



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:

- December 4th
- December 18th

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JEROME POLICE RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Jerome Police Department recently honored department members for activities ranging from years of service to rescuing a fellow city employee from a dangerous situation. On Saturday, November 3, the department held its second annual awards banquet. This annual event was started in 2011 as a way to acknowledge the service and accomplishments of police employees and to honor those who have distinguished themselves in the performance of law enforcement duties. The various awards were presented by Mayor John Shine at the Silver and Blue dinner banquet that was prepared by department members and loved ones of department members.

A variety of different awards were given at this year's banquet. Nine police officers received a letter of commendation for various acts including; community service, acts while investigating criminal incidents and arrest situations. One officer received the department community service award, four officers received the department service award, and one officer was awarded the law enforcement trainer award. In addition, three educational development awards, two professional development awards, and nine achievement medals were awarded. The highlight of the evening was the awarding the department commendation medal to three police officers. Sgt. James W. Baker received the award for acts during an officer

involved shooting dating back to 2005. Sgt. Dennis C. Clark received his commendation medal for acts during a barricaded suspect incident in 2012 and Officer Scott Novak receive the same award for rescuing a city employee stuck in a manhole during cold weather conditions.

The Silver and Blue banquet is becoming a tradition with the Jerome Police Department and is proving to be an excellent way to recognize the dedication and achievements of the community's police employees. According to Chief of Police Dan Hall, "It is a reminder of the great service that many of our police employees provide throughout the year and it is fitting that we recognize our people who have performed in an exemplary manner." - Chief Dan Hall, Police Department



Officer Gordon Leininger receives his award from Capt. Tim Greene. Mayor John Shine and Capt. Dean Larson also congratulate the officers.

JEROME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS: 2012 HOLIDAY WINDOW CONTEST

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the 2012 Holiday Window Decorating Contest. All Jerome businesses are invited to decorate their windows with a holiday theme to create a festive atmosphere for our community. The theme for 2012 is "Old Fashioned Holidays." Get in the spirit of the holidays and join in the fun.

Cash prizes will be awarded for

1st, 2nd and 3rd place. A panel of judges made up of members from the community will select the winners on December 10, 2012. Judging will be based on creativity, originality, visual appeal and use of the "Old Fashioned Holidays" theme. All participants will be recognized in the Jerome Chamber of Commerce Weekly Facts and winners will be announced at the Jerome Chamber Luncheon on

December 12, 2012.

Registration is free! Contact the Chamber office to register so your business can be added to the judge's list. The deadline for entering is December 7, 2012.

Contact the Jerome Chamber of Commerce for more information at: 208-324-2711 or director@visitjeromeidaho.com

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

EMAIL ENews@ci.jerome.id.us OR CALL 208-324-8189
WWW.CI.JEROME.ID.US

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN IT SNOWS

Critical Streets First: The Public Works Department provides snow and ice control services for 167 lane miles of city streets at a cost of approximately \$300.00 per lane mile.

Primary Snow Routes: Streets that serve multiple areas of the city are plowed first. Our focus on these streets ensures major arterial access for emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance and police) Examples of Primary Snow Routes include: East and West Main Street, North and South Lincoln, North and South Fillmore, North and South Buchanan, North and South Birch, and North and South Tiger Drive.

Secondary Snow Routes: Our next focus is on streets that branch off Primary Routes into our neighborhoods. These streets are plowed to provide emergency access to and from Primary Routes.

Residential Streets: Residential streets are only plowed if snow accumulations exceed 6 inches and the snow is expected to stay on the ground for several days. Snow on residential streets is plowed to the side of the road. If possible, park off street to facilitate plowing.

Sidewalks: The responsibility for clearing sidewalks is the adjacent property owner. Sidewalks should be cleared within 24 hours of a snow event. Snow should not be shoveled into the street or gutter.

Cluster Mailboxes: In areas with cluster mailboxes, park in the roadway and exit your car to retrieve your mail. Driving onto sidewalks packs snow and ice onto the sidewalk and creates a hazard for postal workers and pedestrians.

Shaded Areas: The shade cast by evergreens and multi-story houses can create icy sidewalk conditions and impede drainage. This can lead to ice build-up on the street. Public Works does not provide ice removal services in these areas because of potential damage to streets and sidewalks.

Emergency Access during Severe Storms: If you have a police, fire, or medical emergency during a severe snowstorm, call 911. If necessary, your street will be plowed to accommodate emergency vehicles.

- Walt Appell, Public Works Director



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

BE PREPARED – Have an Emergency Kit

- Flashlight-With extra batteries.
- Blankets, Extra Clothing, Water & Snacks-It is a good idea to take along water, food, warm blankets or sleeping bag, and extra clothing. A lengthy delay will make you glad you have them.
- Winter Coat, Boots or Shoes- These are especially important should you need to leave your vehicle to apply chains or get unstuck.
- Gloves-Helpful to protect your hands should you need to install chains.
- Clean, Dry Towel-To dry your hands after installing snow chains.
- Ice Scraper/Deicer-To keep windows clear of snow/ice for improved visibility.
- Shovel-To free your vehicle should you get snowed in.
- Broom-A small broom or brush can be used to clear snow off your vehicle.
- Spare Key- (in your pocket) Many motorists have locked themselves out of their cars when stopping to install chains or clear windows.
- Sand/Kitty Litter-Sand or kitty litter can help with traction should you get stuck in mud or snow.
- First Aid Kit- You should always have a first aid kit in your vehicle.

WINTERIZE YOUR VEHICLE

Check your brakes, windshield wipers, exhaust system and heater/defroster to make sure they are in good working condition.

Antifreeze- Check your radiator fluid level and add antifreeze/coolant as needed.

Windshield Wipers-Wiper blades should be replaced, if needed, adding a winter formula windshield wiper fluid will help de-ice your windshield.

Tires- Make sure your tires are properly inflated and that the tread is in good condition. Snow /studded tires help to increase traction in snowy or icy conditions.

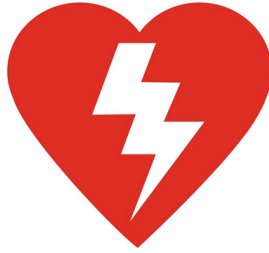
Chains- Always carry chains. They should be the correct size for your car/tires and in proper working order. Chains must be installed on drive wheels, so you need to know if your vehicle has front or rear wheel drive. Cable-type chains are acceptable, but they may not provide as much traction as traditional chains.

BE INFORMED-Check road conditions before traveling, call 511 or 1-888-432-7623, or online at www.511.Idaho.gov

Submitted by Clint Blackwood, Jerome County Office of Emergency Management

AED'S AT CITY OF JEROME OFFICES

“Place pads on patient’s bare chest...don’t touch patient...press flashing shock button”. Not how you wanted to start your day? Automated external defibrillators (AED) are an important lifesaving technology and may play a role in treating workplace cardiac arrest. Most cardiac deaths occur outside of the hospital. It is estimated that 5 percent or less of victims of sudden cardiac deaths are successfully resuscitated and discharged alive from the hospital. In a study of Public-



Access Defibrillation, communities with volunteers trained in CPR and the use of AEDs had twice as many victims survive cardiac compared to communities with volunteers trained only in CPR (www.osha.gov/SLTC/aed/index.html).

The City of Jerome Fire Department prepares and trains for this every day. Last year the Fire Department had a cardiac save on a medical call. High quality CPR and an AED saved a woman’s life. The City of Jerome recently added five AEDs to City buildings in an economical way. The Library, Public Works, Waste Water, City Hall and the Council Chambers are all equipped with AEDs. This

was made possible by Mayor Shine, the “idea man,” and Kathy Markus, Information Services Manager found used AEDs in good condition. The Fire Department trained over 50 city employees in not only AEDs but CPR in June 2012. There are signs at each building identifying that the AED is available. Additionally, thanks to Silvia Rosales in the Library they are bilingual as well. There are many websites available or you can call the Fire Department to learn more about AEDs.
 - Bill Gully, EMS Coordinator

SOUTH LINCOLN & NEZ PERCE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE

The City of Jerome and the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency held a ribbon cutting event on November 7, 2012 to celebrate the completion of the South Lincoln and Nez Perce intersection project. This project was a joint effort by the City and Urban Renewal Agency (URA). The project was very important since the road was degraded (rutted) from all of the heavy truck traffic. The intersection was constructed with concrete in order to save money in the long term, reduce future maintenance costs and to have a durable surface. The intersection is made up of 1000 cubic yards of concrete (2000 tons), which is about 100 truckloads! The concrete is 10” thick reinforced with steel bars. Additionally, underneath the intersection running east-west, a new 18”Construction diameter sanitary sewer was installed for future use. Mayor John Shine noted that “Jerome deserves an intersection like this.”

The project was funded by the URA. Chairwoman Marj Schmidt stated “the URA had some money left over and this project at least has a segment of economic development. We were happy to do it.” There were a number of attendees from the business community, City Council and the URA board. Congresswoman Maxine Bell was one of the attendees. The City would like to thank those who

attended the ribbon cutting ceremony as well as the Chamber of Commerce for their assistance with the event.

- Zoe Monahan, Community Development Director and Rick Wuori, City Engineer



Urban Renewal Agency Chair Marj Schmidt and Mayor John Shine at the ribbon cutting ceremony on November 7, 2012

Wastewater Blue Ribbon Committee

The City of Jerome has been working with Keller Associates to evaluate the current condition of our wastewater treatment plant and determine what improvements are needed for our plant. As the City evaluates the wastewater options available and explores the possibility of a May bond election, they are also seeking feedback from the community. Citizen committees such as the blue ribbon committee are a way the City can provide education on topics to our citizens, as well as allow a forum for feedback and suggestions. The blue ribbon committee was formed to engage the public to include understanding the challenges facing the City’s wastewater system; review and give input on upgrade options; and provide guidance and support on how to fund needed improvements.

The blue ribbon committee met on November 1, 2012 and November 29, 2012. Thus far they have discussed our current plant and the needed improvements. They also discussed the options available to the City. The final meeting will be held on December 17, 2012. The public is welcome to attend. For more information contact the City of Jerome.

- Zoe Monahan, Community Development Director



**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Kids' Night

- Dec. 6th – Fun and Fitness
- 7-9PM
- Crafts, cookie decorating & games

New Year's Weight Loss Challenge

- Begins January 7th
- 4 person teams - \$100

Youth Basketball Registration

- Register by December 3rd
- 1st - 6th grade
- Games on Saturdays
- Games start January 12th

Holiday Hours

- Dec. 24 - Closing at 3PM
- Dec. 25 - Closed
- Dec. 26 - Regular Hours

*New Year's Membership Specials -
 Contact JRD for more information!*

December fitness class schedules
 are now available!

**Check our website for the
 latest information:
www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com**

Library Events in December

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- Cuentos Para Ninos: Spanish Storytime, Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm
- Family Storytime: Every Friday at 10 am & 1 pm
- KidZ FlickZ: NEW DAY & TIME, Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm
- KidZ Gaming: Every Tuesday at 3:30 pm
- Books with Santa: Friday, Dec. 21st at 3 pm



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

- Y.A.C (Youth Advisory Council): Every Wednesday at 4 pm
- Teen FlickZ: Thursday, Dec. 13th at 3:30 pm
- Christmas Cookie Bash: Wed. Dec. 19th at 4 pm

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Book Signing: Linda Helms author of Jerome pictorial history book

- Sat. Dec. 8th at 1-5pm

The Community is invited to attend this book signing event. Meet Linda Helms, author and local historian. Ms. Helms' family has lived in Jerme County since 1909 and she has been a member of the Jerome Historical Society for over 20 years. (Arcadia Publishing)

Linda Helms, Author



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 46 will meet at 4 p.m. December 6 at the American Legion Hall on East Seventh and North Lincoln. December 15 at 6 p.m. will be a Christmas Party Potluck. Please bring a gift to give to a needy military family. Call 421-6632

Book signing for the "Jerome" pictorial history book will be December 8 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jerome Public Library. At 1 p.m. the author will have a power point presentation on the making of the Jerome book. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Library. Call 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society Christmas Potluck, December 13, at 6 p.m. at the Jerome Public Library. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your own table service as well. Call 324-5641

Twin Falls Area Chapter of the Idaho Writers League will have a Christmas Party at Links Apartments Community Room at 1285 South Lincoln, Jerome on December 15 at noon. All persons interested in writing is welcome. Bring a writing related wrapped gift with a "cryptic" note for the recipient to guess the item (value limit \$15). Refreshments are potluck finger food. Call 421-6632