



The City Newsletter

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City of Jerome Selects New Finance Director: Ross Hyatt

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The City of Jerome recently completed a nationwide search for a new Finance Director. The Finance Director serves as the City's Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and is responsible for financial oversight, the City's budget, accounting, auditing and related financial operations. The applicants were narrowed to three candidates and two of the finalists accepted interviews. The City of Jerome selected Ross Hyatt to serve as the City's next Finance Director. He was appointed by Mayor Davis as the City's Treasurer on April 29, 2014.



Mr. Hyatt previously served as the City's Finance Director/ Treasurer from August 2009 – March 2013. He has a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from Utah State University and he is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Mr. Hyatt stated "I'm happy to be back with the City of Jerome and am looking forward to working with the Mayor, Council, and City Staff. I believe the citizens demand and deserve a government that is transparent with the public funds entrusted to it. I hope to improve that transparency through the budget process, budget and financial document compilation for public review, and general financial advisement. I'm also looking forward to assisting the Mayor and City Administrator in finding efficiencies in current City operations as well as planning for a future that strikes the right balance between citizen needs and City services."

Syringa Wireless Community Skate Park

The Syringa Wireless Community Skate Park is scheduled to be completed on July 1, 2014. This is an exciting dream come true for many of the skaters in Jerome! A skate park in Jerome began as a goal of the Jerome Skate Park Coalition. A group of dedicated community individuals worked hard to get the project designed, funded, and now created. The members of the Coalition included: Bob Culver,

Bryan Craig, Charlie Howell, Dan Kennedy, Darynn Glodowski, Gary Warr, Ed Walters, Jack Johnson, Joey Pacheco, Kathy Markus, Ryan Ellsworth, Ryan Glodowski, and Shonna Fraser.



The coalition raised enough funds to build a 4,975 square foot park. Syringa Wireless donated funds to complete the 7,200 square foot park. The donation from Syringa Wireless allowed the addition of many street skating features and greatly enhanced the skate park.

Construction of the park began on April 7, 2014. Many members of the community came out to celebrate the ground breaking. Several of the community donors were present.

City Council

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

Council Meets:

- May 6th
- May 20th
- June 3rd
- June 17th

For a copy of the most recent agenda, visit our website or email:

sfraser@ci.jerome.id.us

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The skate park will provide a place for children to express themselves in an individual and athletic manner. Skating is one of the nation's fastest growing sports and now rivals football and basketball as the most popular activities among youth. Skateboarding is an activity for all ages and is available year round.

The skate park is expected to provide the community of Jerome with the following benefits:

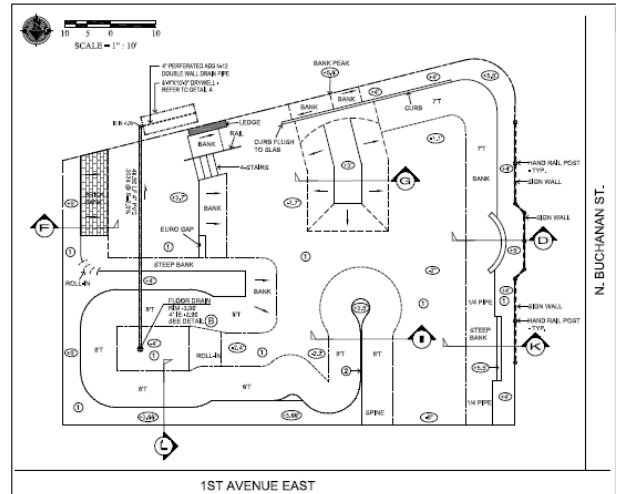
- Help diversify the physical activities available in our community
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Help to build social skills
- Have a positive effect on the skater's mental health
- Reduce criminal activity
- Attract tourism

The community of Jerome has been very supportive of this project. We would like to thank the community members who have generously donated to the park and made it a reality:

ABC Agra, Action Cycles'n Sleds, A-OK Autos – Texas, Best Western, Big Sky & Southview Dairies, Breck & Desiree Glassinger, Brian & Sandy Pittock, C&S Capital Corp – Kansas, Charles & Ann Schabacker, City of Jerome, Clay Volkens Transport, Con Paulos Chevrolet Inc., Country Auto, Dairy Queen – Jerome, Dairy Queen – TF, Diane Holly, DL Evans Bank, Dreamland Skateparks, Farmers National Bank, Farnsworth Mortuary, First Baptist, First Federal Bank, Fred Kenyon Repair, Greg Sorenson, Hilex Poly, Idaho Community Foundation, Idaho Concrete, Idaho Gives, Idaho Sand & Gravel, In Memory of Jim Glodowski, Jerome Auto Body, Jerome County, Jerome Fire Union, Jerome Recreation District, Jerome Rotary, Keystone Construction, Land Title & Escrow, M&M Group, McDonald's, Nelsen Farms LLC, Northside Construction, Oasis Stop & Go, O'Riley Auto Parts, Pacific Steel & Recycling, Prescott & Craig, Project Mutual Telephone, Rite Stuff Foods, Ron's American Car Care LLC, Scarrow Meats Inc, Scott Jackson Trucking, Si-Ellen Farms, Sooper Ads, St. Luke's Employees, Syringa Wireless, Thompson, Tony Hawk, Twin Stop Chevron – Jerome, United Way, and Williams, Meservey & Lothspeich.

The coalition would like to further enhance the park by adding concrete and seating areas. The estimated cost of this additions is \$15,000. If you are interested in donating, please contact Kathy Markus at 208-324-8189 x141.

- Kathy Markus, Jerome Skate Park Coalition Chairman



DOOR HANGER NOTICE

Effective June 1, 2014 the City of Jerome will **no longer issue a door hanger** as notification prior to disconnection of water service for delinquency, you will still continue to receive notices in the mail.

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 2014 Graduation. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium.



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Public Works Department

Have you ever wondered what the Public Works Department is responsible for? We have compiled a brief overview of the four divisions and their daily tasks to give you a better understanding of this department. Public Works is composed of four major divisions, Streets, Parks, Water, and Irrigation.

Streets – the Streets Division is responsible for maintaining the roadway system. They repair and replace the asphalt, perform the annual chip seal project (which helps extend the life of our asphalt roadways), paint the stripes on the streets that help guide us when we drive, sweep the streets, and repair and replace storm drain lines and culverts. This division is also responsible for repairing, replacing and installing all roadway signs, such as “stop” signs, speed limit signs, “school zone” signs etc. In addition, they maintain the traffic lights at Lincoln and Nez Perce and Lincoln and Yakima as well as the Hawk systems. Lastly, they are responsible for plowing the snow during the winter months.



Parks – Parks Division maintains a total of approximately 35 acres, the equivalent of 26 football fields! They mow the lawn, control the weeds, trim bushes and trees, rake leaves, maintain the sprinkler systems, and program time clocks. This division also assists in setting up and taking down for special events. As astonishing as it sounds, all of the tasks in the Parks division are performed by a single individual.

Water – the Water Division operates and maintains the production facilities that pump water from the ground. They repair, replace and install new water mains and water services throughout town. They also maintain the water valves, fire hydrants, water meters, pressure control valves, and water storage tanks. These individuals go out and mark the locations of the City’s water, sewer and irrigation lines when someone calls “Digline”. If you are digging up the ground, you must first call “Digline”, by dialing 811, two working days in advance of your proposed excavation. The operator will ask you specifics about your project, such as where, when, and what it is that you are doing. The call center then notifies the City and other utilities so that they can mark their lines to prevent any damage. The Water division also assists customers with any other issues with their water service that may arise.

Irrigation – the Irrigation Division uses the winter months to get caught up on work that they cannot complete during the irrigation season. This division is responsible for handling calls for flooding. They also assist community members when they are not receiving enough irrigation water, this can occur when the lines are blocked or when someone has diverted the water. The crews build new lids for boxes, set new services, repair leaking services and main lines, dig out ditches, and burn the weeds from ditch banks prior to the arrival of the water.

The Public Works Department performs a variety of tasks on a daily basis to ensure that our community’s needs are met. They are a very talented group of individuals, who are willing to assist in any way then can. Next time you see them in the field, let them know how thankful you are for all they do.

- Larry Bybee, Water Operations Supervisor

Senior Center News

The Jerome Senior Center will be hosting the second annual Craft Show and Bake Sale Saturday June 7th from 9-3. If you are a vendor or crafter and would like to participate, please stop by the Senior Center to pick up an application or contact Kristine Shelton at 324-5642. The cost is \$15.00 per table.

You are invited to attend the monthly All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet Sunday May 25th from 11:30-1:30. Meet your family and friends and enjoy biscuits & gravy, ham, scrambled eggs, hash browns, made to order omelets and fresh fruit. Beverages are included and the cost is \$5.00. All proceeds go to benefit the Home delivered Meal Program.

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City of Jerome Board Vacancy

The Planning & Zoning Commission has a board member vacancy. The term will end in February of 2018. The Planning & Zoning Commission makes land use decisions based on Title 17 of the Jerome Municipal Code and makes recommendations to the City Council. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7PM. This is a great way to be involved in the community. In order to serve, you must have resided for the past two years within the City limits and must remain a resident of the City during your service on the Commission.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in serving please contact Zoe Monahan, Community Development Director, at 324-8189 x 101 or via e-mail at zmonahan@ci.jerome.id.us. The deadline for the first review is Friday, May 16, 2014.

What's Happening At The Library

'Make It' Idaho Project

The 'Make It' Idaho Project is a pilot project, which was implemented in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The project is designed to support the creation of Makerspaces in Idaho libraries and encourage the delivery of library services to digital users "where they live." The Idaho Commission for Libraries provides the necessary materials and trainings to implement creative, STEAM-based programming for tweens and teens. (STEAM programming is a hands-on approach used to teach Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts.) This year, libraries were encouraged to apply to participate in the program for a 2-year period of time. The Jerome Public Library applied to be a participant in this project, and the application was approved. Staff attended a training and received a brick Lab containing more than 6000 pieces as well as four FischerTechnik kits. Alison Morgan and Edie Waite from the Jerome Library staff will be attend a training focusing on the use of robotics and will return with some robotic kits.

The first 'Make It' stealth program kept the teens and tweens busy during the week of Spring Break with the 'Make It Docking Station'. There were approximately 39 participants during the week! They were able to make homemade speakers (aka Docking Station) that would fit a cell phone or iPod by using only two disposable coffee cups and an empty toilet paper roll.

The next 'Make It' event will be on Monday, May 12th at 3:30 pm. You are invited to attend the 'Noodle It' challenge! For more information on the 'Make It At the Library' programs you can check the Jerome Public Library Facebook page, the city website or call the library at 324-5427.

Youth Summer Reading

The "Little Einsteins" reading program was developed specifically for the needs of preschool aged children. They will meet on Tuesdays at 10AM. The program is scheduled from June 10th – July 22nd.

The "Fizz, Boom, Read!" program is perfect for children in grades K – 5th grade. The program focuses on 'hands on' science projects and presentations. Children are also given reading logs to fill out. Prizes will be awarded to those that return the completed reading logs. They will meet on Thursdays at 10AM. The program is scheduled from June 12th – July 24th.

For more information on summer reading and to get the schedule, contact the Jerome Public Library at 324-5427.

Adult Programs

The library will host Basic Computer classes this summer. The first 4-week course is scheduled to begin June 5th at 11AM. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit the library to sign up. The classes are free of charge.

The library currently hosts two book clubs, the Classic Book Club and the Contemporary Fiction Book Club. The Classic Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. They are currently is reading Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The House of the Seven Gables*, and will meet at 7PM on May 5th. The Contemporary Book Club choice is *Hazardous Duty* by W.E.B Griffin. They meet the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be Monday, May 5th at 7PM when the next book will be chosen. No registration is required for either book club. Simply check out or locate a book and join us for the discussion.

You are invited to save the date for the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Traveling Wall

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) is coming to Jerome, Idaho. An 80% replica of the Vietnam Wall named the "AVTT Traveling Wall" will be on display.

This event is open to the public and admission is free!

Location: Summit Elementary School (200 10th Ave W, Jerome)

Open to the Public August 7 at 1PM - August 10 at 3PM

*Assistance to find a fallen hero on the wall available
August 8-9 from 8AM - 8PM & August 10 from 8AM - 2PM*

- * Traveling Wall Escort August 6th at 4 PM
- * Event Ceremony August 9th at 10 AM
- * Closing Ceremony August 10th at 2 PM

***Don't miss this opportunity to Honor,
Respect, and Remember our American heroes!***



**Area Veterans groups have partnered with the City of Jerome
to make this event possible.**

Tax deductible donations are being accepted, payable to: Vietnam War Commemorative Fund/VFW can be sent to Vietnam War Commemorative Fund/VFW, ICO: Gib Belasquez, 100 5th Avenue East, Wendell, ID. 83355.

City of Jerome, Idaho

Partner Veterans Groups

American Legion Post 46 – Jerome

V.F.W. Post 3001 – Jerome

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 46 – Jerome

V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 3001 – Jerome

VFW Department of Idaho District 6

VFW Ladies Auxiliary District 6

The Twin Falls Veterans Council including;

American Legion Post 7

American Legion Riders

Post 7 - Magic Valley Detachment Marine Corps League

V.F.W. Post 2136

V.F.W. Post 3604

Disabled American Veterans - Stradley Chapter 5

The United States Submarine Veterans—Trout Base Vietnam Vets/ Vietnam Legacy MC.

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**Jerome
Recreation
District**

Kid's Night

- May 16th – 7-9 PM
- Crafts, Snacks & Activities!
- It's a fiesta!

Swimming Lesson Sign-Ups

- May 22nd at 6 AM
- Register on-line or in the office
- Private lessons available
- FREE Swim Day – June 5th 1-4 PM

Tennis Camp

- Beginners – minimum 8 years old
June 9th – June 13th
- Intermediate June 16th – June 20th
- 10AM-12PM – City Courts
- Need to bring tennis racket and a can of tennis balls

Golf Lessons

- July 29th, 30th, and 31st
- Ages 6 – 11 8:15-9:15 AM
- Ages 12 – 17 9:30-10:30 AM
- Adults 6-7:15 PM
- Limited to 12 participants per age group

'Run for Recovery' 5K Fun Run/Walk

- May 31st – 8AM
- By Donation
- Refreshments served after the race

Water Aerobics

- Monday – Thursday 5:30-6:15 PM
- 3 sessions available – start June 16th

**Check out their website for class schedules and the latest JRD information:
www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com**

Jerome Recreation District
2032 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338
(208)324-3389

EVENTS IN MAY

YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Game Day – Tuesdays 3:30PM
- Story Time – Fridays 10AM & 1PM
- Movies – Fridays 2:30PM
- Anime Club – Fridays 3:30PM



Contact the Library at 324-5427 for adult programs.

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS – Gary & Marcia Luther will be teaching a series of four family history classes Friday evenings from 7-9 PM at the Jerome Public Library. Classes begin May 16th and continue through June 6th. Please contact the library for more information.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Meet the Candidates Night, May 15, 7 p.m., at the Jerome Public Library. Meet the incumbents and challengers running for office. Hosted by the Jerome Civic Club. Refreshments will be served. 324-8210

American Legion Auxiliary meeting May 4, 4 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East. 944-4300

Jerome Civic Club meeting May 13, 1 p.m. at the Jerome Public Library. All women are welcome. They support the Library and CASA. 324-8210

Friends of the Jerome Library meeting, May 8, 10 a.m. at Jerome Public Library. 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society meeting, May 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Depot Museum 212 East First Ave, Jerome. 324-5641 or 421-6632

Idaho Writers League Twin Falls area chapter meeting May 17, 10 a.m. KMVT Community Room, North Blue Lakes Blvd, Twin Falls. 324-4813 or 421-6632

Idaho Gives Day – May 1, 2014 www.idahogives.org

- Esmeralda Chavez



EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

The City of Jerome would like to thank our employees with May anniversary dates for their years of service:

- Kenneth Vieu – Lead Water Operator 12 years
- Sonny Henry – Assistant Building Official 8 years
- Oliver Phipps – Wastewater Maintenance Operator 3 years
- David Edwards – Patrol Officer 1 year

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