



The City Newsletter

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SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON S. LINCOLN; TRAFFIC DELAYS

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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:

- July 5th
- July 19th

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

With assistance from the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency and a federal grant from the Economic Development Administration, the City of Jerome is upgrading sewer lines on S. Lincoln to accommodate current and future economic development in Jerome. Major construction began last month on gravity and pressure sewer lines on S. Lincoln near the Interstate 84 interchange. Construction on these essential sewer system improvements will require most

Construction Dates:

June- August 1, 2011

During this time, expect delays when traveling on S. Lincoln. Crews are working as quickly as possible to minimize any inconvenience. Questions? Call 324-8189

of the summer, which unfortunately means that traffic issues will continue through the summer months. In addition to S. Lincoln, there will be construction along W. Yakima/

Victory Lane and East Frontage Road that will necessitate periodic road closures.

This project is imperative to the future economic growth of Jerome and in attracting more jobs to the Jerome economy. The current infrastructure cannot accommodate any significant growth that may occur in the Southeast Industrial Area or in the Jerome Industrial Park along S. Lincoln. Two projects are actually taking place simultaneously to achieve the final objective.

The first project is to upgrade the lift station known as Brockman Lift Station, which is across from All About Autos. This lift station collects sewage from all entities located south of the railroad tracks and pumps it

to the H Street Lift Station, which pumps to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The project will upgrade the Brockman Lift Station with increased capacity, a larger vault, and more powerful pumps. This project will have a minimal impact on traffic.



The second project, the S. Lincoln/Victory Lane Sewer Line Project, involves the installation of new gravity and pressure sewer lines coming from the lift station, up the west side of Lincoln, and traveling along Victory Lane to H Street. This project has already caused traffic issues and will continue to be the cause of slower travel on South Lincoln this summer. Crews are working as quickly as possible to minimize any inconveniences.

The overall project cost is just over \$1.2 million, which is \$400,000 less than projected. The bid for the Brockman Lift Station Upgrade was awarded to Gordon Paving and the bid for the Victory Lane sewer project was awarded to Schmidt Construction.

The pipe project will include installing two pressure

For more on this project, see page 3

New Library Hours!

Summer Hours (Day after Memorial Day holiday to day before Labor Day holiday.)

- Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
- Friday 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
- Saturday and Sunday Closed

Winter Hours (Day after Labor Day holiday to day before Memorial Day holiday.)

- Monday – Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
- Friday 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
- Saturday 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- Sunday Closed

We invite you to take a survey and comment on library hours.

The link to the survey is on the library web page at: <http://www.ci.jerome.id.us/city-government/library.html>

NO FIREWORKS SHOW IN JEROME

The City of Jerome will not be hosting a fireworks display this year for the 4th of July as it was unable to be funded during the development of last year's budget. The City does not anticipate having funds available to restore the fireworks display in future years as long as budget limitations pose a risk to maintaining services for the protection of public health and safety. Future fireworks displays in Jerome will depend on the efforts and interest of the local community to come together and make it happen. The Jerome Events Committee remains committed to organizing the Community Freedom Festival and has also partnered with the grassroots fireworks committee in Twin Falls to raise funds for a Magic Valley fireworks display on the 4th of July. For more information email Rbrt.Groves@JeromeEvents.com.

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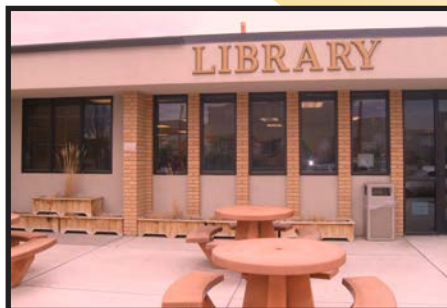
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JEROME LIBRARY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are welcome and appreciated at the public library. Typical tasks include shelving books, mending books, laminating softback books, helping prepare for programs, and other tasks as assigned. Some tasks can be taught, but others require an individual with specific skills.

For the past two years, the library has been fortunate to have a devoted and skilled volunteer handyman, Jerry Brown. Jerry, a retired electrician, has been a big help to us in making minor repairs and taking care of other maintenance tasks. Some of the things he has helped us with include; changing out lights and ballasts, changing filters for the heat/air system, plumbing and electrical repairs, furniture repairs, installing fixtures, hanging signs, moving shelving, patching a leak in the roof, etc.

Jerry has moved away to another community and is no longer available to volunteer at the library. We are in great need of finding an-



other individual with Jerry's skills to take his place as the library's volunteer handyman (or woman).

If anyone is interested and available to donate time to the public library as our volunteer handyman or in any other volunteer capacity, please stop by the library to pick up a volunteer application, give us a call at 324-5427, or email the director Patty Metcalf at pmetcalf@ci.jerome.id.us.

FIREWORKS SAFETY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Consumer fireworks are a wonderful way to celebrate holidays. But they must be used carefully! The National Council on Fireworks Safety urges consumers to be fireworks smart, before, during and after their consumer fireworks display.



Before: Choose an open area away from

spectators, homes and buildings and dry vegetation. Use a garden hose to wet down the area before firing.

During: As each device burns out, soak it using a hose, or bucket of water.

After: Place all used items in a covered, fireproof container and leave it outside and away from homes and buildings. "Fireworks are beautiful and add fun and excitement to holiday celebrations. But you must be fireworks smart when you use them!" says National Council Vice President Jack Leonard and remember the following special fireworks

safety tips for sparklers:

- Children under the age of 12 should not use sparklers without very close adult supervision.
- Always remain standing while using sparklers.
- Never hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
- Never hold, or light, more than one sparkler at a time.
- Sparklers and bare feet can be a painful combination. Always wear closed-toe shoes when using sparklers.
- Sparkler wire and stick remain hot long after the flame has gone out. Be sure to drop the spent sparklers directly in a bucket of water.
- Never hand a lighted sparkler to another person. Give them the unlit sparkler and then light it.
- Always stand at least 6 feet from another person while using sparklers.
- Never throw sparklers.
- Show children how to hold sparklers away from their body and at arm's length.
- Teach children not to wave sparklers, especially wooden stick sparklers, or run while holding sparklers.

CHANGES TO WATER AND SEWER BILLING



There have been recent changes to the billing procedures of the utilities department as pertains to water and sewer charges. If there are any questions on the new water or sewer rates, please contact the Utility office at 324-8189.

Below is a summary of the recent changes to the water and sewer billing:

- 1) Your initial water security deposit fees have increased from \$70.00 dollars to \$120.00.
- 2) If the customer pays their water bill on time by the 15th of each month for one year, they will get their initial deposit back.
- 3) If a water service is terminated for non-payment, they will pay \$75 reconnect fee. In rare cases, a new deposit of \$120 will be required as well.
- 4) Beginning August 1, the sewer fees have increased by \$4.82 per month for a new base rate and the usage rate will increase to \$2.80 per 100 cubic feet.

If you have any questions, please call the Utility Office at 324-8189. Thank you.

NEW SIDEWALKS ON N. LINCOLN

The Public Works Department is now finishing up new sidewalks along N. Lincoln. The sidewalks will make it safer for children to walk to and from school.



SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS ON S. LINCOLN



After careful review of a Traffic and Safety Study completed by the City Engineer, Rick Wuori, the Mayor and City Council have proposed to reduce speed limits along S. Lincoln to improve the safety of the corridor.

The new speed limits would reduce speeds to 45 mph from Montana Street (300 S. Rd) to the traffic light at Interstate 84. From there to approximately Farnsworth Mortuary would be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. Beyond Farnsworth Mortuary would be 25 mph through Jerome's downtown.

For questions or comments on this action, please contact the City at 208-324-8189 or attend the City Council meeting on July 5, 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers located at 100 E Avenue A.

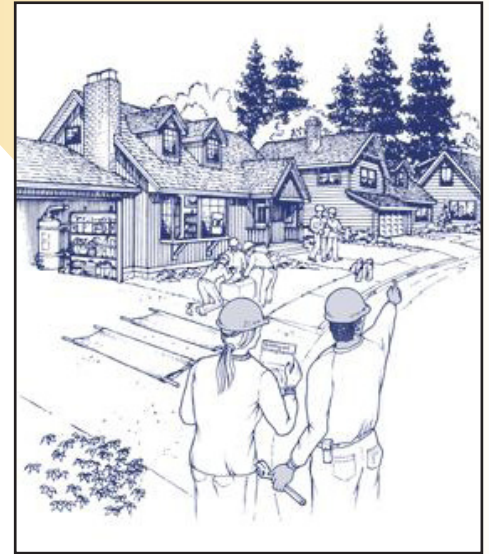
OPERATION FACELIFT IS A HUGE SUCCESS



With over 65 volunteers from the community, Operation Facelift has already repainted four buildings in downtown Jerome with only one more building to paint. The improvements enhance the aesthetics of our downtown and will hopefully attract businesses and jobs to the vacant buildings. We will highlight more on Operation Facelift in the August newsletter.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Map-Your-Neighborhood (MYN) is a program to help citizens organize a timely response to a disaster within their own neighborhoods, especially when normal emergency response (9-1-1) is overwhelmed or unavailable. By simply inviting neighbors into your home and presenting a short and simple training session, and following up with a planning meeting, you and your neighbors can be better prepared. MYN gives you a plan to protect your home and provide for your own needs during a disaster. The MYN is focused on using the booklet "Building and Strengthening Disaster Readiness Among Neighbors". With this you will learn the "9 Steps-Immediately Following Disaster" and what to do first within your own homes and then the neighborhood to help others. MYN provides you with the specific tools: a Discussion Guide, Instructional CD, individual booklets, and handouts, to facilitate the training program. Your County Coordinator is ready to assist you and your neighborhood in implementing MYN by providing you with the tools and guidance to start this MYN program.



Contact your County Coordinator/Emergency Management Office for more information:

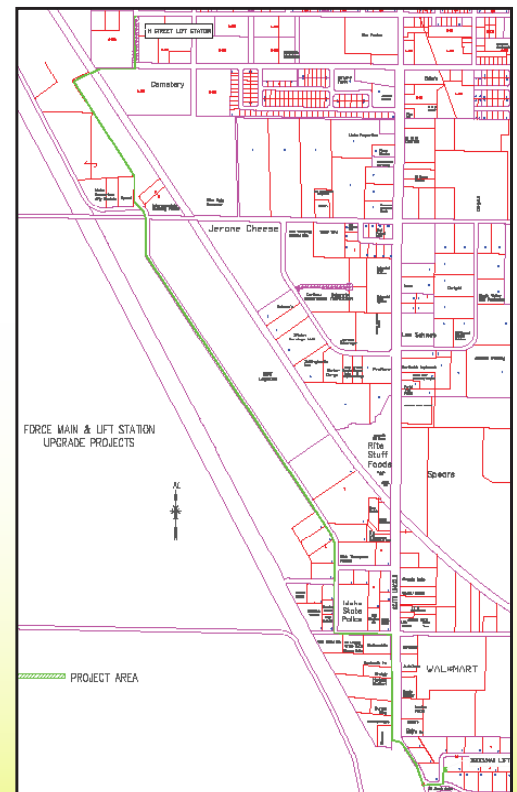
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 Jerome, ID 83338
 (208) 324-9261 Or 644-2791
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S. LINCOLN PROJECT: CONTINUED

sewer lines from Brockman lift station to H St lift station. (see map). The north portion of the pressure sewer pipes have been installed to Nez Perce Avenue by the City of Jerome infrastructure crew. The rest of the project has been contracted out to Schmidt Construction. They will be working on South Lincoln this summer on both pressure sewer lines and a gravity sewer line that will take waste water from the old Dino's lift station, adjacent to the Sinclair Station, to Brockman lift station to be pumped up to the treatment plant. The pressure sewer lines will be installed from Brockman lift station to Nez Perce Avenue. Dino's lift station will be abandoned after the project is put online.

The South Lincoln portion will close two south-bound lanes until the road is restored. There will be only 1 travel lane south bound and 1 travel lane northbound with a speed limit of 25mph from Frontage to Yakima. The project is scheduled to be finished this August.

Please be patient and safe while traveling on South Lincoln this summer.



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**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Upcoming Events for July:

Registration for Fall Youth Sports

- Begins July 5th
- Soccer ages 4 yrs - 4th grade, 4 week session, \$15
- Flag Football ages 1st-4th grade, 4 week session, \$15

Soccer Camp in the Fall

- 5th and 6th Grade
- Call for more information!

Golf Lessons

- July 26, 27, and 28
- Adult Lessons: 6:00 pm, \$30 for in-district
- Youth Lessons: 8:00 am, \$25 for in-district

Summer Sizzler Adult Coed Softball Tournament

- July 16th and 17th
- Deadline for registration is July 5

Water Aerobics and Swimming Lessons

- Still registering
- Call for details!

Watch for new class schedules for summer!

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

Questions? Call (208) 324-3389

Summer Programs at Jerome Public Library

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

- Stations for All the Nations. July 7 at 10am
- Global Citizens Finale. July 14 at 10am
- Wii Day every Tuesday at 2:30pm until July 26
- Sizzlin' Movie Day every Friday at 2:30pm until July 29

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS: NOVEL DESTINATIONS

- Hot Days, Cool Nights Adult Computer Classes
 Advanced: July 14 and July 28 at 5:30-6:30pm
- Lemonade Story Time. Tuesdays until July 18 at 2pm



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

- Anime Day– Create the Dream You and Come to Life in Video and Comic. July 6 at 11am
- Amazing Race Relay and Around the World Scavenger Hunt. July 13 at 11am

1st Annual Firefighters "Fire in the Hole" Golf Tournament

The Fire in the Hole Golf Tournament is a fundraising event for the Jerome Fire Department. All proceeds will be used to offset the costs of a new training facility in the City of Jerome.

When: July 30, 2011

Where: Canyon Springs Golf Course

Registration: \$65/person or \$260/team

To register: email fire_in_the_hole@live.com

or

call Mike Harrison at 208-731-5527

For more information, call 324-2323.



JULY ISSUE STAFF WRITERS



Ryan Darrington has worked for the City for over 18 months as an account clerk in the Utilities Office. He reported on the Fire Department.

Patty Metcalf has been the Director of the Jerome Public Library for nine months. She reported her own department for this issue.



Gary Showers has worked for the Fire Department for seven years as a full time firefighter. He reported on Utilities Office.



Brandy Chelini has worked for 18 months as the Engineering Assistant. She reported on the Water Department and Engineering for this issue.

Micah Austin, Community Development Director, edits and compiles the monthly e-Newsletter