



# The City Newsletter

May 2013

Welcome to the  
CITY OF JEROME

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## CAPITAL FOR A DAY

On April 10, 2013 the Governor and his cabinet spent the day in Jerome. The City of Jerome appreciates that the Governor took the time to come to Jerome and answer questions posed by local officials and the community. The Governor and his cabinet answered a number of questions related to many topics including; economic development (exports), transportation, personal property tax, health care as well as others.

Participants had lunch at the Senior Center. There was an excellent turn out for the luncheon. We are very thankful that the Senior Center was willing to

serve additional lunches to accommodate the Capital for a Day participants.

The City of Jerome is thankful to those who participated in the event and those who assisted to make Capital for a Day in Jerome a success.

- Zoe Monahan, Community Development Director

*Pictured Governor Otter and Council President  
Bob Culver*



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## CITY WIDE MEETING; THANK YOU JRD!

The City of Jerome would like to send a big "Thank You" to the Jerome Recreation District (JRD)! The City held their annual City Wide meeting in the JRD gymnasium. The Recreation staff was beyond helpful and friendly. The Jerome Recreation District is an

integral part of the Jerome community. See the many May activities and events they provide on Page 6. Thank you again and we look forward to working with your staff in the future!

- Ida Guffy, Human Resources Specialist

### City Council

Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at Council Chambers, located at 100 East Ave A, Jerome, ID 83338

#### Council Meets:

- May 7th
- May 21st

For a copy of the most recent agenda, visit our website or email: [sfraser@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:sfraser@ci.jerome.id.us)



***May is Building Safety Month. Please contact the Building & Safety Department for more information at 324-8189. You can also read the article about this national event in the April edition of The City Newsletter.***

## RULES OF THE ROAD FOR BICYCLE SAFETY & THE BICYCLE RODEO

May is National Bicycle Safety Month. Once again this year there will be a bicycle rodeo held at the Wal-Mart Supercenter located at 2680 South Lincoln in Jerome Idaho on Saturday, May 11th, 2013 between 10 am and 2 pm. The bicycle rodeo is sponsored by the Jerome Wal-Mart Safety Team, Boy Scouts of America, City of Jerome, and the Jerome Police Department. This will be the tenth (10) year for the bicycle rodeo being held at the Jerome Wal-Mart Supercenter and were looking forward to seeing you and your children.

The purpose of the bicycle rodeo is to teach safety skills needed to help our youth control his/her bicycle. The course is made up of different learning stations to enhance balance and control skills. Each station may sound simple but performing them can be difficult for all youth. Please remember that the physical development of the youth varies widely. Even if your child has attended a bicycle rodeo before, bring them again.

The stations help our youth develop their coordination and reflexes. Station safety will cover items like: Mounting & Dismounting, Circling and Changing direction, Diminishing Clearance (Straight Line Control), Weaving and Maneuvering, Stopping Ability, Short Radius Turning, Turtle Crawl (Slow Speed Control), Tight Turns.

All children must wear bike helmets while riding the course for their safety. The Police Department will be giving away approximately fifty (50) free bicycle helmets and other cycling safety equipment while supplies last.

Listed below are a few items to remember while riding your bicycle on a highway or roadway. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sgt. Jay Gardner at the Jerome Police Department at 208-324-4328.

1. Follow the law.

Your safety and the image of bicyclists depend on you. You have the same rights and duties as drivers. Obey traffic signals and stop signs. Ride with traffic; use the rightmost lane headed in the direction you are going.

2. Be predictable.

Make your intentions clear to motorists and other road users. Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars. Signal turns, and check behind you well before turning or changing lanes.

3. Be conspicuous.

Ride where drivers can see you; wear bright clothing. Use a front white light and red rear light and reflectors at night or when visibility is poor. Make eye contact with drivers. Don't ride on sidewalks.

4. Think ahead.

Anticipate what drivers, pedestrians, and other bicyclists will do next. Watch for turning vehicles and ride outside the door zone of parked cars. Look out for debris, potholes, and utility covers. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

5. Ride Ready.

Check your tires have sufficient air, brakes are working, chain runs smoothly, and quick release wheel levers are closed. Carry repair and emergency supplies appropriate for your ride. Wear a helmet.

6. Keep your cool.

Road rage benefits no-one and always makes a bad situation worse.

- Sgt. Jay Gardner, Police Department

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## JEROME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULED

Graduation represents years of hard work and commitment by students, parents and school staff. The graduating seniors of Jerome High School will celebrate this accomplishment at the 2013 Graduation on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium.

Jerome High School



- Provided by the Jerome School District

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## PATTY METCALF RETIRED FROM THE JEROME LIBRARY

Library Director, Patty Metcalf, retired on May 1st after 40 years of library service! Patty's first job was at the Boise State University Library. She continued her service in many types of libraries and said "libraries are her true calling and a good fit for her". One of the many notable achievements was working with the Library Board to expand the hours of the Library on Saturdays to better serve the community's needs. Patty is proud of bringing the staff together and being able to provide professional outreach and training. Patty will miss all the truly good people she has met and worked with. Patty noted that "it has been amazing". She plans to continue her membership with The Friends of Library and already has plans of volunteering, of course, at libraries! The City of Jerome would like to thank Patty for her years of service not only to the citizens of Jerome but to all library patrons. We wish you the best and many happy years with your family.



Pictured above: Patty Metcalf

- Ida Guffy, Human Resources Specialist

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## LYNN WEIGT RETIRED FROM THE JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lynn Weigt began his fire service with the City of Jerome as a volunteer in June 1989 and was hired fulltime in November 2001. Achieving many successes during his tenure, Lynn attained IFSAC Fire Fighter I, HAZMAT Technician, Emergency Medical Responder, and Health CPR Care Provider certifications. For years, he served as the department's "go-to-guy" with all our portable communication devices. He was a member of the Association of Jerome City Firefighters and Local 4589 Jerome Fire Fighters. He participated

in numerous department fund raising events over the years, such as the Fire Fighters Ball, "Fill the Boot" campaign for muscular dystrophy, Fireman's Awards banquet, and "Fire in the Hole" golf tournaments.

While an employee of the City, Lynn was deployed to Iraq in August 2004 and returned in December 2006. We honor and respect him for his faithful service on our behalf. I remember when Lynn was deployed and, like everyone, felt the uncertainties of the world's situation at that time. We were so grateful

and thrilled upon his safe return to us.

We would like to thank Lynn for his efforts and personal time devoted to various projects and assignments over the years. He will be greatly missed by friends and co-workers. We certainly wish Lynn and his wife Bobbi the very best!

Lynn's official retirement date was April 1st, but a retirement party is being scheduled for June with more details to follow.



Pictured above: Lynn Weigt

- Paula Thompson,  
Administrative Assistant

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## LARRY DEZORZI RETIRED FROM THE JEROME PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The City of Jerome wishes Larry DeZorzi a happy retirement. Larry retired on March 29th, after 5 years of service to the citizens of Jerome. Larry came to the City of Jerome from Northern California where he had retired from the military. Larry was an anchor on the "infrastructure" team. The infrastructure crew is accredited with installation of many miles of water and sewer mains, fiber optic communication conduits, fire hydrants, water system pressure reducing stations, repairing broken water and sewer mains as well as other tasks. Larry will be missed because of his constant smile and willingness to help anyone who needed help. He worked in all kinds of weather and never lost his smile or sense of humor. He will be missed by all, especially the Public Works Department.



Pictured above: Larry DeZorzi

- Larry Bybee, Water Operations Supervisor

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## CONTINUE TO OBSERVE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS DURING THE SUMMER

In just a few weeks, another school year will come to an end and the sidewalks and playgrounds surrounding our schools will become less busy. However, just because the normal school year has ended, it does not mean the speed limits in school zones are not still in effect. Some schools will host summer school and other events in which children may be present throughout the summer. The entertainment provided by school playgrounds attracts children even when school is not in session and contributes to pedestrian traffic around schools year round. In many ways, it can be even more hazardous for pedestrians in school zones during the summer because motorists are not expecting children to be present and do not use the same level of caution as when school is in session.

The speed limit in school zones is 20 miles per hour. The fine for speeding in a school zone is \$75 plus court costs which can put a dent in anyone's wallet, but the most important reason to use caution and observe the speed limit is to protect our children and other pedestrians. The Jerome Police Department wishes everyone a happy summer and urges motorists to obey speed signs and drive safely during the upcoming summer season.

- Chief Dan Hall, Police Department

## NEW WADING POOL AT THE JRD

Construction has begun on a new wading pool at the Jerome Recreation District. The project is being funded by the Jerome Recreation District and the Jerome Rotary Club. The District's current pool is 3 feet deep in the shallowest areas and limits the opportunities for younger swimmers and people with small children. The wading pool will be available for children seven and under with the anticipated completion date of May 25th. The new wading pool will be 16 X 36 and will have water features and a maximum depth of 18 inches. The District's Free Swim Day will be May 31st from 1-4 PM and then the pool will be open for normal business hours beginning June 1st.

- Provided by the Jerome Recreation District



## ELECTION DAY IS MAY 21<sup>st</sup> - POLLING LOCATIONS

<u>Precincts</u>	<u>Polling Places</u>
#1 Bishop-Court	Episcopal Parish Hall, 201 S. Adams, Jerome
#6 Northeast	Jerome City Library, 100 First Avenue East, Jerome
#7 Northwest	Jerome School Dist.#261, 125 4th Ave West (Old Middle School Gym), Jerome
#8 Shepherd-View	Jerome Middle School (New), 520 10th Ave. West, Jerome
#9 Southeast	Senior Citizen Center, 520 N. Lincoln, Jerome
#10 Southwest	Jerome School Dist. #261, 125 4th Ave West (Old Middle School Gym), Jerome
Absentee Voting	Jerome County Judicial Annex, 233 W. Main, Jerome

***If there are any questions, please contact the Jerome County Clerk at (208) 644-2714.***



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WISDOM: TERRORISM

The likelihood of you and your family being at or near a terrorist event is rare. However, simple preparation, putting tools and plans in place, is somewhat like having a working smoke detector. When you need it, it is there for you. The family preparing for the unexpected makes sense.

### Preparing for Terrorism

- Wherever you are, be aware of your surroundings. The very nature of terrorism suggests there may be little or no warning.
- Take precautions when traveling. Be aware of conspicuous or unusual behavior. Do not accept packages from strangers. Do not leave luggage unattended. Unusual behavior, suspicious packages and strange devices should be promptly reported to the police or security personnel.
- Do not be afraid to move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right.
- Learn where emergency exits are located in buildings you frequent. Take notice where exits and staircases are located when you enter unfamiliar buildings. Assemble a disaster supply kit at home and learn first aid.

**Chemical Attack...** Signs of a chemical attack would include many people suffering from watery eyes, choking and having trouble breathing and many sick or dead birds, fish or small animals. If you suspect a chemical attack has occurred:

- Avoid the contaminated area. Either get away from the area or shelter in place, using the option that minimizes your exposure to the chemical.
- Wash with soap and water immediately if you were exposed to a chemical.
- Seek medical attention.
- Notify local law enforcement or health authorities.

**Biological Attack...** A biological attack may not be immediately obvious.

Patterns of unusual illnesses or a surge of sick people seeking medical treatment may be the first sign of an attack. If you believe there has been a suspicious release of biological substances:

- Quickly get away from the area.
- Cover your mouth and nose with layers of fabric, such as a t-shirt or towel.
- Wash with soap and water.
- Contact local law enforcement or health authorities

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING!**

-Clint Blackwood, Jerome County Office of Emergency Management

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## PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

The City of Jerome Fire Department is making great progress toward completing their live fire training facility at fire station 2. This project has been in the planning process for the last few years and is now becoming a reality. Countless hours of planning and fundraising are beginning to pay off as we can now see visible signs that the facility is starting to come together. The ground work is done and the conex boxes are in place. Door and window frames are being fabricated. The Fire Department is waiting for the steel deck to be delivered and they have ordered the needed materials for the roof props. We could not have made the progress that we have without the generous donations from some of our local businesses and residents of the community. We would like to thank Kenny Vanderham, Idaho Excavators Inc., Barry Rental, Walmart, Bill Millenkamp Cattle, Canyonside Towing, and REE-Construction for their support. We would also like to thank the City of Jerome, IAFF Local 4589, and the Association of Jerome City Firefighters for their support in helping to make this project happen. As we continue working on this project we are able to see a light at the end of the tunnel. We anticipate that the project will be completed this fall and look forward to using the facility for a Firefighter Essentials class at that time. We will keep everyone updated as progress continues and once again would like to thank everyone that has been and continues to support our efforts.

- David LaCelle, Lieutenant



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## Jerome Recreation District

### MAY EVENTS:

#### May Kids Night - Science Night!

- May 10th
- 7 pm – 9 pm

#### Tennis Camp

- June 10-14 from 10AM -12PM - City Courts
- Incoming 3rd- 8th graders
- Need tennis racket & can of tennis balls

#### Swimming Lessons

- Registration opens May 16th at 6AM

#### Golf Lessons

- July 23, 24 & 25
- Ages 6-11 - 8:15-9:15 AM
- Ages 12-17 - 9:30-10:30 AM
- Adults - 6:00-7:15PM
- Lessons at Jerome Country Club
- Space is limited to 12 participants per age group

#### Swim Team

- Practice - 7AM

#### Bikini Boot Camp

- Monday & Wednesday 5:30 -6:15PM

#### Water Arobics

- Sessions start June 10 at 5:30PM

- FREE SWIM DAY
- MAY 31st from 1-4PM

### Check our website for the latest information:

[www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com](http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com)

or visit the JRD at  
 2032 South Linclon in Jerome

## Library Events in May

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- KidZ Gaming- Every Tuesday @ 3:30 pm
- KidZ FlickZ- Every Wednesday @ 3:30 pm
- Every Child Ready to Read: Every Tuesday & Wednesday @ 5:45 pm (Registration Required)
- Family Story time: Every Friday @ 10 am & 1 pm
- Fun with Math & Science: Thursday, May 23rd @ 5:45 pm (Registration Required)



Get Ready for Summer Reading at the Library! Registration is open and the “Dig into Reading” program begins in June.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Please inquire at the library: 324-5427

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

### Friends of the Jerome Library Book Sale

#### *Special Preview Sale*

May 1, 2013 from 5PM - 7PM

#### *Book Sale & Bake Sale*

May 3, 2013 from 10AM -5PM

May 4, 2013 from 10AM - 2PM

Book Signing with local author W.M. Strange - May 3, 2013 from 1PM - 5PM

### Wastewater Open House Schedule

May 2, 2013: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Jerome Recreation Center Small Gym

May 13, 2013: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Jerome High School Cafeteria

May 20, 2013: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Jerome Public Library

**IDAHO GIVES DAY - May 2, 2012**

[www.idahogives.org](http://www.idahogives.org)



## WELCOME NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Please welcome the newest employees to the City of Jerome:

Jaime Noriega, Water Operator/Irrigator

Jaime is the newest employee in the Public Works Department. We are excited to have Jaime's wide range of skills. You will see Jaime helping with Irrigation this summer. Please welcome him to our team!

Sarah Hope, Circulation Technician

Sarah has a background in libraries. She also has many hours of volunteering and being active in our community. We are excited to have Sarah joining our team and greeting our library patrons!

- Ida Guffy, Human Resources Specialist

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