

The City Newsletter

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Welcome to the
CITY OF JEROME

What to Expect when it Snows

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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 17th
- February 7th
- February 21st
- March 7th

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

The Public Works Department has been busy plowing streets this winter. They provide snow and ice control services for approximately 167 lane miles of City streets.

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 six inches (6") 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, residents are advised to avoid parking on the street to facilitate plowing.

Sidewalks: Property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks in front of their property. 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 to avoid packing snow into the sidewalk.

Fire Hydrants: If there's a fire hydrant near your house, do your part to keep it accessible. Clear a 3' perimeter around the hydrant as well as a path from the hydrant to the street.

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.

If you have a police, fire, or medical emergency during a severe snowstorm, please call 911. Non-emergencies can be called in to dispatch at 324-1911. If necessary, your street will be plowed to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Traffic Control Devices

During the recent major snow event Public Works crews were scattered throughout the community trying to keep the roads open, this proved to be a huge logistical challenge for the department due to the large number of intersections needing signs for traffic control. We recognize this and wanted to share the meaning of one traffic control device that was utilized to close certain roads when they became unsafe to allow motor vehicle travel. Let's begin with the basics, below is an excerpt from the "**Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices**" more commonly known as the "**MUTCD**".

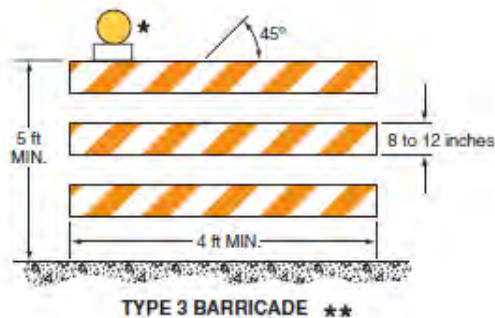


Section 1A.01 Purpose of Traffic Control Devices

01 The purpose of traffic control devices, as well as the principles for their use, is to promote highway safety and efficiency by providing for the orderly movement of all road users on streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel throughout the Nation.

02 Traffic control devices notify road users of regulations and provide warning and guidance needed for the uniform and efficient operation of all elements of the traffic stream in a manner intended to minimize the occurrences of crashes.

The device shown below on the left is known as a Type 3 Barricade or Channeling device. These were placed on Tiger Drive in the travel lane to warn drivers that the roads were impassable. Under normal construction activity the "Road Closed" sign shown to the right would accompany it, but because of the limited number of these control devices available the Class 3 Barricades alone were placed in the travel lane to warn drivers of the road hazards.



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During snow removal this weekend we had numerous vehicles drive around the barricades, causing a safety hazard to both drivers and workers alike. Equipment Operators have limited visibility and adverse weather conditions make it even harder to see drivers going through. The Public Works Department will continue to use barricades around town. They may be used with or without the Road Closed sign, depending on availability. These devices are also frequently used during community events and parades to prevent traffic from entering the event area. When encountered, please treat them as "Road Closed" signs and use an alternate route if possible.. We attempt to notify the public when we have road closures and lane restrictions so they can be avoided. You can sign up for notifications by visiting our webpage at <http://www.ci.jerome.id.us/residents/nixle.html> and signing up for Nixle.

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Employee of the Year – Jashell Robinson

The City of Jerome acknowledges Jashell Robinson, Police Officer, as the Employee of the Year for 2016. Jashell has investigated several very complex cases and has done a very thorough initial investigation. She has gone above just "taking the report and turning it in." This is typical of her work at the police department, and exemplifies the quality we strive for. Her thoroughness and attention to detail are deserving of recognition. Officer Robinson maintains an upbeat and professional attitude and works well with her co-workers and other city departments as well as maintaining an active network with other area law enforcement agencies.

Potholes in the City

The recent weather conditions have caused various potholes throughout the City. 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. To report a pothole within City limits, please contact the Public Works Department at 324-9669 or use the Ready 311 application.

Jerome School District News

Jefferson Elementary

Save the Date: 1st PTO Family Movie Night

Come join the Fun! Friday, January 20th from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM, Jefferson PTO will be hosting our 1st Family Movie Night. Please watch for additional information to come.

Donuts for Dads-Friday, January 27th beginning at 7:30! All dads are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.



DONUTS FOR DADS

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee is coming soon! This is for Jefferson 2nd and 3rd grade students.

During the second week in January we will have classroom spelling bees and the top two spellers from each class will go against all of the other classes on January 25, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. The top three spellers in the school will advance to the Times New Spelling Bee.

Horizon Elementary

Donuts for Dads-Friday, January 13th beginning at 7:30! All dads are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Spirit Day-Friday, January 20th – Students wear orange and black or their Horizon shirts to show their school pride. A special treat will be available after lunch so bring 25¢.

STEM Night-Friday, January 26th 5-7 PM. Come enjoy a night of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with a variety of activities for all ages.

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Summit Elementary

A huge **SHOUT OUT** to our amazing and hard-working para-professionals and secretaries who have supervised our kiddos on the **coldest, iciest and windiest of days**. Our family wouldn't be successful without them! **Thank you** to Shelley Sturgeon, Tina Brewer, Karina Love, Diane Bourquin, Yolanda Vergara, Claudia Dethlefs, Carol Guzman, Sally Boepple, Stacie Rambo, Hayley Sturgeon, Leslie Miklancic and Diana McCaughey.

New Year Assembly - On Jan. 6, our **Student Council** will present our students with their interpretation of ideal school behavior. The objectives are to remind our kiddos of the guidelines and praise them for their citizenship. They will entertain us with skits as well as *their perception* of our school motto: **Respect, Responsibility and Excellence Always**. Our Summit students have a **voice** and we do listen. Please see pictures and video that will be posted on our school's Facebook page.

In addition to the skits, **Mrs. Meyerhoeffer, Ms. Taylor** and **Mr. Grisso** and **Mrs. Kirk** will announce the math fact winners from the first half of the school year. Each time students pass their weekly math facts, they earn another ticket to drop in the fish bowl, for a chance at winning prizes that range from announcing with Mr. Grisso to eating lunch with *Mrs. Meyerhoeffer* and *Ms. Taylor*. We also plan to show students their average grade level growth in **Multiplication Facts** as well as the number of **behavior infractions**. The proof is in the pudding, so to speak, as it will motivate as well as confirm that practice really does pay off.

Jerome Middle School

Congrats to our JMS Wrestling Tigers on a successful season. They finished the year 6-3 in Conference Duals and 12-7 overall. The JMS Wrestlers placed 2nd out of the 7 teams at the MVAC District Tournament with 253 points, 3 Individual Champions, 3 Runners-up, and 10 other placers in the top 4.

At the Idaho Middle School State Tournament our JMS Wrestling Tigers placed 4th out of 36 middle school teams. We had 1 Individual Champion, 1 Runner-up, and 6 other placers in the top 6.

The 8th grade girls basketball team finished the season undefeated!!

A special thank you to our dedicated coaching team!



Next up for the Jerome Middle School Wrestlers

- January 4th- Team Wrap Up Party at JHS Cafeteria at 6pm, followed by attendance to the high school dual at 7pm
- January 11th- Club Wrestling Sign ups at JHS Gymnasium at 6pm, followed by the JHS Varsity Home Wrestling dual at 7pm
- January 17th- Start of Club Wrestling Practices
- January 28th- Free Trip and entrance to Boise State Wrestling Dual and tour of Boise State Campus. Leave from JMS at 8am, Dual at 2pm, Return by 6pm. Bring a lunch.

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Jerome High School

January Quiz Bowl coming soon!

District Wide

1st Semester report cards go home on January 6th



Jerome School District in conjunction with Jiffy Lube/Burton Group would like to recognize the outstanding work done by teachers in our district. Brant Hagan and Maggie Stump were recognized in December for the Jerome School District Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations to these two outstanding educators.

Jerome School District Food Pantry through the Idaho Foodbank is up and running. Hours are by appointment only Tuesdays-9:00-4:15 and Fridays 9:00-12:00. Contact Francisca 324-2392 at the district office for appointments.

Jerome School District is in the process of researching and/or implementing full-day kindergarten through grant opportunities as an option for students. We have created this survey to determine the interest level within our community for a full-day kindergarten program. You can access the English version at

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<https://docs.google.com/a/jeromeschools.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiEwgoBjdGfgE41w197TMalfyJhqC8TnCYnGvtNBAnCGRRzQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Jerome School District would like to thank Mr. Byron Burnham for his years of service as a School Board member.

Jerome School District Foundation

Join us February 3rd for the Jerome vs Twin Falls basketball game.

Purchase a program to support the Foundation and read all about the special guests honored at the game including teacher mini-grant recipients and the 87 Basketball State Championship Jerome Tigers. We will have special announcements and events during the game. All proceeds benefit the Jerome School District Foundation.

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.

For more information on the great things happening in Jerome School District please find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/jeromeschooldistrict 261) and Twitter (#JSD261).

If you would like to make a donation to the Jerome School District please contact the school, Kim Lickley at (208) 324-2392 or send an email to kim.lickley@jeromeschools.org.

Jerome CSI Center Courses

Survival Spanish—Beginning

Enjoy Learning Spanish in a comfortable and relaxed environment. There is no grammar, very little writing, and no tests! You will have fun learning common phrases by conversing with each other. This is the perfect course if you are a beginner or need a refresher course.

Thursday Jan. 19 - Mar. 9
6-8 p.m. Jerome Center
\$99 Instructor: Lupe Corbin

Handmade Journal

Don't you just love going through a handmade journal and wishing you could have one, too? Now you can! You will learn fun and creative techniques to get you started on your very own journal. Soon you'll be off and on your way to owning a fabulous book to be treasured! This class will show you how to make a book from beginning to end. The result is a beautiful work of art that you can give as a gift or fill with your own drawings, notes and photos.

Saturday Feb. 4-18
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Jerome High School Room E260
\$89 Instructor: Keith Farnsworth – \$5 paid to instructor for supplies

Gentle Chair Yoga

Enjoy the benefits of a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or using it for support in standing poses. While seated on chair you will learn to do versions of twists, hip stretches, forward bends, and mild backbends. Apply these techniques for mini yoga breaks at work, a long plane ride, or any other time you need to balance the mind, increase blood flow, and boost your energy. Enjoy a yoga practice that is invigorating, fun, and accessible, but most of all, effective.

Saturday Feb. 11
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Jerome Center
\$25 Instructor: Sandra Bernsen

Beginning Meditation

Learn the art and benefits of meditation through mindful breathing & visualization. Calm your mind and relax your body. Begin living with more ease and joy and reduce your daily stress.

Tuesday Feb. 7-28
6-8 p.m. Jerome Center
\$48 Instructor: Sandra Bernsen
CD will be available for purchase at the end of class for \$5.

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



**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

JRD Kids' Fit for Life Day Camp

- For Kids with Downs Syndrome
- January 14th
- Ages 8-15

Spring Soccer Sign Ups

- Registration Feb 1 – March 19
- 4 yrs old – 4th grade

New Year's Weight Loss Challenge

- Begins January 2nd

Kids's Night

- January 27
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 4 yrs old and up

Home School PE

- Wednesdays and Fridays
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- Registration thru Feb 14

TawKwonDo

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Saturday Classes

- Spinning 8:00 a.m.
- Zumba 9:00 a.m.

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

Library Events

- ◆ Make It - Tuesdays after school until 5:00 p.m. for grades 6th-12th
- ◆ Jr. Make It - Thursdays after school until 4:30 p.m. for grades 1st-5th
- ◆ Don Ritchey Sing-Along - Thursdays from 4:00–4:30 p.m. for toddlers thru Kindergartners
- ◆ Storytime - Fridays at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Minecrafternoons - play Minecraft on the library server every day after school. No library card needed.
- ◆ Classic Book Club – meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Contemporary Book Club – meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



For more information, please call 324-5427 or visit the library.

JANUARY EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

Shonna Fraser	City Clerk	27 years
Fred McDonald	Firefighter (Part Time)	15 years
Dan Hall	Police Chief	13 years
Bob Culver	Councilman	9 years
Jason Cunningham	Water Operator	9 years
Larry Bybee	Fire Lieutenant (Part Time)	7 years
Ron Hendriks	Senior Public Works Tech	7 years
Kim LaCelle	Firefighter (Part Time)	7 years
Jonathan Hearn	Lead Irrigator	6 years
Jessica Alaniz-Bullock	Circulation Tech	3 years
Sam Craig	Firefighter Engineer	3 years
David Davis	Mayor	3 years
James Long	Wastewater Operator	3 years
Jason Peterson	Councilman	3 years
Chris Barber	Councilman	1 year
Michelle Frostenson	Assist Finance Director	1 year
Brent "Oop" Johnson	Councilman	1 year
Mike Wratchford	Maint/Code Enforcement	1 year

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