



The City Newsletter

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American Veterans Tribute Wall is Coming to Jerome

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Our Area Veterans, partnered with the City of Jerome are proud to announce that they will bring The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall to Jerome, Idaho.

The Wall will be on display at Summit Elementary School located at 200 10th Ave West, **August 7-10, 2014**. The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall is an 80% replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that is located in Washington D.C. and this will be its first of two stops in Idaho this year.



There will be a Traveling Wall Escort on August 6th. The processional will begin at Wal-Mart at 4PM and will travel down South Lincoln Avenue until it reaches Summit Elementary. An Event Ceremony will be held August 9th at 10AM, and a Closing Ceremony August 10th at 2PM.

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall will be located outside, on the west side of the building in the fenced area. This event is open to the public and admission is free. If you need assistance in finding a fallen hero on the wall, volunteers will be available to assist August 8-9 from 8AM to 8PM, and August 10 from 8AM to 2PM.

Don't miss this opportunity to Honor, Respect and Remember our American Heroes!

Skate Park Grand Opening was a Success

The Syringa Wireless Community Skate Park held its Grand Opening on Saturday, June 28th. There was a ribbon cutting as well as a skate competition. Thank you to everyone that came out and supported this event, there was a great turnout. If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the park, you are invited to check it out! The hours of operation are from 6AM-11PM.



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 1st
- July 15th
- August 4th
- August 19th

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

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Police Department

Why do we have police and what purpose do they serve? Common answers are “to protect and serve” or “to enforce the law.” These answers are much too vague and simplistic to describe a function that can often be complex and challenging. The general purpose of any police agency is to prevent and investigate crime, apprehend offenders, maintain order, and provide other general services to the community. The public image of the police is often that of a crime fighter as portrayed in popular movies and television shows. Though there is a “crime fighter” element to the job of policing, it is actually a small part of what the police actually do. Frequently, a police officer resembles a counselor who uses problem solving skills to deal with disputes and resolve conflict. Without the police to enforce the law and maintain order, it would be extremely difficult for society to function in an orderly manner.



The City of Jerome is served by the Jerome Police Department. The mission of the Jerome Police Department is to “promote community safety by providing proactive law enforcement, excellent service, and a positive work environment”. Common police services provided by the police department include keeping the peace, enforcing state and local laws, criminal investigation, traffic safety enforcement, and other services that promote public safety. In addition to common police services, the police department maintains law enforcement records and provides animal control services for the City of Jerome. The Jerome Police Department has 23 full-time employees and four part-time employees including 20 police officers, two administrative staff, one animal control officer, two part-time animal shelter attendants, and two reserve police officers. In addition, the police department has one drug detection dog which is an effective tool to help combat illegal drugs in the community. The police department tries to recruit the best staff possible and strives to create an environment that encourages police employees to serve the community in an effective and professional manner.

Since 2003, the City of Jerome has grown by about 39%. During the same time period, staffing at the Jerome Police Department has grown by only about 18% and yet, the crime rate in the City of Jerome has declined by approximately 48%. In 2013, the Jerome Police Department responded to approximately 14,337 calls, submitted 1,364 police reports, investigated more than 924 crimes, and made 515 arrests. In addition, animal control staff handled 784 dogs and there was an average of about 21 dogs per day in the Jerome Animal Shelter. The Jerome Police Department provides vital services and is part of the City of Jerome team that helps promote an environment where families and businesses can succeed. You may learn more about the Police Department by visiting the City website, www.ci.jerome.id.us or by contacting the administrative office at 324-4328.

- Chief Dan Hall

“Go Hog Wild” – Jerome County Fair

The Jerome County Fair is slated to run August 5th – August 9th. The fair will kick off with the parade Tuesday, August 5th. Pre-registration is \$5 or you may register the day of the parade for \$10. Participants must fill out an entry form to participate in the parade. Parade will start at 5PM. For more information on the Jerome County Fair, please call 324-7209, e-mail fun@jeromecountyfair.com or visit www.jeromecountyfair.com.



Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project

The City of Jerome Wastewater Department will be updating Jerome citizens on a monthly basis with the status of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project. This article will be the “kick-off” of the series. The City selected Western Construction, of Boise, ID to construct the Emergency Storage Lagoon. Western Construction began mobilizing equipment on June 25th and started construction on June 30th. If you are traveling on the North 100 West road between now and February 2015, please watch for slow traffic and heavy equipment. The City also selected OVIVO of Austin, TX to complete the upgrades of Membrane Bioreactor in basins 5 and 6. This project is slated to begin in the later part of Fall 2014 and terminate in the early months of Summer 2015. The City of Jerome’s engineering consultants are starting the pre-design for the construction of the additional aeration basin to help with the current wastewater loadings. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Wastewater Department at 324-7122. Until next time, have a wonderful and safe Fourth of July!



Site Map



Current Field View

Wastewater Safety

Safety of employees is the City of Jerome’s highest priority. The Wastewater Department recently discovered a safety hazard that not only realized the protection of employees but also opportunities to save time and costs. The City of Jerome Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) utilizes Membrane Bioreactors (MBRs) for the treatment of domestic and industrial wastewater. The MBRs are housed in large basins that are filled with wastewater. During maintenance activities employees are required to enter a confined space to turn the flow on and off via below-ground valves to the bottom of the basins. “Confined Space Entry” requires the attendance of multiple employees, entry tools, and personal protective equipment. The Wastewater Department “engineered” out this safety hazard by the use of above-ground valve keys as pictured below. This alternative eliminated a significant safety hazard, time and cost.



Below Ground Valves



Above Ground Valves

- Dade Pettinger, Wastewater Pretreatment Coordinator

Kristine Shelton Resigns as Senior Center Director

After almost nine years, I am resigning my position as director at the Jerome Senior Center.

During that nine years, we have implemented many significant improvements, created new programs, increased participation in our programs and ensured financial stability.

This would not have been possible without a wonderful board of directors which dedicates many hours of its time. It has been such a benefit to the center because of its reliability, dependability, integrity and desire to succeed.

I would also like to thank the churches, civic groups and other nonprofit organizations for partnering with the center to benefit a variety of needs in this community.

Also, the center would not be the success that it has become without all the volunteers, whether they teach fitness classes, deliver meals or help out with the daily operations and activities of the center. You have been such a support.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to the seniors for being so good to me over the years. You have supported me in many endeavors, put up with my bad jokes, and I have always felt loved and appreciated. I will miss seeing you daily as you are my friends and the family I never thought that I would be lucky enough to have.



- Kristine Shelton, Senior Center Director

Senior Center Events

The monthly Board meeting has been changed to July 13th at 7pm. The public is welcome to attend.

The next monthly breakfast will be July 27th from 11:30AM-1:30PM. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, eggs and fresh fruit. Come join your friends and family to support the Home Delivered Meal Program. The cost is \$5.00.

The Jerome Senior Center would like to thank Faith Fellowship for their generous donation to the Center to support Senior Nutrition Programs.



Thank You *Debbie Dane* of Southern Idaho Tourism!

Debbie Dane provided customer service and communications training to City employees. Team members were reminded that excellent customer service is about service, attitude, consistency, and teamwork. Team members also learned about emotional intelligence and the importance of working as team to be leaders in Jerome. We appreciate Debbie's time and reminding us to "practice our craft".



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What's Happening at the Library

Summer Reading

Summer is hopping at the Jerome Public Library! There are many programs throughout the week for our local youth to come and participate in to beat the summer heat. For program details, please contact the library at 324-5427 or visit the library website at www.jerome.lili.org.

Summer Reading is in full force at the Jerome Public Library! The Library has hosted many successful programs so far for the preschoolers, grade school, tween and teens. The Preschool "Little Einstein's" have had the opportunity to learn about colors/weather. They have experimented with "Fireworks in a Jar" as well as "Rain Clouds" to see how rain transcends from the sky and down to Earth.

The "Fizz, Boom, Read" grade school age children have had two very talented Chemistry Professors from CSI, Dr. Heidi Campbell and Professor Megan Jacobson, demonstrate some very exciting science experiments. They had fun learning about the reactions between vinegar and baking soda in a "Gassey Balloon" experiment, learning about Newton's Laws of Motion, burning sugar and balloon kabobs.



"Spark a Reaction" has been a huge hit with the teens. They were able to test the chemical reactions between Pepsi and Pop Rocks and had the opportunity to make homemade lava lamps.

'Make It Program'

The 'Make It at The Library' is still going strong; challenging the tweens and teens building and construction skills as they continue to work on completing Fischer Technik builds to be able to move forward and work with robotics.

Anime Club

The Anime Club has officially produced their first calendar. All of the art was hand drawn by the members of the club. It is a fantastic display of their artistic talents. It is a school fiscal year calendar that runs July 2014 through June 2015. Stop by the library and take a look at the amazing calendar these exceptional artists have put together!

'Appy Hour'

Mark your calendar for August 6th at 5:30PM for 'Appy Hour'. Join us as we share our favorite apps and share some of your own. Jennifer Hills will be here to share some of the newest gadgets, demonstrate how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks, and to share her favorite apps. Jennifer is a member of the Idaho Commission for Libraries SPLAT team (Special Projects Library Action Team). The members of this team are eager to share their knowledge about the latest technology gadgets.



The City of Jerome is on Facebook!

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