



The City Newsletter

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CITY OF JEROME

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OPERATION FACELIFT PROJECT IS A SUCCESS

The Jerome Operation Facelift Committee completed the 2013 Operation Facelift project in June. The project focused on cleaning, weeding and painting East Main Street in Jerome. This year the committee gave a fresh look to five buildings and assisted the Chamber of Commerce to purchase planters for each corner at the intersection of Main Street and Lincoln Avenue.

The Operation Facelift project is intended to help our communities look more attractive and have that 'First Appearance' good feeling to prospective new businesses looking to relocate or expand to Southern Idaho. More attractive store fronts can bring more people to the downtown area.

Most economic development professionals and downtown revitalization proponents, feel that expenditures for facelifts of various magnitudes are the next critical steps behind infrastructure improvements for downtown revitalization. There were many generous donations made to the Operation Facelift for beautification of the downtown. The committee would like to thank the donors and volunteers who made this project possible.

Enjoy the beautiful weather by taking a stroll downtown to see the fresh look on East Main Street in Jerome.

- Zoe Monahan, Community Development Director

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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 2nd
- July 16th

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



Before



After

RONNIE OLSON RETIRED FROM THE JEROME WASTEWATER FACILITY

Ronnie Olson was hired by the Public Works Department in November 2003. He started with the Infrastructure team and helped install miles of water and sewer mains. Mr. Olson then moved to the Wastewater Department where he worked as a Collections Operator. Mr. Olson has assisted many weekends, holidays and late nights to jet sewer lines and help the citizens of Jerome. Ronnie was always willing to go out and work in any weather condition. Ronnie will now have more time to enjoy his new marriage to Candy and spend time with his friends and family. The City of Jerome wishes Ronnie and his family the best and many fulfilling, relaxing days ahead.

- Ida Guffy, Human Resources Specialist



Pictured Above:
Ronnie Olson

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FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Family Emergency Preparedness Questionnaire

Answer these 8 questions. If you have answered “no” to any of them, you need to develop or upgrade your Family Emergency Plan.

1. Do you believe that your community is prepared for emergencies?
2. Do you believe that your family is well-prepared to handle most emergencies?
3. Have you discussed emergency planning issues with your family?
4. Do you have a Family Emergency Supplies Kit including:
 - A three day supply of water per person (1 gallon per person, per day)
 - One change of clothing per person.
 - One blanket or sleeping bag per person.
 - First aid kit with current prescription medication enough for four days
 - Battery powered radio & flashlight, w/ extra batteries
 - Extra set of car keys
 - A credit card and a small amount of cash
 - Sanitation supplies
5. Does your house have operational smoke detectors on every level?
6. Do you have a charged ABC fire extinguisher?
7. Have you trained your family on the proper techniques of fire extinguisher use?
8. Do you know how to turn off your utilities

Contact your Jerome County Office of Emergency Management for more information on how to prepare your family for any emergency at 324-9261 or email cblackwood@co.jerome.id.us.

- Clint Blackwood, Jerome County Office of Emergency Management

FIREWORKS SAFETY

The Fourth of July is a time we celebrate our freedom. This is also a time that fireworks are common. We want to make sure those who use fireworks use them safely. Consider that most injuries and fires during this holiday are caused by fireworks. Each Fourth of July thousands of people, often children and teens, are injured while using fireworks. The risk of injuries caused by fireworks is highest for children ages 5 – 19 and adults 25 – 44 years of age. Bodily injuries can occur if people are not careful. The most common are hands and fingers at 46%, followed by eyes at 17%, head, face, and ears also and 17%, the torso at 5%, and arms at 4%. Keep friends, family and yourself safe this Fourth of July by following these safety tips:

- Never let young children play or ignite fireworks.
- Never make your own fireworks.
- Think about your pets.
- Always have adult supervision.
- Never place your body over the firework device when lighting the fuse.
- Never try to relight or pick up a firework device that didn't light fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other accident.
- Know your fireworks and read the warning labels.
- Alcohol and fireworks don't mix.
- Obey local laws
 - o it is illegal to alter any fireworks.
 - o It is illegal to throw any fireworks into or from a vehicle.
 - o Don't use fireworks in any area where the vegetative conditions constitute a fire hazard.
 - o Use only non-aerial fireworks allowed without a permit.



- Captain Dean Larsen, Police Department

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TRAVEL AND VACATION SAFETY TIPS

Summer time is the time for travel and vacations. The Jerome Police Department has offered some advice to help ensure a safe and worry free trip. Here are some things to keep in mind when planning a trip or while on vacation.

When traveling with small children consider having them wear some sort of identification. This will provide a way for people to identify lost children and give them a way to contact you. Talk to your child about “what being lost is” and “what to do if they become lost”. They need to know to stay put and if they are scared to look for another ‘mommy’ for help. Moms are easy to spot because they have kids. You should have a current photo of your child; take a picture of what your child is wearing each day. When you realize your child is lost, don’t look for them alone. Get help. Scream if necessary “my son is lost, he’s three, and wearing a blue shirt”.

While on vacation it is suggested that you consider a few tips to have a safe trip.

- Use a door alarm on your hotel door; this will alert you to an intrusion as well as if a small child tries to leave without your knowledge.
- Be alert in parking lots (especially after dark), on public transportation, in sparsely populated areas, and around the ATM.
- Don’t leave valuables out and don’t carry more than you need.
- Try to minimize the tourist look and don’t let your guard down.
- Avoid excessive drinking.
- Keep a map of the area with you in case you get lost.
- Don’t let anyone rush you.
- Be aware of tricks criminals use.

While you’re away, protect your home. Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions. Stop mail and newspapers or ask a neighbor to pick them up each day. Put several household lights on timers and have them come on and turn off at appropriate times. Arrange to have your law mowed or snow shoveled while you are gone. Lock all your doors and windows. Have your residence placed on the local Police Department vacation check list. Residents can be added to the list by filling out a house watch form at the Police Department.

- Captain Dean Larsen, Police Department

NEW TRAFFIC DELINEATORS ON SOUTH LINCOLN

If you have traveled down South Lincoln lately you have noticed that the Public Works Department installed new traffic Delineators on both the North bound and South bound turn lanes at the intersection of I street. The purpose of the markers is to make the intersection safer. There have been a number of accidents that resulted from vehicle trying to either enter or exit the businesses near the intersection. Public Works would like to ask your help in making everyone safer by following a couple of simple rules:

1. Please Do Not cross the double yellow line to enter a business prior to the intersection.
2. Please Do use the appropriate turn lane and enter the business from a side street.
3. Please Do Not attempt to exit a business by driving around the Delineator.
4. Please Do exit the business onto I street and then use the turn lane to merge back onto South or North Lincoln.

These simple tips will help keep all of us safe. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic that use this intersection. The addition of the Hawk Crosswalk System has greatly improved the safety of our walking public. We hope that, if used properly, these new delineators will reduce the number of vehicle accidents at this intersection.

- Mike Hensley, Operation Supervisor - Streets



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**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

JULY EVENTS:

July Family Fun Nights

- July 13th 7 PM- 11 PM
 Games, Swimming and Movie
 Night
- July 27th 7 PM - 11 PM
 BBQ, Swimming and Movie in the
 Park

Tough Enough to Wear Pink

5K Fun Run/Walk

- August 3rd - 8AM start

Swimming Lessons

- Space is still available - call the
 JRD for details

Golf Lessons

- July 23, 24 & 25
- Ages 6-11 - 8:15-9:15 AM
- Ages 12-17 - 9:30-10:30 AM
- Adults - 6:00-7:15PM
- Lessons at Jerome Country Club
- Space is limited to 12 participants
 per age group

Kids Camp Carwash

Fundraisers

- July 18 - 9:30am to 12:30 pm
- August 1 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Summer Sizzler Co-Ed Softball

Tournament

- July 27th & 28th
- Registration & fees due July 12th
 at 9AM
- Family Swim Passes \$120—Get
 yours today!
- Registration for Fall Soccer (k-
 6th grade) and Flag Football (1st
 – 4th grade) coming soon!

**Check our website for the
 latest information:**

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

or visit the JRD at

2032 South Linclon in Jerome

Library Events in May

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- “Little Diggers” Preschool Summer Reading- July 9th & 16th @
 10 am
- “Dig in to Reading” Summer Reading (All Ages) - July 11th &
 18th @ 10 am
- StarLab- July 18th @ 11:00 am
- Summer Reading Finale Carnival- July 19th @ 10 am

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Please inquire at the library: 324-5427



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Celebrate the 4th of July in Jerome

The community is invited to participate in an Independence Day celebration in Jerome. The event will pay tribute to veterans by reading the names of veterans buried at the Jerome Cemetery. The event will also have a ceremony for Missing in Action Prisoners of War and an honor guard. Finally, there will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The event will take place at South Park in Jerome at 10AM. The community is encouraged to bring chairs to the event.

For more information contact Council Member Dale Ross at dross@ci.jerome.id.us

PUBLIC WORKS VISITS THE LIBRARY!

Every summer hundreds of children gather at the Jerome Public Library for crafts, games and special guests. All of this is part of the library’s six week Summer Reading Program. This year the theme is “Dig into Reading!” with all things dirt and underground. The City of Jerome Public Works department graciously donated an hour of their time to be the program’s special guest on June 13th. The theme of the day was “Dirt Machines!” Public Works staff members; Larry Bybee, Matt Dunn, Patrick Mellon and Kenny Vieu brought in several big dirt moving machines for the children to explore and see up close.

They even did a very elaborate demonstration that involved a backhoe and some safety cones so the kids could see the process of digging a hole. The children were so excited when they got to climb into the rigs themselves and even honk the horns! Larry Bybee gave a very nice presentation and told the group just what the Water Works/Public Works department does on a daily basis. The staff at Jerome Public Library is grateful that these busy gentlemen spent some time with us and the children of our community! It looked like the Public Works staff had fun as well!

- Darbie Chocker, Youth Services Programmer

