

# The City Newsletter

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Welcome to the  
CITY OF JEROME

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## City Council

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

### Council Meets:

- December 6<sup>th</sup>
- December 20<sup>th</sup>
- January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- January 17<sup>th</sup>

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

## The City of Jerome Now Offers Online Bill Payment

Weary from writing checks? Spent on buying stamps? The City of Jerome has teamed up with Xpress Bill Pay to offer residents the ability to pay their bills online. This new service is in response to customer requests for faster and more convenient bill payment options.

The new service will give residents the ability to view, track, and pay their city bills through the secure Xpress Bill Pay website. Various payment options are available including credit and debit cards and electronic funds transfer. Customers can also setup automatic monthly payments and view up to a full year's history of their accounts.

The options are a great service to residents and also help the city. Ross Hyatt, Finance Director, stated "The service not only gives customers the ultimate flexibility when it comes to paying their bills but also helps us reduce administrative costs for the city. The service allows residents to receive and pay their bills online, and view their billing history to track expenses. With their experience in online bill payment and strong customer focus, Xpress Bill Pay is a great ally for us in this new service."

Residents can learn more about Xpress Bill Pay by visiting <http://www.ci.jerome.id.us/> or by calling City Hall at 324-8189.



## Jerome City Fire Department Seeks Volunteers

The Jerome City Fire Department is seeking volunteers who live in the Jerome area to supplement our part-time and full time staff. No experience is required. All training, uniforms and safety equipment are provided. We will have an open house at Jerome City Fire Headquarters, 110 W Yakima Ave, Jerome, ID 83338 across from McDonalds, on Wednesday December 7th 2016 at 7pm to answer any questions, tour the fire station and explain the requirements.

Volunteer applicants must complete an application available online or at fire headquarters (due on December 14, 2016) pass a background check, a drug screening, and be in good physical condition for strenuous work, complete the annual physical ability course in time specified (to attempt the physical ability course, you must have a form filled out by a physician attesting to your physical wellbeing). Volunteer members are required to attend scheduled trainings and complete all required classes in specified timeframes. Please direct any questions to Chief Hughes at [thughes@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:thughes@ci.jerome.id.us) or Deputy Chief Presnell at [jpresnell@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:jpresnell@ci.jerome.id.us).

*"We Believe"*  
**Christmas in  
Jerome**

**Saturday-December 10, 2016 at North Park**

**Pictures with Santa!**

Free Food, Drinks & Activities

**4 PM until 6 PM!**

**Lights Parade**

Parade Begins @ 6PM  
at Franklin Building Supply  
and ends at North Park



**D. L. Evans Bank**  
"Idaho's Hometown Community Bank Since 1904"



*Wright*  
**PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
JOINT • SPINE • SPORT

For more information/registration for the parade - Contact the  
Jerome Chamber of Commerce at 208.324.2711 or [visitjeromeidaho.com](http://visitjeromeidaho.com)



## Jerome Public Library Events

### Monthly Events for Kids

Right after school on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Jerome Public Library will be hosting a Star Wars party for children in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Liberty has some games, crafts and competitions planned!

### Jr. Make It – Thursdays at 3:45 pm

(Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Gingerbread Houses

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Sugar Cone Christmas Trees

### Make It – Tuesdays at 3:30 pm

(Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas tree from a magazine

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Ornaments



On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the library will have some fun Christmas plans. Don Ritchey will perform a special Christmas Sing-Along for children of all ages. Parents, you will love it, too. Following the program, we will have crafts, refreshments and a book giveaway for our little ones, and our Jr. Makers.

### Need a Christmas gift idea?

If you know someone who lives out of town, how about purchasing a library card? We have a library user who is stationed overseas. He is able to access all of our online resources. Anyone who has a library card could check out eBooks and eAudios, learn a language on Mango Languages or help their young children learn a second language on Little Pim without ever having to visit the library.



### Thank you!

Martin Bender completed a successful Senior Project at Barnes & Nobles in Twin Falls. For his project he ran a Barnes & Noble Book Fair. This was an opportunity to raise literacy awareness and provide a donation to a non-profit literacy organization.

Martin chose Jerome Public Library to receive a percent of the sales that day. He was in charge of planning the book fair, advertising and had the opportunity to experience working with personnel at Barnes & Noble and the library.

## Fallen First Responders Memorial Table

Jerome City Police Department held our Annual Police Department Awards Banquet Saturday November 5, 2016. We wanted to share with you a special portion of the program. Our hearts are broken and we mourn the loss of so many this year around the country.

As you entered the dining area, you may have noticed our special table, set for one. The empty place, is a place of honor. It represents Americans who have fallen in the line of duty-protecting others. While members of our military, our nation's heroes, answer the call to serve the cause of freedom around the world, our other heroes, a select few American citizens across the country answer another call, one of daily self-sacrifice to protect others. These heroes are the ones rushing INTO burning buildings, running TOWARD gun fire and GIVING lifesaving care; our nation's first responders: law enforcement, firefighters and emergency personnel.



Please allow me to explain the meaning of our special table, and join me for a moment of silence and a silent toast at the end.

Our Fallen First Responder table is square, showing the many facets of our first responders: father or mother, brother or sister, son or daughter and citizen hero.

The white tablecloth symbolizes the purity of the motives when answering the alarm.

The single red rose represents our love for our fallen comrades and the sacrifice that was made to protect the innocent.

The bible open to Psalm 91, represents the strength gained through faith in our God who sustains and protects us.

The slice of lemon reminds us of the bitter taste that we have after losing a comrade or loved one.

The pinch of salt represents the tears we have shed for our fallen comrades.

The blue ribbon represents our trust in and loyalty to our comrades present today.

The lit candle is the light of hope that all will return home safety tonight.

The glass is inverted representing their inability to share this evening's toast.

The chair is empty...they are missing.

Please rise for a moment of silence.

Let us now raise our water glasses in a toast to honor America's First Responders and to the success of efforts to minimize line of duty deaths.

## CSI Jerome Community Education Courses

### Survival Spanish—Beginning

Enjoy Learning Spanish in a comfortable and relaxed environment. There is no grammar, very little writing, and no tests! You will have fun learning common phrases by conversing with each other. This is the perfect course if you are a beginner or need a refresher course.

Thursday Jan. 19 - Mar. 9  
6-8 p.m. Jerome Center  
\$99 Instructor: Lupe Corbin

### Handmade Journal

Don't you just love going through a handmade journal and wishing you could have one, too? Now you can! You will learn fun and creative techniques to get you started on your very own journal. Soon you'll be off and on your way to owning a fabulous book to be treasured! This class will show you how to make a book from beginning to end. The result is a beautiful work of art that you can give as a gift or fill with your own drawings, notes and photos.

Saturday Feb. 4-18  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Jerome High School Room E260  
\$89 Instructor: Keith Farnsworth – \$5 paid to instructor for supplies

### Gentle Chair Yoga

Enjoy the benefits of a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or using it for support in standing poses. While seated on chair you will learn to do versions of twists, hip stretches, forward bends, and mild backbends. Apply these techniques for mini yoga breaks at work, a long plane ride, or any other time you need to balance the mind, increase blood flow, and boost your energy. Enjoy a yoga practice that is invigorating, fun, and accessible, but most of all, effective.

Saturday Feb. 11  
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Jerome Center  
\$25 Instructor: Sandra Bernsen

### Beginning Meditation

Learn the art and benefits of meditation through mindful breathing & visualization. Calm your mind and relax your body. Begin living with more ease and joy and reduce your daily stress.

Tuesday Feb. 7-28  
6-8 p.m. Jerome Center  
\$48 Instructor: Sandra Bernsen  
CD will be available for purchase at the end of class for \$5.

Registration Information at: <http://communityed.csi.edu> or (208) 324-5101.

## Jerome Senior Center

December 2016    JEROME SENIOR CENTER 520 N. Lincoln Ave., Jerome 208-324-5642  
 Jeromeseniorcenter.com    [jeromeseniorcenter@aol.com](mailto:jeromeseniorcenter@aol.com)    join us on facebook©  
 Open 8am – 4 pm Monday - Friday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pinochle 1pm Hand & Foot 1pm Freewill Baptist Potluck 6 pm Women's Pool 6:30pm	2 P PINOCHLE 1PM Joski Insurance  BINGO	3 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 11am-1pm
4 Dance & Potluck w/ Music Melody Masters 2-5 pm	5 RICKY LEE 11:30 Bridge 12:30 Bunco 12:45	6 Pinochle 1 pm Blood Pressure 11:30 Foot Clinic 1pm	7 Country Boys Band 11:30 Women's Pool 1pm Stitch & Time 1pm Pinochle 7pm	8 Pinochle 1pm Hand & Foot 1pm Women's Pool 6:30 pm	9 PINOCHLE 1PM Joski Insurance BOD Speeches BINGO	10
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25	26 CLOSED	27 Pinochle 1 pm	28 Country Boys Band 11:30 Women's Pool 1 pm Pinochle 7 pm	29 Pinochle 1pm Hand & Foot 1pm Women's Pool 7 pm	30 PINOCHLE 1PM  BINGO	31

Fitness Classes with certified Instructors, Muscular Strength & Range of Movement Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday @ 10:30 am  
 Monday & Thursday Evenings @ 5:20 pm Yoga Stretch Thursday Mornings @ 10:30 am

## Jerome School District News

### Jefferson Elementary

You are invited to attend our Christmas Concerts. Mrs. Lock and the students have been working very hard to prepare. We hope to see you there!

- Dec. 19 - AM Kinder @ 10 a.m. and PM Kinder @ 2 p.m.
- Dec 20 - 1st Grade- @ 9:30 a.m.
- Dec 20 - 2nd Grade-@ 2 p.m.
- Dec 21 - 3rd Grade @ 9:30 a.m.

### Horizon Elementary

Horizon's holiday concert schedule will be:

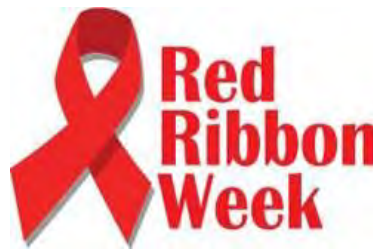
- Dec. 15 - 2nd Grade @ 1 p.m.
- Dec. 16 - 1st Grade @ 1 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - AM Kinder @ 10 a.m. and PM Kinder @ 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20 - 3rd Grade @ 1 p.m.

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**Summit Elementary:**

Summit would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our community members. Their support in our Fall Fling was greatly appreciated. Because of businesses like theirs, our annual event was a tremendous success. The Summit TEAM was so excited to see all the continued support and we look forward to TEAMING up with them again next year.

We recognized the Halloween Monster Dash, Thriller Flash Mob and Fall Fling during RED RIBBON WEEK. Various days consisted of unique and fun themes, making the week busy, memorable and enjoyable. The weather cooperated, allowing our little ghosts and goblins to run their mile. To see their smiles, check out the pictures from the various activities on Summit's website, Facebook and Twitter page.



\*SPECIAL THANKS to our special friends, parents and guardians who attended and joined in on the fun.

Summit was awarded \$250.00 for Walktober. How awesome is that? Our kids walked so much we doubled our average miles. The students averaged 8 miles this year and last year they averaged 3.5. Way to go Summit students!

Ms. Aufderheide and students have been working hard to get ready for their Christmas performances. Please come and enjoy the show!

**Jerome Middle School**

Middle School concert Schedule:

Dec 13 - 6th and 7th-grade Concert

Dec 19 - Band Concert

Dec 20 - 8th-grade Concert



**Jerome High School**

Congratulations to the JHS Tiger Troupe! The Jerome Advanced Drama team had a dominant victory in their district drama tournament over the weekend, winning the title for the tenth year in a row.

The Tiger Troupe would like to express their gratitude to the students of JHS for their ongoing feedback and support, and to the teachers for their valuable insight, support, and for opening their classrooms for rehearsals and performances over the last few weeks. Wish the Tiger Troupe well as they prepare to fight for a state title at Couer D'Alene High School December 2nd and 3rd. Break a Leg!

**District Wide**

Jerome School District in conjunction with Jiffy Lube/Burton Group would like to recognize the outstanding work done by teachers in our district. Erin Heileman and Gayla Otto were recognized in October for the Jerome School District Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations to these two outstanding educators!

Jerome School District Food Pantry through the Idaho Foodbank is up and running. Hours are by appointment only Tuesdays-9:00-4:15 and Fridays 9:00-12:00. Contact Francisca 324-2392 at the district office for appointments.

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[WWW.CI.JEROME.ID.US](http://WWW.CI.JEROME.ID.US)



**Jerome  
 Recreation  
 District**

JRD Kids' Fit for Life Day Camp

- For Kids with Downs Syndrome
- January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Ages 8-15

Kids Science Night

- Dec 9
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

New Year's Weight Loss Challenge

- Begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Registration

- Registration thru Dec 31

Jingle Bell 5K Run

- Dec 17
- 8 a.m.

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- Registration thru Feb 14

Holiday Hours

- Dec 24<sup>th</sup>- Closing at 3:00 p.m.
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup>- Closed
- Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Open regular hours
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup>- Closing at 5:00 p.m.
- Jan 1<sup>st</sup>- Closed
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>- Open regular hours

Check out the website for class schedules and the latest JRD information:

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

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

**Library Events**

- ◆ Make It - Tuesdays after school until 5:00 p.m. for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Jr. Make It - Thursdays after school until 4:30 p.m. for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Don Ritchey Sing-Along - Thursdays from 4:00–4:30 p.m. for toddlers thru Kindergartners
- ◆ Storytime - Fridays at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Minecrafternoons - play Minecraft on the library server every day after school. No library card needed.
- ◆ Classic Book Club – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Contemporary Book Club – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



For more information, please call 324-5427 or visit the library.

**DECEMBER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES**

Gina Jerke	Account Clerk/Finance Asst.	12 years
Gary Taylor	Reserve Officer	8 years
Linda Mecham	Library Director	5 years
Sam Roach	Patrol Officer	4 years
Esmeralda Chavez	City Planner	3 years
Carla Colfack	Administrative Assistant	3 years
Bernadette Gomes	Account Clerk/City Clerk Asst.	3 years
Lyle Guffy	Water Operator	3 years
Malorie Kast	Wastewater Technician	3 years
Joseph Vanderwyst	Public Works Technician	2 years
Nathan Cernyar	Wastewater Operator	1 year
Katie Elliott	Management Assistant	1 year

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