



The City Newsletter

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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:

- February 7th
- February 21st

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

336 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Jerome would like express its gratitude to Marjorie Schmidt for

her fourteen years of dedicated service of listening and decision making. In January 1998, Marjorie Schmidt was appointed to the Jerome City Council to fill the vacancy left by newly elected Mayor Dennis Moore. For the next 336 first and third Tuesdays of each month, she knew where she would be: sitting in front of citizens, city employees, and assorted businessmen and women. This level of dedication and commitment is not an easy thing to maintain,

especially with tough issues on the agenda for the evening.



Marjorie Schmidt

Marj has served with three mayors and three city administrators. She served as Council President 2004-2011. She is a member of the Jerome Urban Renewal Board (2005) and has been the Chairperson of that board since 2009. She also serves on the Apprenticeship Advisory Board at CSI,

works full time with the Department of Labor, manages a business that she co-owns with her husband Terry, and is a member of Jerome Chamber of Commerce and Jerome Economic Development

Team. Jerome has seen a lot of changes with her at the helm and with many positive benefits to the citizens and the community.

The current mayor, John Shine, expressed significant gratitude for Marj's service to the City and its citizens. When asked about Marj's service to the City of Jerome, he said, "Marj has been 'the rock' for Jerome's City Council for many years, steadily and faithfully serving through seven sets of council men and women. I'm grateful for the influence she had on me and the support she provided me for the past 5 years. Her contribution was remarkable and she will be greatly missed."

We wish her well in all future endeavors and hope that she will stop in now and then to say hello.

FLOODS RIP THROUGH JEROME

After a calm, dry, winter season Jerome received more than the fair share of moisture within a few days' time in mid-January. Drainage issues became immediately apparent in Jerome and its surrounding areas



when standing water began to fill every available low-lying area within hours of the first major storm. The combination of heavy snows followed by rain created disastrous flooding which was unfortunately experienced by some members of our community. Employees

from the Public Works and Water Works Departments promptly intervened and handled the situation to the best of their abilities, preventing catastrophic damage to public infrastructure and private property.

The Public Works Department was called to action the weekend of January 21st after a canal located a half mile east of Jerome breached its banks with the increased flows. Affected areas generally consisted of the end of east 8th, 16th Ave E and Tiger Drive. These residents' homes were surrounded and inundated with up to 5 feet of water in



some cases. The Public Works and Water Works employees worked diligently through the night of the 21st to divert water, create sand berms, and assist with the cleanup after the flooding subsided.

Unfortunately, this is the second subsequent year when Jerome has experienced damaging flood weather. The city's irrigation system was designed for typical winter and spring storms, but not for unpredictable flash floods and torrential downpours. If floods continue, the city is committed to mitigating as much damage as possible while keeping our residents safe and comfortable.

If you have any questions concerning flooding in Jerome, please call the Public Works Department at 324-9669 or email wappell@ci.jerome.id.us.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

EMAIL ENews@CI.JEROME.ID.US OR CALL 208-324-8189
WWW.CI.JEROME.ID.US

BUILDING VALUATIONS INCREASED IN 2011

The final numbers are in for building projects in the city of Jerome for 2011. While total aggregate of permits are exactly what they were in 2010 (142 total building permits), it appears the total project value of the permits increased significantly in 2011.

The building permits include not only new construction but remodels and demolitions, as well as permits to allow a commercial property to place a sign at its location. In 2010 there were 48 commercial building permits with a total project value of \$5,146,418. For residential permits, there were 94 permits totaling \$5,832,160.20 in project value. In 2011 there were 69 commercial permits that



totalled \$7,771,033.70 and only a total of 73 residential permits at \$4,322,223.80.

Although the residential project value decreased by \$1,509,936.40 the commercial project value increased by \$2,624,615.70. This brings the 2011 total project value to an increase of \$1,114,679 over 2010 which is great news for Jerome's growing city.

A special thanks to the professionals in the building department for the City of Jerome for ensuring all the construction is being done in a safe and quality manner. If you have any questions regarding building permits in the City of Jerome, please contact the Building Department at 324-8189 extension 3.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: TIME FOR A GOOD BOOK!

Finally...the perfect 'curl up with a good book' weather has arrived. The library has a selected stack of books for the Let's Talk About It program. This year's theme is "Living in the Modern Rural West". The featured writers have a variety



of perspectives on rural life. Writers range in location from Washington, to Idaho, to Montana and present a realistic portrait of today's West. Book discussions will be led by scholars from CSI and ISU.

The program will be held at the library on Thursday evenings at 6:00. The first discussion is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th. You don't have to wait until March to start reading; the books are here now. Mark your calendar and don't be left out in the cold. Join us for refreshments and a lively discussion.

March 8

Bitterbrush Country: Living on the Edge of the Land by Diane Josephy Peavey. Speaker:



Kim Madsen, Asst. Prof. of English, CSI.

March 29

In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in an Unknown Country by Kim Barnes. Speaker: Steven Hall, Doctoral Student, ISU.



April 12

The Sky Fisherman by Craig Lesley. Speaker: Clark Draney, Prof. of English, CSI.

May 3

Traplins: Coming Home to the Sawtooth Valley by John Rember. Speaker: Shelley McEuen, Assoc. Prof. of English, CSI.

May 17

Winter Range by Claire Davis Speaker: Kim Madsen, Asst. Prof. of English, CSI.

Let's Talk About It is made possible by the Idaho Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, a generous gift from U.S. Bank, and administered by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

FIREFIGHTERS TRAINED YEARLY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Every year, the firefighters of the Jerome Fire Department must re-certify for delivering Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the City of Jerome. This means that each firefighter has to be trained in EMT Basic Level courses.

For this training, the City of Jerome has two firefighters who are certified EMS Instructors. Having certified instructors on staff saves the City money in training costs that otherwise would have been spent in sending firefighters to other communities for classes. It also allows the firefighters to train other firefighters or EMTs seeking EMS Training. In addition to EMS training, they can also teach CPR and First Aid.

In 2011, 63% of the calls the Fire Department responded to were for a Rescue & EMS. We have 4 different apparatus all equipped for EMS Service. In addition, both our Chief and Deputy Chief have small EMS kits in their command vehicles. This allows the Fire Department to respond quickly and efficiently to any emergency.

If you have any questions or comments for the Fire Department, please call 324-2323.



Senior Center Events!

• Super Bowl Sunday

Come join us at the Jerome Senior Center for Super Bowl Sunday and watch the game on the Big screen TV provided by Mel Quale's Electronics. We will be serving a full Baked Potato Bar with all the trimmings, Appetizers and refreshments. There will be games, prizes and lots of fun. And just for the ladies we will be playing Bunco and Pool. The fun starts at 5:30. The cost is \$5.00. For more information please contact Kris Shelton at 324-5642.

• Breakfast Buffet!

The Jerome Senior Center will be hosting a breakfast buffet on Saturday February 18th from 8-10am. On the buffet we will be serving Baked Ham, Scrambled eggs, Biscuits smothered with Sausage Gravy, Pancakes and freshly baked donuts. Coffee, tea and orange juice will also be served. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. For more information please contact Kris Shelton at 324-5642.

WELCOME LIZ ADAMS TO THE POLICE DEPT.



Elizabeth "Liz" Adams
 Administrative and
 Records Specialist

We are happy to have Liz and her experience in administration. She been with us for almost a month and is doing excellent. Welcome to the team!

HISTORY LECTURES AT THE LIBRARY

James Woods, CSI Associate Professor of Anthropology, will present two lectures on the Ancient Peoples and Artifacts of Southern Idaho. The topic will be covered in two separate lectures at Jerome Public Library.



James Woods, PhD

- **Lecture 1:**
 - Paleoindian period, 12000-7000 years ago
 - Saturday, February 4 at 3:00 pm
- **Lecture 2:**
 - Archaic to ethnographic historic period, 7000 years ago to 1800s
 - Saturday, February 25 at 3:00 pm

The public is welcome to attend these free programs sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council and the Friends of Jerome Public Library.

RECORD KEEPING AND CITATIONS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

First of all I would like to thank Cheryl and Liz at the Police Department for the time they allowed me from their busy schedule. We are lucky here in Jerome to have the people in uniform that we do.



Article by Firefighter
 Oscar Garcia

As a firefighter, I have had the honor of being able to work beside them but until recently, I had never been inside the Police Department. The office definitely has its hands full with keeping tabs on all the citations issued, which is the "behind-the-scenes" work that we don't ever really think about. The citation process has many steps and is cumbersome with paperwork and legal requirements. After an officer issues a citation, copies are made and there are different forms that have different destinations. All these pieces of information go out to the courts, the State Police, and also to the FBI depending on the situation. The Records Division of the Police Department has this responsibility, which also includes making sure the officers are informed of court appearances that need to be made and play the vital role of setting up training arrangements. This is no small task and I have come to appreciate all the things they do over there at PD to make this a safer place for all of us.

Check out the Idaho crime report on the Idaho State Police website. Enter "crime in Idaho" into the search bar and see statistics from anywhere in the state. This wouldn't be possible for Jerome if it wasn't for the hard work from the Records Division at The Jerome City Police Department.

Last but definitely not least, if you are in downtown Jerome, stop in say hello to the newest member of our Police Department team. Liz Adams started on January, 3 and has taken Ida Guffy's former position in Records Division.

If you have any questions or comments for the Police Department, please call 324-4358.

JEROME POLICE DEPARTMENT GOES DIGITAL

Director of Information Services, Kathy Markus, is currently working on converting the Police Department to an Electronic Ticketing System which will eliminate hand-written citations. The old system of hand writing citations has been in effect for as long as Kathy has worked for the City, which is 17 years.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it has been in effect for a lot longer than I have been here," says Kathy. Kathy adds, "This process is extremely time-consuming, as well as difficult to read and subject to error." Kathy estimates that over 12,000 tickets have been written just since 2001.

The current hand-written citations are duplicated in 5 parts, and must be hand entered into the computer system by the Records Clerk at the City Police Department, and then again by the Records Clerk at the County Courthouse. Using the Electronic Ticketing System, the Police Officer at the scene would scan the barcode on the Driver's License and the barcode on the registration form. Then the Officer would enter the violation into their Mobile Data Computer (MDC), and the electronic ticket will print at the scene. The data is then uploaded into the City's Record Management System, as well as the Records at the Court-

house. Overall, much less time will be spent with much less opportunity for human error.

Before the Electronic System can be implemented, Kathy Markus has to make sure that the Idaho Supreme Court, Jerome County, City of



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Jerome, and SIRCOMM, are using matching information tables regarding the Police Officer's information and the violation

code numbers. There can be no discrepancies in order to make the system work effectively and efficiently.

According to Kathy, most of the money for this new program has come from a grant received from the Idaho Transportation Department, with the City only contributing 20% of the total cost. In addition, the City qualifies for a foundational customer discount of 50% from Digiticket, the vendor supplying the program, because the City will be the first one to use their product in Idaho. "If all goes as planned, we should have Electronic Ticketing go into effect by the summer of this year" says Kathy, who has been working extremely hard to get this new and exciting program in place for the City of Jerome's Police Department.

SECOND ANNUAL POLICE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Jerome Police Department & the Jerome County Sheriff's Office are proud to sponsor their Third Annual Citizens Police Academy. In an effort to build a better relationships with those we serve, we are hosting this academy with the desire that the public in Jerome will be able to better understand why things are done in a certain way in terms of law enforcement.

Crime is a community problem. It takes everyone in the community to help make Jerome a place where we want to live and raise our families.

- **Date:** Thursday nights beginning March 1, 2012 for 6 weeks



- **Time:** 6:00P.M. to 10:00P.M.
- **Where:** Jerome Judicial Annex
- **Cost:** None

To attend the Academy:

- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- You must have a clean criminal record
- You must have a current driver's license
- You must be mentally and physically able to complete the courses presented

For any questions, please call Captain Dean Larson at 324-4328. We hope to see you all there!

TAX FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

It's tax season again and that means filling out forms and entering income from 2011. As usual, the Library is the best place in town to find all the tax forms necessary for all levels of complexity in tax returns.

These Federal tax forms are available at the Library:

- 1040A – Instruction booklets and forms
- 1040EZ – Instruction booklets and forms
- 1040 – Instruction booklets and forms
- Schedule SE – Self-employment tax form
- Schedule C-EZ – Net Profit from Business form
- Schedule C – Profit or Loss from Business form
- Schedule B – Interest and Ordinary Dividends form
- Schedule A – Itemized Deductions form
- Schedule EIC – Earned Income Credit form
- 4868 – Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File
- 8283 – Noncash Charitable Contribution form
- 8812 – Additional Child Tax Credit form
- 2441 – Child and Dependent Care Expenses form
- Publication 590 – Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)

Additional forms and instructions are available on the IRS website –

<http://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/index.html>

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Jerome High School
Auditorium
Jerome, Idaho
February 3, 2012
9:00AM-3:00PM

College of Southern Idaho
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Twin Falls, Idaho
February 4, 2012
10:00AM-4:00PM



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**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Upcoming Events for February:

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- Register now through February 14
- \$15 in district and \$25 out of district
- Clinic will be held Feb 14, 16, 21, and 23
- 4pm - 5pm
- *Must be in kindergarten

Craft and Fun Night!

- February 17, 2012
- 7 pm - 9 pm
- \$3 per participant or free if you currently have the "plus" membership
- Ages 4 and up!

New Classes Added

- Zumba - Tues - 5:30 pm
- Cardio Line Dancing - Thurs - 5:30PM
- CrossFit - Several class times added
- See the current class schedules for more information!

Spring Soccer Registration

- Register: February 6 - March 12
- Must be 4 yrs old on or before April 14
- \$15.00 / \$25.00 Out of District
- 4 week season

Check our website for the latest information:

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

Questions? Call (208) 324-3389

Library Events in February

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:

- Storytime every Friday at 10 am and 1 pm
- Children's Game Day every Tuesday at 3 pm
- Movie Day every Friday at 3 pm
- Valentines Party Tuesday Feb. 14 at 3 pm



EVENTS FOR TEENS:

- Teen Gaming every Thursday at 3:30 pm
- Youth Advisory Council Wednesday Feb. 22 at 4 pm
- Love Stinks! Chocolate Fest and Duct Tape Craft Monday Feb. 13 at 3:30 pm

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

- 2-day workshops to learn how to write resumes
- Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm
- 1st class, Feb. 6 and Feb. 8
- 2nd class, Feb. 13 and Feb. 15
- Class size is limited, sign up at the Library.

FEBRUARY ISSUE STAFF WRITERS

Oscar Garcia has been with the Fire Department for over two years. He reported on the Police Department for this issue.



Cheryl Peterson has worked for the Police Department for almost 15 years. She reported on Marj Schmidt for this issue.



Martie Maires has worked for the City of Jerome for 13 years. She reported on the IS Department for this issue.



Mike Harrison has worked for the City of Jerome for almost 3 years in the Fire Department. He reported on the Building Department for this issue.



Tony Preston has been with the IS Department for over two years. He reported on the Fire Department for this issue.



Silvia Rosales has worked at the Library for over a year. She reported on the Public Works Department for this issue.



Micah Austin, Community Development Director, edits and compiles the monthly e-Newsletter