out of the year just so that they can spend two weeks in Coeur d'Alene. We should consider ourselves fortunate that we enjoy the luxury of living here year-round.

I know lots of people who “take off” during the summer. Maybe they don't like the crowds. Maybe it's because their jobs can do without them for a week or so. Whatever the reason, people who live here do take vacations. I've done so in the past, but not this year; my wife and I have decided to “stay-cation” and enjoy the wonders that our area offers – and for which our flocks of tourists and guests greatly appreciate.

Please enjoy this time of year. Tolerate the summer crowds. Ignore the brown skies. And be thankful that you can refer to this lovely part of the planet as your home.

Dan Gookin,  
Mayor



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# Welcome Michael Dominguez, New City Administrator

The City recently sat down with new City Administrator, Michael Dominguez to ask him a few questions and welcome him to the City of Excellence.



## Tell us a little bit about your background and experience:

I have worked in City and County government for over 20 years. The bulk of my experience was at the City of Irvine as an Administrator and the City of Santa Monica as a Manager. I also have 17 years private sector commercial real estate experience. My undergraduate degree is in business, and I earned an MBA from the University of Notre Dame. My career has focused on challenging leadership roles where success is built from developing strong teams that enjoy doing excellent work together.

## What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends outside of work. We love family celebrations, skiing, camping, hiking and biking. For many years I have been a youth sports coach, scout leader and National Ski Patrol volunteer. For solo pursuits, I enjoy gardening, reading and walking our dogs.

## What's something people are often surprised to learn about you?

For someone who likes to talk a lot, I can be a good listener.

## What do you expect from staff, and what can staff expect from you?

I expect personal and professional integrity from staff and myself. That includes a firm commitment to continual improvement and always doing our best for each other and the City we serve.

## What attracted you to Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho?

Coeur d'Alene is a natural choice for our family. I love the outdoors as well as the more personal connections that can develop in smaller communities. We look forward to developing new friendships and spending more time with the family and friends we do have in the area.

## What excites you most about joining our City?

I have been visiting here since 2023. The community exudes a love for their city and a commitment to caring for each other and their overall quality of life. I am excited to be a part of that civic process and the special relationships that will develop over time.

### 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

August 5

4:00 pm

City Hall

#### Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday each month

5:30 pm

Library Community Room

#### CDATV

August 10

8:00 am

City Hall

#### 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.



# Happy Birthday City of Coeur d'Alene!

The City of Coeur d'Alene celebrates its 139<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 22! The City of Coeur d'Alene was incorporated in 1887, prior to Idaho achieving statehood (1890). City status led to the establishment of municipal services providing for the health and welfare of residents—water, streets, sanitation, law enforcement, electricity, and education.



The town of Coeur d'Alene was platted in 1883. The townsite featured 21 blocks with a total of 226 lots - 17 blocks with 12 lots each, two blocks with 10 blocks each, and two triangular half-blocks in response to the curving waterfront. Establishment of Fort Sherman in 1877 brought development to support the military post. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe had a village on the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene where the fort was established, long recognizing the value and beauty of the location.



## Upcoming Community Events

### **Summer Concert Series: Ongoing**

Enjoy live music all summer long at City Park, McEuen Park and Riverstone Park brought to you by Koep Concerts. Days and times vary. Visit <https://koepconcerts.com>

### **Taste of Rathdrum: August 8**

Free festival for all ages at Majestic Park, 5750 W Majestic Ave. Food vendors, beer garden, cornhole tournament, car cruise, and live music.

12:00 pm - 9:30 pm

### **Story Time in the Nursery: August 12**

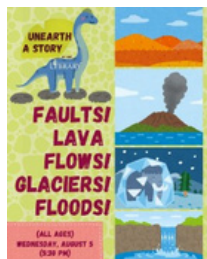
Join the Hayden Library at New Leaf Nursery in Hayden for storytime, snacks, and release of Monarch Butterflies by non-profit Wings Rising. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

### **Sunday Concert with CDA Brass: August 23**

Escape the heat for a free indoor event with CDA Brass at the Coeur d'Alene Library. 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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

## Faults! Lava Flows! Glaciers! Floods!



Unearth the story of the area's landscape with Farragut Park Ranger Errin Bair and her dad, retired science teacher Jon Bair, as they dig into the geologic history of this area. *Wednesday, August 5 at 5:30 pm in the Library Community Room. All ages.*

## History Hour Lecture



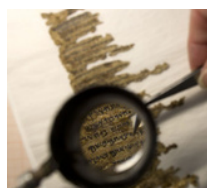
Between 1840 and 1860 over 300,000 people headed west by covered wagon with the hope of finding a better life. Join the Library in exploring emigrant diaries that documented the journey west. *Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 pm in the Library Community Room. All ages.*

## Summer Salads to Beat the Heat



It's getting hot out there so come explore fun summer salads that highlight the August bounty. Enjoy demonstrations and discussions on how to celebrate the month's freshest ingredients – no cooking required. *Monday, August 17 at 1:00 pm in the Library Community Room. All ages.*

## The Missing Relic



Come join an archaeology-themed mystery party, where buried secrets, puzzling clues, and unexpected twists await discovery. Step into the role of an investigator as you piece together fragments of the past to unravel a strange and intriguing mystery. *Saturday, August 29 at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room Ages 14+.*



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>

## Summer Parks & Recreation News

Summer is always the busiest time of year for the Parks & Recreation Department (Department). With over 30 local parks and an abundance of guests and visitors, it is the mission of the Department to make sure it provides wonderful amenities and experiences for everyone.

Here are some of highlights of projects the Department has been working on recently:

- The Department is partnering with Hecla Mining to install a solar panel phone charging table near the railing between the Harbor House and the Third Street Dock. The tables will have phone charging available powered by the sun. A big thank you to Hecla Mining for partnering with the City to bring this charging station to the public.
- The City Park Rotary Bandshell has had major improvements this summer including all new stage decking, fresh paint, and a newly refreshed sign.
- All wind damage has been addressed at Forest Cemetery, with hydroseeding currently taking place to fill in where trees used to be.
- Panhandle Kiwanis Club (Club) has committed to volunteering to help stain Fort Sherman Playground at Coeur d'Alene City Park by September. Spearheaded by the Club, the structure was built by 2,000 volunteers in 1997. They are seeking funding to help do some refurbishing of the play structures.





# **K-8TH FALL SOCCER**

REGISTRATION  
DATES: **JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> -  
AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**



- K & 1st 3 v 3 Micro Soccer (Must be 5 years old or enrolled in Kindergarten)
  - Games held at Jenny Stokes Field
  - K - Tues. OR Thurs. evenings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday mornings
- 2nd - 8th plays 7 vs 7
  - Games held at CDA Soccer Complex
  - Games played Weeknights & Sat. mornings
- Season runs September - Middle of Oct.

**City Res: \$40  
Non City Res: \$50**

Registration Link:  
[teamsideline.com/cdaid](https://teamsideline.com/cdaid)



## Neighborhood Watch

Does your neighborhood have a neighborhood watch program? Neighborhood watch programs aim to reduce crime through increased visibility, communication, and proactive prevention efforts. The program also works to build strong connections between neighbors and local law enforcement, creating a shared sense of responsibility for keeping the community secure and well-informed.



A neighborhood watch program establishes small leadership teams who oversee small sections of a neighborhood. Communication channels are established through text groups, apps, and social media pages to help strengthen community safety. For more information on creating a neighborhood watch program, contact the Coeur d'Alene Police Department at 208-769-2320.

## 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.

### **Jonathan Obendrauf**

*Custodian*

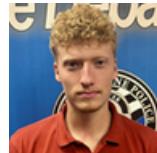
Building Maintenance Department



### **Sean Walsh**

*Police Officer Recruit*

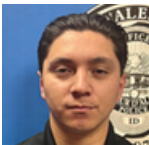
Police Department



### **Aaron Triana**

*Police Officer Recruit*

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 at:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cdaid>



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*Thank you for reading!*