

# The City Newsletter

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Welcome to the CITY OF JEROME

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## Potholes in the City

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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:

- February 16<sup>th</sup>
- March 1<sup>st</sup>
- March 15<sup>th</sup>
- April 5<sup>th</sup>

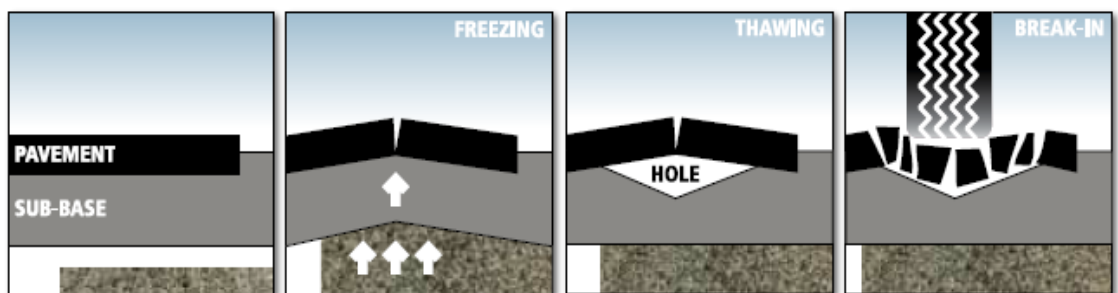
For a copy of the most recent agenda, visit our website or email: [sfraser@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:sfraser@ci.jerome.id.us)

The City has seen an increased number of potholes over the past months due to the freeze-thaw cycles. The Public Works Department works to get potholes patched as quickly as possible, weather permitting. The best time for pothole repairs is on dry days when the temperature is at least 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above. It has been too wet to make repairs using hot recycled asphalt, which offers a longer-lasting fix than the "cold patch" method. Cold patch is a temporary fix that is pliable in cold weather and is made from aggregate and an asphaltic material.

Potholes are created when the pavement or material beneath it cannot support the weight of the traffic it carries. Two factors are always present in such a failure: traffic and water. Potholes form when snow or rain seeps into cracks in the pavement and into the soil below, causing mud and eroding support as a hole forms under the pavement. Repeated freeze/thaw cycles and traffic cause the grounds to expand and push up the pavement. With temperature increases, the ground returns to its previous level. However, the pavement does not drop, which results in a gap between the road surface and the ground below. Vehicles driving over the raised pavement cause the surface to crack and fall into the hollow area below the pavement, which creates the pothole.

Public Works strives to prevent potholes through its annual road maintenance Chip Seal Program. The liquid asphalt coating and rock placed during this process prevent water from getting beneath the asphalt, which in turn prevents potholes from forming. Public Works crews "chip seal" approximately six lane miles of roadway each year. Additionally, the Public Works Department uses an asphalt crack sealant to fill as many of the cracks as possible to prevent water from seeping into the pavement.

To report a pothole within the City limits, please contact the Public Works Department at 324-9669.



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## Planning & Zoning Vacancy

The City of Jerome is accepting letters of interest for a vacancy in the Planning & Zoning Commission. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and be involved in the community.

The Commission makes land use decisions based on Title 17 of the Jerome Municipal Code for the City of Jerome and makes recommendations to the City Council. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7PM.

In order to serve, you must have lived within the City limits for the past two years and remain a resident of the City during your service on the Commission.

If you are interested in serving, please submit your letter of interest via e-mail to [echavez@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:echavez@ci.jerome.id.us).



## Kathy Cone Retires from the City

After serving the City of Jerome for twenty-six years, long time City Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Cone has made the decision to retire. She most recently served as the Assistant Finance Director for the city. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and citizens of Jerome for her hard work and dedication.



## School Zone Safety

The Public Works Department will be installing two new school zone speed limit signs with flashing lights to serve Horizon and Jefferson Elementary. The school zone speed limit signs advise drivers that they are entering a reduced speed school zone area between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Help us protect the children of Jerome by obeying these posted speeds. It only takes a split second to impact the lives of many.

The penalty for speeding in a School zone according to Idaho State Statute is \$156.50.



## The City Welcomes New Employees

### **Bek Alajbegovic, Patrol Officer**

Bek has over four years' experience as a Sheriff's Deputy and has his Basic Law Enforcement Certificate. Bek speaks four different languages.

### **Chelsea Wiegand, Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator**

Chelsea has a Bachelor's in Environmental Policy and Planning with work experience at BLM and Town of Menasha. We are excited to have Chelsea's background in environmental policy, field work and excellent customer service as part of the team!

### **Dolores Alaniz, Library Program Specialist**

Dolores has several years' experience in early childhood development and is Spanish-bilingual. We are excited to have her creative ideas influence the library programs.

### **Katie Elliott, Management Assistant**

Katie has a strong background in administrative duties with several years' experience in the county court as a Deputy Clerk. We are excited to have her positive attitude and new ideas!

### **Leigh-Ann Mayes, IT Field Technician**

Leigh-Ann has extensive experience in IT Support and holds several technical certifications. She is also a U.S. Army Veteran.

### **Liberty Johnson, Library Program Specialist**

Liberty has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. Her experience is with the YMCA and St. Alphonsus Early Learning Center in Boise. She will bring another creative aspect to the Library programs.

### **Michelle Frostenson, Assistant Finance Director**

Michelle has a Bachelor's in Accounting with thirteen years of governmental accounting and seven in municipal accounting. She also won the GFOA award for the City of Sun Valley's CAFR and Budget.

### **Mike Wratchford, Maintenance Tech/Code Enforcement**

Mike has several years of maintenance and landscaping experience. We are excited to have Mike's skill set and customer service as part of our team!

### **Nathan Cernyar, Wastewater Operator I**

Nathan currently has Wastewater II and Collections I certifications along with his CDL. Nathan has over 5 years' experience in wastewater and has been awarded the company Safety Award.





## City Administrator Visits Public Services

City Administrator Mike Williams made a goal of getting to know every employee and their duties. His first stop was the Public Works Department. Earlier this month he job shadowed Dennis Arbaugh and Brian Ahrens. Dennis joined the City of Jerome in 1990 and is currently responsible for operating the street sweeper. The City has approximately 145 miles of paved roadway and Dennis is able to complete his circuit in about a week. Mike saw first-hand the skill necessary to drive a 25,000 pound piece of machinery while operating the controls for the different features of the sweeper. The individual brooms all require constant adjustment in relationship to the relative position of the sweeper itself as it maneuvers around parked cars, navigates intersections and constantly monitors for pedestrians, especially children who may not be paying attention.



Mike also spent time with Brian Ahrens. Brian has been with the City since 2007 and is currently the Lead Operator in the Water Department. Brian and Mike made a repair on a leaking water service. Water leaks occur anytime of the year although more of them happen in the spring and fall as the ground moves due to the temperature swings. Mike was able to appreciate the dedication of our City employees as they endure cold temperatures and wet clothes to make sure our citizens have safe, reliable water service. Mike will be shadowing Dan Bowman and Andrew Bradley next month.



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## School District News

Jerome School District Foundation invites you to be a part of history! Supporters of Jerome School District can purchase engraved brick pavers that will be laid outside the west activities entrance of the newly remodeled Jerome High School. Don't miss your chance to take part in this historic event and show your support of the schools in the Jerome School District. To purchase a brick or for more information, please visit [www.jeromefoundation.org](http://www.jeromefoundation.org).



Horizon Elementary was awarded a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant for \$4,000. You can support our classrooms through Donor's Choose too! Teachers are always looking for ways to make their lessons and classrooms more meaningful. To donate, please go to [www.DonorsChoose.org](http://www.DonorsChoose.org) and on the left hand side of the website search for Jerome, Idaho.

If you would like to make a donation to the Jerome School District, please contact the school or Dr. Love at 324-2392 or via e-mail at [Brendalynn.Love@jeromeschools.org](mailto:Brendalynn.Love@jeromeschools.org).

## CSI Jerome Center

### Survival Spanish

**Tue**                      **Jan 26 - Mar 29**                      **6 to 8pm**

Enjoy learning Spanish in a comfortable and relaxed environment. There is no grammar, very little writing and no tests! Instead, you'll have fun learning common phrases by conversing with each other. This is perfect course if you are a beginner, or need a refresher course for travel. **Instructor:** Lupe Cisneros-Corbin    **Fee:** \$99

### CPR/AED Certification Class

**Thu**                      **Feb 18**                      **6 to 9pm**

This hands-on skills training prepares you to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. It also teaches the skills and knowledge needed to provide care for victims of sudden cardiac arrest through the safe use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Certification is good for 2 years. **Instructor:** Sue Jones, CSI Certified Nursing Instructor    **Fee:** \$59 (includes card and book)

### Everyday Financial Planning

**Sat**                      **Feb 13 - 20**                      **9 to 11:30am**

If the words invest, risk, retire, 401(k), IRA, and mutual fund make your head spin, come learn from a local Certified Financial Planner who uses everyday language to illustrate what these terms mean and how these apply to you. You will learn things like: how to put money into and take money out of your employer's plan, what kinds of insurance are right for you, Social Security basics, and how to determine the savings you need to be able to retire. The first 6 people to register can bring a guest for no additional charge. **Instructor:** Jim Woolley, CFP®    **Fee:** \$49 (includes cost of workbook)

### Dog Obedience

**Tue & Thu**                      **Mar 8 - 31**                      **6:30 to 7:30pm**

Teach your faithful dog in an exciting and fun format. Through positive reinforcement and behavior modification, you will socialize and train your dog in basic obedience and beginning agility training. Goals of this class include better mannered and socialized dogs and more educated and empowered owners. This class is taught by a licensed clinical counselor with 30 years of experience as a dog obedience instructor. Class will be held indoors at the Messersmith Building at the Jerome County Fair Grounds.

**Instructor:** Donna Stalley    **Fee:** \$65

### Essential Oils of Ancient Scripture

**Sat**                      **May 7**                      **10am to noon**

Essential oils have been used for various purposes by different cultures for religious and healing purposes dating back tens of thousands of years. Join Massage Therapist and Reiki Master, Sharon Johnson to learn about the most significant oils referenced in the Bible, enjoy and savor their beautiful fragrances and unique properties while discovering their intriguing histories in this first-ever-offered, two-hour workshop. **Instructor:** Sharon Johnson, LMT, RMT    **Fee:** \$20 + \$5 supply fee

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



**Jerome  
 Recreation  
 District**

Kid's Night

- Feb 18
- 7-9PM
- Crafts, snack and fun!
- 4 yrs. and up

Zombie Survival Camp

- March 21-24
- 1-4 PM
- 8-12 yrs. old

Ladies Night Out

- March 17
- 5-9 PM
- Fitness Classes, Shopping/Craft Bazaar, skin care tips, beauty products, snacks, refreshments, FUN! FUN! FUN!

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- Register thru Feb 16
- Feb 16, 18, 23 and 25
- 4-5PM

Spring Soccer Sign Ups

- Register Feb 1- March 14
- 4yrs old (by first game) – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Friday Night Flashlight Eggstravaganza

- March 25
- 2-12 yrs. old
- Check in starts at 6:45 PM

JRD Neon Night Fun Run

- March 12
- Pre-register by March 6th

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

**EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

American Legion Auxiliary meeting February 4, at 4PM, at the American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East. We gather the "Box Tops for Education" coupons for our schools. If you are not saving for another organization, we'd appreciate donation to us and we will add to ours to give to the Jerome schools. We also support Girls State and all military families and the Veteran's Home in Boise. 324-5322

American Legion Auxiliary will hold interviews for 2016 Girls State on February 18 at 4PM at the Legion Hall.

Jerome Civic Club meeting February 9, 1PM, at the Jerome Public Library. All women are welcome. We support the Library and CASA and Girls State. 421-6632

Friends of the Jerome Library meeting, February 11, 10AM, at Jerome Public Library meeting room. 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society meeting February 11, 6PM, at the Depot Museum. Those attending are invited to bring an antique item and tell about why the item is important to them. The Museum is operating on winter hours from January 7 to March 31. Only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1 – 4PM. 324-5641 or 421-6632

Idaho Writer's League Twin Falls area chapter will meet February 20 at 10AM. Anyone interested in writing may attend, you do not have to be published. There is no fee to attend. More information at IdahoWritersLeague.org and TwinFallswriters.com and on Facebook . 421-6632

**EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES**

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

• Jay Gardner	Police Sergeant	28 years
• TJ Rasmussen	Police Sergeant	23 years
• Duane Rubink	Detective Sergeant	14 years
• Angie Baker	Utility Supervisor	14 years
• Peter Page	Fire Chaplain	13 years
• Tim Green	Police Captain	8 years
• Scott Novak	Patrol Officer II	7 years
• Marcos Noriega	Patrol Officer II	7 years
• Ed Walters	Firefighter	3 years
• Mike Williams	City Administrator	2 years
• Kyler Hartley	Firefighter	2 years
• Berny Marquez	Police Reserve	1 year

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