



The City Newsletter

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CITY OF JEROME

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City Council

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

Council Meets:

- January 19th
- February 2nd
- February 16th
- March 1st

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

Snow Plowing in Jerome

Snowstorms pose challenges for Jerome drivers, as the city allows snow to accumulate up to four to six inches prior to having the plow crews out. During a heavy storm, accumulation typically begins in the early evening, when traffic is the heaviest. The city plows during the day as much as possible, as plowing, hauling, and operating heavy equipment in the dark is dangerous. During critical times, main routes are plowed and as need dictates, main intersections are sanded.



It is always a pleasure in the morning to find the streets cleared of snow, and the snow being hauled off Main

Street. Unfortunately, along with that, residents find their driveways filled with snow. City crews are unable to clean driveways for private residents. Pushing, blowing, or plowing snow back into the street after city plows have gone by poses a danger to motorists, and causes rutting and ice build-up on the street. Such activity is prohibited by city ordinance.

When snow banks build up high, or ice accumulates in the street, heavy equipment is brought out to peel the ice and wing the snow banks. This process is cumbersome and can create blocks of ice and snow in driveways, which then becomes problematic for residents. As a courtesy, when ice boulders become particularly problematic, city crews will remove them from driveways.

Depending upon the amount of snow-fall, it may take more than 76 hours for city snow removal to be completed. City crews may not operate equipment beyond the limits of fatigue and safety. Side street clean-up is sometimes not completed until the second day following a large snowfall. Business area sidewalk and parking lot cleanup is the responsibility of the property owners.

Snow plow crews move quickly and on routes established to create the highest efficiencies, with limited time to complete the job. Residential and business parking should be as far out of the right of way so that snow removal can be done in an efficient manner.

The City uses the following equipment during snow removal: two plow trucks, two plow trucks with medium sanders, one road grader, one loader, two backhoes and one bobcat with broom assembly. At a minimum, snow removal and sanding requires 12 staff members. The approximate cost for snow removal is \$300 per lane mile. The Public Works Department strives to offer the best service possible to the residents of the City of Jerome.

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Library News

“How does this thing work?”

If you got a tablet or eReader over the holiday and want to know how to load it up with free eBooks from the library,

LET US SHOW YOU HOW!



Join us...

Thursday, January 21st at 7:00

*Bring your new device and your library card.
We'll help you get started.*

Jerome Public Library



Coming to Jerome Public Library

Join us for an hour of hands-on fun.

**Thursday, January 21st
3:45-4:45**

Children will create structurally sound buildings using ÜBERSTIX®.

Each child will receive a take home kit.

This program is made possible through funding from:

Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation
Charlotte Martin Foundation.

Employee of the Year: Brian Ahrens

The City of Jerome acknowledges Brian Ahrens, Water Operator, as the Employee of the Year for 2015. Brian is a thoughtful employee that is willing to go the extra mile on any project. He is willing to take on any task and see it to its completion. His commitment to the City is amazing. Congratulations Brian!



Follow us on Facebook

Stay informed and learn about events happening in our community. Get notifications on your phone! “Like” our page and follow the City on Facebook (City of Jerome, Idaho).



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Winter Coats and Car Seats Don't Mix

As temperatures start to dip we bundle our children up to prepare them for the elements, but even with good intentions, a bulky coat and a car seat is a dangerous combination.

We all want to keep our children warm while traveling in the car, but there are ways to safely transport children in the cold weather while still keeping them warm.

As a general rule, winter coats should not be worn underneath the harness of a car seat. A bulky coat under a child seat harness can result in the harness being too loose to be effective in a crash.

Here are a couple things you can do to keep your child safe and warm this winter:

- Remove heavy coats/jackets before tightening the straps
- Tighten the straps then place a coat or blanket over the child
- Warm up the car before you load your children
- Be sure you are using the appropriate car seat for the child's age and size
- Make sure the kids stay strapped in the car seat at all times while traveling



Correct

Incorrect

After Coat
 Compression

Jerome School District Foundation Invites You to be 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. If you would like more information, or to purchase a brick, please visit www.jeromefoundation.org.



The Jerome School District received the following grants this school year:

- Awarded \$1,000 grant from Statewide Education Philanthropic Gift Fund and Idaho Community Foundation's Board of Directors to purchase supplies for The Leader in Me program at Jefferson Elementary School.
- Awarded grant of \$1,500 from the Statewide Education Philanthropic Gift Fund, and the grant has been approved by the Idaho Community Foundation's Board of Directors. The grant is to be used to purchase and install 2 classroom projectors in the intervention classrooms at Summit Elementary School.
- Awarded for the 2015-2016 American Heart Association-Ross CPR in Schools High School Grant Program we receives two free CPR in Schools Training Kits™ and assistance from the American Heart Association (AHA) for training high school students in CPR
- College Access Challenge Grant from Idaho State Board of Education to form a Magic Valley Education Network focused on increasing college go on rates.

You can support our classrooms through Donor's Choose. This allows our teachers to acquire funding for the items they need to have a more successful school year. Teachers are always looking for ways to make their lessons and classrooms more meaningful. To donate, please go to www.DonorsChoose.org and search for Jerome, Idaho.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Dr. Love at 324-2392 or via e-mail at Brendalynn.Love@jeromeschools.org.

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A Message from Jerome County Office of Emergency Management

Winter is here. Some hate it, some look forward to the recreational opportunities it brings, and everyone likes snow angels and snowmen, but...it can be brutal!

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region, as travel conditions become difficult and treacherous.

While the danger from winter weather varies across the country, nearly all Americans, regardless of where they live, are likely to face some type of severe winter weather. Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds and drifting conditions, icing, sleet and freezing rain. All of these weather conditions complicate our travel plans.



Across southern Idaho we are all dependent on our automobiles for our transportation needs. The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as the "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm, as people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes. To prepare your vehicle prior to a winter storm you should do the following: winterize your vehicle, check, or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- Antifreeze levels - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- Battery and ignition system - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
- Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels.
- Exhaust system - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.
- Fuel and air filters - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Heater and defroster - ensure they work properly.
- Lights and flashing hazard lights - check for serviceability.
- Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- Thermostat - ensure it works properly.
- Windshield wiper equipment - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.
- Install good winter tires - Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, vehicles equipped with chains or snow tires with studs offer greatly increased traction.

Minimize travel if possible. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle. Before any winter driving approaches, add the following supplies to your vehicle emergency kit: windshield scraper and small broom, flashlight, battery powered radio, emergency flares, extra batteries, shovel, water, snack food, extra hats, socks and mittens, first aid kit with pocket knife, necessary medications, matches, blanket(s) or sleeping bag(s), tow chain or rope, road salt and sand, booster cables, tire chains and a fluorescent distress flag.

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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 11** **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

- Jan 22
- 7-9PM
- 4 yrs an up

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

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

Spring Soccer Sign Ups

- Register Feb 1st- March 14th
- 4yrs old (by first game) – 4th grade
- 4 week season
- 1st game is April 9

TaeKwon Do

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 4-5:15PM

New Year's Membership Specials

- 3-month special
- See the front desk for more information

New Year's Weight Loss Challenge

- Begins January 4th

Kid's Night

- Jan 6, 13, 20 and 27
- Feb 3, 10, 17 and 24
- Aerials 5-5:45PM
- Twisters 5:45-6:30PM

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 January 7, at 4 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East. 324-5322. 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.

Jerome Civic Club meeting January 12, 1 p.m. 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, January 14, 10 a.m. with a soup potluck at Jerome Public Library meeting room. 324-5427.

Jerome County Historical Society will not meet in January. The Depot Museum will be on winter hours from January 7 to March 31. Only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 324-5641 or 421-6632.

Idaho Writer's League Twin Falls area chapter will meet January 16 at 10 a.m. A book binder will be the special quest. 421-6632. More information at IdahoWritersLeague.org and TwinFallswriters.com and on Facebook

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

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

• Shonna Fraser	City Clerk	26 years
• Dan Hall	Police Chief	12 years
• Larry Bybee	Fire Lieutenant, Part Time	6 years
• Kim LaCelle	Firefighter/EMT, Part Time	6 years
• Ron Hendriks	Public Works Tech	6 years
• Jonathan Hearn	Irrigator/Operator	5 years
• Fred McDonald	Paid Call Firefighter	3 years
• Jessica Alaniz-Bullock	Circulation Tech	2 years
• Sam Craig	Firefighter/Engineer	2 years
• James Long	Wastewater Ops	2 years

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