



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 2nd
- December 16th
- January 6th
- January 20th

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

City of Jerome Receives Northwest Membrane Operator Association 'Plant of the Year' Award

The Northwest Membrane Operator Association (NWMOA) 'Plant of the Year' accolade is awarded to a treatment facility that employs a membrane based treatment process, exhibits an exemplary safety record, demonstrates a history of minimum and preferably no permit violations as recorded by the local regulating body, is consistently neat and clean in appearance with minimal impact for surrounding neighbors, and the plant is used for educating the public on environmental health. Through teamwork, proper operation and maintenance the aforementioned criteria was achieved and the City of Jerome was granted the award.



Fix 311 Empowers Citizens to Report Problems to the City of Jerome

The citizens of Jerome have the ability to locate, document, and report issues using their Android or iPhone application Fix 311. Using the GPS and camera features of the smartphones, the Fix 311 Government application allows citizens to accurately report on various requests including: public safety issues, graffiti, public works maintenance requests, ordinance violations, and all other concerns.

Many citizens, who currently use the free application, have helped mitigate safety issues and have helped clean up the community. The application emails the appropriate department based on the type of issue selected; that department addresses the issue; and then a status information is sent back to the reporting party.

City Officials encourage the use of this application. Council Member Bob Culver, who frequently uses the application, has these comments about the application. "Fix311 is easy to use. It gives me the opportunity to report problems quickly, with a picture and the GPS location attached. It is much faster than making a phone call to report a problem."



If you would like to use this application, it can be downloaded from the City's home page www.ci.jerome.id.us, the play store, or the app store. You can also report a problem from any web browser using the following link https://www.fix311.com/iframe/jerome-id-us?jurisdiction_id=ci.jerome.id.us. If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Katherine Markus at 324-8189 x 141.

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Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Update

Construction of the Emergency Storage Lagoon is still ongoing and on schedule. The lagoon passed the seepage test and crews are still trenching from the lagoon to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Connection will be made in the coming months. If you are traveling on the North 100 West road between now and February 2015, please watch for slow traffic and heavy equipment. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the City of Jerome Wastewater Department at 324-7122. Until next time, have a wonderful Christmas!



What's Happening at the Library

Storytime

Storytime at the library is the place to be! Public sessions take place every Friday at 10AM and 1PM. Some of the topics include dinosaurs, cats, food, emotions and everything in between. Come be part of some seriously educational fun!

'Make It' Program

'The Make It' program has been working harder than ever to finish the Fischer Technik builds the Tweens and Teens have been working on. Soon enough they will be building with the Fischer Techniks and adding the difficulty level of a brain and programming! It looks like our Robotics build will be happening in the near future for some of them!

Anime Club

Anime Club will be closing down the library on Friday, December 12th from 5-7 PM to enjoy their first ever "Dinner and a Movie" night! They will be watching a movie of their choosing, feasting on pizza and enjoying brownies with ice cream for dessert!



Christmas Events

Friday, December 19th will be a very busy day. Santa Claus is coming to town! He is due to arrive around 10AM. Later that day we will be hosting the annual Teen Christmas Party, for grades 6th-12th from 2:30-4:30PM. We will have a movie, a craft and plenty of snacks. Dig out your Santa hat and come enjoy the festivities!

'Jr. Make It' Program

The 'Jr. Make It' was created for younger children, grades 1st-5th. 'Jr. Make It' is an age appropriate version of the regular 'Make It' program. At this time, it will take place every Friday at 1PM for the homeschool community and Heritage students. So far we have had great turnouts and a lot of fun with building Contraptions and LEGO cars that are propelled by balloons!

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Minecraftafternoons

Minecraft!! NO WAY!! Yes Way!! The library has started MineCrafternoons on Tuesdays from 3:30-5PM for grades 1st-12th. MineCraftEdu is a school-ready remix of the original smash hit game Minecraft, played by over 30 million people worldwide. MineCraftEdu, created by teachers, contains a set of powerful yet simple tools to fine-tune the Minecraft experience for learning. With MineCraftEdu, children users do not need to access the internet. This means all children, whether they have a library card or not, can play. Eventually, we hope to have the game installed on 20+ computers. We look forward to playing Minecraft with you!

“This & That”

“This & That” is another program for 1st through 5th grade students on Thursdays at 1PM. “This & That” is just that...a little of this and a little of that! We will have a variety of theme type programs that offer everything from arts and crafts to learning about different cultures and maybe even a little drama! On Thursday, December 4th and 11th we will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated in New Zealand and Greenland!

Spilling Ink

We’re also starting a brand new club called Spilling Ink for 4th-8th graders who are interested in writing! We’re going to talk about the writing process, do fun and creative writing activities together and even enter into some national competitions. If you have the writing bug, contact the library for more information.

If you have any questions about the programs hosted at the Jerome Public Library, you can check our website at Jerome.lili.org or call us at 324-5427!

Employee Recognition

Maintenance Specialist Forest Luttrell (pictured at right) was awarded Employee of the Quarter for his hard work and dedication to not only the City as an employee but also a citizen. Forest, his wife and friend were recently recognized for saving a citizen’s life when her house caught on fire.



Public Works Technician Matt Dunn and Water Operator I Dan Bowman (pictured at left) received their Road Scholar Level I certification and Streets Operations Supervisor Mike Hensley (pictured at left) received his Road Master Level II certification from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council and Technology Transfer Center.

Building Official Dave Richey was awarded the ‘Hometown Hero’ award by the Modern Woodmen for his contribution to the community. This award is given out by chapter members to honor an individual who is dedicated to improving the quality of life for families and communities.



Human Resources Specialist Ida Guffy (pictured at left) was recognized for her certification as a Risk Management Manager, administered by Idaho PRIMA.

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Information Services Department

The City of Jerome's Information Services (IS) Department provides the technology to facilitate requests and the information flow between the public and City staff. Several tools have been implemented to help the citizens of Jerome stay informed and report community issues.



- Fix 311 is a software application which enables citizens to locate, document, and report issues using their Android or iPhone application [Fix 311](#). Using this application, citizens can also offer suggestions for improvement.
- Image Silo is a tool that has recently been implemented. The council agenda packets, minutes, ordinances, resolutions, and agreements are available online. This tool allows the citizens to educate themselves. A link to Image Silo can be found on the City's web page under "Council Agenda". Select "Home" to view the entire collection.
- The City's web page www.ci.jerome.id.us is also a wonderful tool for citizens. It has information about each of the departments, links to the latest newsletters, links to the Municipal Code, and Utility Bill-Pay.
- There are 32 public access computers at the library which will enable you to utilize the tools above. These computers can be accessed for free by the public. The library also offers free Wi-Fi.

The IS Department works behind the scenes to make sure that the software and hardware is available so that the City staff can effectively perform their jobs. In today's world, almost everything we do revolves around technology. One example is the technology required to support the Utility Account Clerk position.

The following technology is provided by the IS department:

- The security to access the facility
- Billing and cash receipting software
- Utility bill formatting
- All reports
- The device that is used to collect meter reading
- The software to upload meter reading
- Telephone system
- Telephone headsets
- Cell phones
- Radio system
- Credit card scanner and software
- The software to upload the automatic credit card payments
- The network shared drives and personal drives
- Network printer and supplies
- Security to protect the network from viruses
- Slip printer for credit card receipts
- Fax machine
- Scanner
- The security to protect the PC from viruses
- The security to protect each individual employee
- Email
- Email archiving
- The security to protect email from viruses
- The outboard
- Group calendars
- Adobe program
- Postage machine connectivity
- Backup
- Internet access
- Finance Department Web page
- The maps of the garbage collection dates
- The maps of the snow plow route
- Irrigation maps
- Microsoft Office applications and programs
- Computers and operating system

The IS Department is proud to serve both the citizens and the employees of the City of Jerome. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to utilize any of the tools mentioned above or email us at support@ci.jerome.id.us.

What to Expect: Snow Removal

The Public Works Department provides snow and ice control services to the City. The department focuses their snow removal efforts on critical roads first. Citizens can expect that primary roads will be served first, followed by secondary routes. In an effort to provide adequate services, the Public Works Department divided the City into four sections: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest. The processes outlined below have been set to allow access to the City's main arterial streets by the subdivisions on the outskirts of town that have minimal protection from drifting snow and have to travel further to obtain needed services. Plowing arterial streets first also allows access for emergency vehicles such as fire, ambulance and police.

Northeast

This section consists of North Lincoln to North Tiger Drive and East Main Street to East 22nd. Priorities are as follows: North Tiger Drive, North Fillmore, North Davis, and North Buchanan. After the main priority areas have been completed, plowing starts on 21st East and continues south to East Main Street. One plow truck is assigned to the Northeast section of town to plow the streets following the priorities listed above, with an approximate 14 hour timeframe.

Southeast

The Southeast section is composed of South Lincoln to South Tiger Drive and East Main Street to East Montana. Priorities in this section are South Tiger, South Fillmore, South Davis, South Cleveland, South Buchanan, East Nez Perce, and East Yakima. After these priorities have been completed, plowing starts on East Avenue K and continues north to East Main Street. One plow truck is assigned to the Southeast section to plow the streets in the order listed above with an approximate timeframe of 12 hours.

Northwest

This section consists of North Lincoln to 100 West north side and from West Main Street to 16th West. Priorities are North Birch and North Date, followed by the north side of 100 West if it hasn't already been plowed by the Jerome Highway District. After the main priority areas have been completed, plowing starts on 16th Ave West and continues south to West Main Street. One plow truck is assigned to the Northwest section to plow the streets with an approximate time frame of ten hours.

Southwest

The Southwest section is composed of South Lincoln to West Boulevard and from West Main Street to West Yakima. Priorities are South Birch, South Date, South Fir, West Boulevard, West Nez Perce, West Peters Way, West Yakima and Victory Lane. Once the priority areas have been completed plowing starts on West Avenue I and continues north to West Main Street. One plow truck is assigned to the Southwest section to plow the streets with an approximate time frame of ten hours.

As intersections are plowed, they need to be cleared by using the loader and backhoe. The time frame for the clearing of intersections is approximately 16 hours. After plowing has begun, the sanders are sent out behind the plows to sand the streets, taking approximately eight hours. As the plows continue to work, the snow is cleared around the City's parks, Senior Center parking lot, Library, and the Depot building sidewalk and parking lot. This requires four staff members and approximately four hours to complete.

Once all sections have been addressed, the Public Works Department focuses on using their forces and equipment to remove the snow from the center of East and West Main, North and South Lincoln, the bicycle path on South Lincoln, storm drains, and driveways of elderly or handicapped residents that have requested assistance.

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The Public Works Department uses the following equipment during snow removal:

- 5 plow trucks
- 1 medium sanding truck
- 1 small sanding truck
- 1 road grader
- 1 loader
- 1 backhoe (PW) left in the yard for loading sand
- 1 backhoe (Infrastructure), available if not currently in use for other projects
- 1 bobcat with broom assembly

At a minimum, snow removal and sanding requires 12 staff members. The estimated time frames are figured on not having other issues adversely impact the department, such as poor weather, parked vehicles on residential streets, traffic on arterial streets, equipment repairs, and not being fully staffed with equipment operators. The Public Works Department strives to offer the best service possible to the residents of the City of Jerome.

School District News

The School District would like to congratulate the Jerome High School Advanced Drama Team. They took first place at District Competition. Thanks to all of the teachers and students who helped out.

Additionally, congratulations to Summit Elementary music teacher Penni Aufderheide, who had a successful Donor's Choose Project funded! Her project was for 30 Snark tuners so that she could teach the 5th grade students how to tune their guitars. With a class set she will be able to do this more effectively.



You can support our classrooms through Donor's Choose too! This allows our teachers to acquire funding for items they need to have a more successful school year. Teachers are always looking for ways to make their lessons and classrooms more meaningful. There are currently three projects seeking donations. To donate, please go to 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 Dr. Love at 324-2392 or via e-mail at Brendalynn.Love@jeromeschools.org.

Senior Center Events

The Senior Center invites you to attend the following events:

Low Income Energy Assistance Clinic - every Tuesday and Thursday from 9AM – 3PM.

Pacific Source Clinic - December 5th and 12th from 11AM – 1PM.

Christmas Party – December 23rd, Come enjoy pie, coffee, music and dancing from 2-3PM. Bring a \$10 white elephant gift!

Tiger Health & Wellness Clinic – December 17th, 1:30-3PM

Please contact the Senior Center at 324-5342 for information on specific events or to register for upcoming events. Happy Holidays!

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Christmas in Jerome

A Main Street Event

December 13th—4 p.m.

North Park

PARADE ROUTE: MAIN STREET
HIGH SCHOOL—WEST TO NORTH
PARK. PARADE STARTS AT 6 P.M.

PARADE ENTRANTS: ANYTHING
WITH LIGHTS!! PRIZES WILL BE
GIVEN OUT FOR 1ST & 2ND
PLACE.

LINE-UP AT 4 P.M.

VISIT WITH SANTA! STARTING
AT 4 P.M.

BOOTHS IN THE PARK SERVING
HOT CHOCOLATE, CIDER, BAKED
POTATOES, CHILI, MEXICAN
BREAD, COOKIES & MORE!

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
AFTER THE PARADE IN THE
PARK!

FUN ACTIVITIES!

JEROME OPTIMIST CLUB WILL BE
TAKING DONATIONS FOR THEIR
COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM!

For More Information or a parade entry
sheet:
Visit Jeromeldaho.com
Or call 208-324-2711



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!!!

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COMMUNITY SURVEY



**Jerome
Recreation
District**

Please look for a community survey to be inserted in January’s utility billing. We look forward to your feedback! To take the survey online, available after December 8th, please go to www.ci.jerome.id.us and click the “Community Survey” link on the front page.

December Kid’s Night

- December 29th
- 7–9PM
- Must pre-register by December 28

New Year’s Weight Loss Challenge

- Begins January 5th
- 4 Person Teams

Jingle Bell 5K Run

- December 20
- 8AM

Youth Basketball Registration

- Now thru December 20th
- 1st grade – 6th grade
- Games will be on Saturdays
- First game will be on January 17th

New Year’s Membership Specials

- Contact the front desk for more information!

Fitness Class Adjustments

- Watch for class schedule adjustments during the holidays

From our staff and their families to you and your family, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Check out the 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 AROUND TOWN

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, December 9th, 7PM, American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East 324-5322

Jerome Civic Club meeting, December 9th, 1PM, Jerome Public Library. All women are welcome. We support the Library and CASA 421-6632

Friends of the Jerome Library meeting, December 11th, 10AM, Jerome Public Library 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society potluck, December 11th, 6PM, Jerome Public Library. Bring your table service and potluck dish to share! No January Meeting 324-5641 or 421-6632.

Idaho Writers League Twin Falls area chapter meeting December 13th, 11AM, Links Apartments Conference Room, Jerome. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange! 324-4813 or 421-6632

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Gina Jerke – Account Clerk/Finance Assistant 10 years
- Angela Haddock – GIS Technician II 6 years
- Linda Mecham – Library Director 3 years
- Jason Summers– K9 Patrol Officer 3 years
- Samuel Roach – Patrol Officer 2 years
- Esmeralda Chavez – City Planner 1 year
- Malorie Kast – Wastewater Lab Technician 1 year
- Bernadette Gomes – Account Clerk/City Clerk Asst. 1 year
- Carla Colfack – Public Services Administrative Asst. 1 year
- Lyle Guffy – Water Operator 1 year

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