



# The City Newsletter

October 2014

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CITY OF JEROME

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## Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Update

Construction of the Emergency Storage Lagoon is still ongoing and on schedule. The largest cell of the lagoon has been lined and is being filled with water for seepage testing. The other cell of the lagoon is in the process of being lined and prepared for seepage testing as well. If you are traveling on the North 100 West road between now and February 2015, please watch for slow traffic and heavy equipment. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the City of Jerome Wastewater Department at 324-7122. Until next time, have a wonderful Halloween!

- Dade Pettinger, Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator



Before (August 29<sup>th</sup>)



After (September 25<sup>th</sup>)

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### City Council

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

#### Council Meets:

- October 7<sup>th</sup>
- October 21<sup>st</sup>
- November 4<sup>th</sup>
- November 18<sup>th</sup>

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

## New City Planner: Esmeralda Chavez

Esmeralda Chavez joined the City of Jerome in December 2013. She recently accepted the City Planner position. Esmeralda has shown her strong service commitment and thrives in working in an environment that involves helping others. She is a Jerome native and is excited to work with City Staff and the City Council to make a positive impact on Jerome's future. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Boise State University. Esmeralda has an extensive background in customer service and has gained planning experience through her close work with the City's former Community Development Director.

The City Planner's primary focus is to be a resource to the community and assist individuals with the various processes and regulations within the Jerome Municipal Code. "My goal," Esmeralda said, "is to treat everyone fairly and to be consistent with public service." Esmeralda will also act as a liaison between our Hispanic community and the Planning & Zoning department as an interpreter explaining code language, application processes and answering general zoning questions.

## Irrigation Season Ends October 6<sup>th</sup>

The City of Jerome will be discontinuing the delivery of irrigation water for 2014 on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This will allow city employees time to winterize the system. If you have any questions concerning the discontinuation, please contact Public Works Director, Walt Appell at 324-9669.

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## Employee of the Quarter: Alfred Alvarez

Wastewater Operator, Alfred Alvarez was awarded the employee of the quarter this September for his ingenuity and hard work. Alfred recently developed a simple yet creative product to discover issues with membrane bioreactor fouling within the Wastewater Treatment Facility. This product development has helped save hundreds of manpower hours and resources. The City of Jerome appreciates Alfred's commitment to finding alternatives to keep hours and costs to a minimum. Way to go Alfred!



- Dade Pettinger, Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator

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## You Have the Right to Know

The Jerome Police Department is dedicated to enhancing the safety of the community. Additionally, we also have an obligation to keep citizens informed. The department would like to relate information about the assistance our office renders to the public. By making the following information available to our public, we hope to reduce the incidence of possible delays or the confusion that may be experienced during interactions with our department.

The majority of our reportable incidents originate from calls placed through the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center (SIRCOMM). When a call requesting contact with an officer is placed directly to our office, the call is routed to SIRCOMM for dispatching and record keeping purposes. In order to avoid delays rising from our need to transfer a call to our dispatch center, we recommend that they be contacted directly at 324-1911 or in case of an emergency at 911.

Once initial contact with a patrol officer is made through our dispatch center, our department may assist individuals with obtaining or providing items pertaining to an incident. Some common services we provide are:

- Collecting written statements – Often written statements are gathered directly by our officers. Whenever additional information needs to be added to a report, we are able to forward the supplemental data to the investigating officer.
- Returning property – When assisting with the return of stolen property, or items retained for evidentiary purposes, our process requires additional legal authorization. In these instances a short grace period is required. Usually, this does not exceed two business days.
- Authorizing the release of towed vehicles – Releasing a vehicle that was impounded upon an officer's request requires the presence of the registered owner. They must present identification in order to pick up the form that must be presented to the tow company. If a registered owner is unable to visit our office, they must grant a third party permission, in a notarized letter, to act on their behalf.
- Providing public records – Upon request, our office can furnish copies of police reports, accident reports, or call for service logs belonging to the Jerome Police Department. A request may be submitted utilizing various methods, including acting in person or by filling out the public records request form located on our web page at [www.ci.jerome.id.us/city-government/police-department.html](http://www.ci.jerome.id.us/city-government/police-department.html). Most reports are available for release the day following



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the incident, however it may take up to 3 business days to fulfill a request. A copy will be provided in accordance to the provisions outlined in the public records law, so long as it is not an ongoing investigation. Defendants who were involved in the event for which the report is being requested will be directed to make the request directly to their legal counsel or the prosecuting attorney.

- Dog Licensing – In addition to these services, our office can also assist with ensuring a dog is licensed, as required by city code, 6.08.040. Upon verification of the rabies vaccination, a dog license may be obtained by the pet's owner. One year tags are available at a cost of \$2.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$4.00 for unspayed or unneutered canines. Three year tags are available for \$3.00 or \$6.00 depending on if the pet has been altered or not.
- Bicycle Licensing - Our office also handles the issuance of licenses for bicycles. The bike should be brought to the department in order to verify the serial number assigned to it. After these numbers are recorded, and a \$1.00 fee is paid, our office enters the data into our system. This aides in the recovery of lost or stolen bikes.
- House Watches - Another benefit that our office offers is performing house watches. This helps protect our citizen's property when they are away. An individual may visit the office and fill out a form advising us of the dates they will be absent from their home. Our officers in turn, conduct extra patrolling in their area during that time to help prevent possible crimes associated with the address.

By highlighting many of the services we offer, we trust that we may deliver a seamless process when dealing with our department. To maintain our public's confidence and foster approachability, we must act in concert with entities within our community to raise awareness on various matters. It is our goal to protect and serve members of our city with diligence.

- Silvia Rosales, Records Specialist

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## Fire Prevention Week 2014 & Free Pancake Breakfast

Fire prevention week is upon us again. This year's theme is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" October 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> take some time out of your day to check and test your smoke alarms. Remember to create and practice your preplanned escape routes and always have two ways out. Discuss with your family the location of your designated safe meeting place, in front of your home. The Jerome City Fire Department will be visiting all of the schools in Jerome October 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> to teach students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade some very important fire safety and prevention skills, while focusing on this year's theme. All students will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive and informative coloring contest.

Please join your local fire departments to celebrate a successful fire prevention week at the FREE pancake breakfast & open house with the Jerome City and Jerome Rural Fire Departments. Join us on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> on the 100 block of East Avenue A from 9AM–12PM. In honor of this year's theme we will have a sign-up sheet for anyone who needs help testing their existing smoke alarms or needs new ones installed in their home. Smoke alarms only last for 10 years, and need their batteries changed twice a year. Firefighters will install new smoke alarms for free and help you make sure they are working properly. This event is cosponsored by the Jerome Rural and Jerome City Fire Departments.

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## The Dallas Brass is coming to Jerome

The internationally-acclaimed Dallas Brass is coming to Jerome! During the day, they will be presenting a clinic for the Jerome Middle School and Jerome High School band students. In the evening, they will be presenting a concert for the community and students. The concert will be Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM at the Jerome High School auditorium. Tickets can be pre-purchased from any band member for \$12 or that evening at the door for \$15.

*For more information or to purchase tickets, e-mail [jeromemusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:jeromemusicboosters@gmail.com) or [hiroshi.fukuoka@jeromeschools.org](mailto:hiroshi.fukuoka@jeromeschools.org)*

## What's Happening at the Library

### **'Make It' Program**

'Make It at The Library' is very excited to announce that we will be getting a 3-D printer for the library! Staff are headed to Boise for training in 3-D printing and E-textiles! We look forward to offering its use to our 'Make It' Tweens and Teens! The 3-D printer will also be available for use by the general public for a small fee that will be applied to paying for the materials used.

### **'Every Child Ready to Read' Program**

The 'Every Child Ready to Read' program starts October 13<sup>th</sup> for children anywhere from birth to preschool. This is an evening class, from 6–6:45PM. The class will focus on ways parents can help their children learn and build literacy skills at an early age. Participants in this class will receive a free tote bag, a WeeSing music CD and a book, along with a ton of useful knowledge. Signup sheets are available at the library or you can give us a call.

### **Public Storytime**

Public storytime is off with a bang! Our newest employee, Kasi Allen, is excited to begin facilitating all of the children's programs that the library offers. Every Friday at 10AM and 1PM children can come to the library to hear stories, sing songs and make crafts. In addition to public storytime, the library is also hosting storytime at Head Start on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at JEEP on the second Thursday of every month.

### **Anime Club**

The Anime Club still has calendars for sale if you haven't picked one up yet. The talent encompassed in this calendar is amazing! Stop by the library and pick one up for \$5 and support the Anime Club. If you are interested in joining the Anime Club, stop on by and check it out! Club meetings are held every Friday after school from 2:30–4:30PM.

### **Halloween Fun**

Halloween is just around the corner. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting a Children's Spooky Cinema Party for kids in grades K-5<sup>th</sup>. The Tweens and Teens will enjoy a Fright Fest! Come dressed in costume to enjoy movies, snacks, games and fun! A costume contest will be held for both parties promptly at 4PM. We will also have "Trick or Treat" at the library day from 9AM–5PM.

### **Fall Family History Classes**

Are you interested in learning about your ancestors and your family history? Join us for the Fall Family History Classes presented by Marcia & Gary Luther. There is no fee for this class but preregistration is required. Classes begin October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM.

### **Job Seekers**

Attention all Job Seekers! We will be teaching a free 4-day workshop on how to create a professional resume. The workshop will include gathering resume information, creating a resume, searching and applying for new jobs, and preparing for interviews. Classes will run from October 6<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup>, and will be held on Monday afternoons at 1PM. You can enroll in person at the library or by calling 324-5427.

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## Senior Center News

The Senior Center will be hosting the ANOC (Annual Notice of Change) Program. This program is designed to answer questions to Medicare changes. Plan to attend on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3PM.

The Octoberfest will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Dinner will consist of ham, steak and all the trimmings, pumpkin pie, and drink. The cost is \$8 per plate.

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Jerome County Office of Emergency Management invites you to participate in the Great Idaho ShakeOut. We strongly encourage you, your school, business or organization to join more than 10 million individuals on October 16, 2014 at 10:16AM, in the 2014 Great ShakeOut! This earthquake drill, which can be conducted in as little as 90 seconds, is the perfect opportunity to practice how to stay safe during and after a seismic event. Join together with your community in the annual "Great Idaho ShakeOut!"

To help you promote the event, the [ShakeOut.org/idaho](http://ShakeOut.org/idaho) web site provides drill manuals, posters and customized flyers for you to incorporate into your schools, businesses and organizations. Access these great resources and share them with your groups today.

Sign up today to join more than 10 million individuals on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2014, in the 2014 Great ShakeOut! The ShakeOut is an earthquake drill that provides local communities, schools, businesses and organizations throughout the State of Idaho with an opportunity to practice how to stay safe during an earthquake and to practice the protective action of "Drop, Cover and Hold On:"

- If you are in a building, move no more than a few steps.
- Drop to the ground, take Cover under a sturdy table or desk and Hold On until the shaking stops. Drop! Cover! And Hold On!

This essential drill, which can be conducted in as little as *90 seconds*, serves as a reminder that earthquakes can occur at any time in any place; and knowing what to do in a disaster can make all the difference when seconds matter.

For earthquake preparedness tips or general information about preparing yourself and others for any disaster or emergency event, please visit [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov), FEMA's Emergency Preparedness website..

Remember, preparedness is a shared responsibility. Do your part and practice how to be safe when the shaking begins.

- Clint Blackwood, Jerome County Office of Emergency Management

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## Jerome School District News

The Jerome School District would like to ask the community to support our classrooms through Donor's Choose. This allows our teachers to acquire funding for the items that they need to have a successful school year. Teachers are always looking for ways to make their lessons and classrooms more meaningful. To donate, please go to [ww.DonorsChoose.org](http://ww.DonorsChoose.org) and on the left hand side of the website search for Jerome, Idaho.

The Jerome School District would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their continued support: St. Luke's, Clint & Denise Carlin, Falls Brand, AGL, Central Equipment, Choates's, Classic stoneworks, Crossroads Point, D&B, DL Evans Bank, Donnelley's Sports, Driscoll Bros., Epic Travel, Farmers National Bank, Farmore of Idaho, Fist Federal, Furniture Etc., Glass Plus, Glenn Capps, Inc., Idaho Milk Products, Jackson Trucking, Jerome Cheese Company, Jerome Physical Therapy, Kiwanis, Land Title & Escrow, Mike's Repair, Milky Way, Oops, Pioneer Commodities, Rich Thompson Trucking, Ridley's Rob Green, Ron's American Car Care, Scarrow Meats, Si-Ellen Farms, Simplot, Standley Trenching, Tiger Stop, Tremblay Consulting, Triple C Farms, United Oil, Valley Co-op, Vision Source, Wal-Mart, Western Waste Services, Williams, Meservy, Lothspeich, LLP., and Xtreme Hair.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Dr. Love at 324-2392 or via e-mail at [brendalynn.love@jeromeschools.org](mailto:brendalynn.love@jeromeschools.org).

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**EVENTS IN OCTOBER**



**Jerome  
 Recreation  
 District**

Kid's Night

- Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>
- 7-9PM

October Saturday Morning Classes

- Classes start at 8AM
- October 4<sup>th</sup> – Spinning
- October 11<sup>th</sup> – Beginning CrossFit
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Kickboxing
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – Zumba

Ladies Night Out

- October 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-7PM
- Enjoy vendors and food
- Fitness class samplers begin at 5PM

Co-Ed Volleyball Registration

- Returning Teams: Sept 22 – Oct 5
- New Teams: Oct 6 – Oct 27
- First come, first serve
- Season begins the week of Nov 10 – 14

Men's Basketball Registration

- Returning Teams: Sept 22 – Oct 5
- New Teams: Oct 6 – Oct 27
- Games on Mondays & Wednesdays
- Season begins the week of Nov 10 – 14

JRD Healthy Recipe Contest

- Submit your recipe!
- It will be put in the JRD Healthy Cooking Cookbook
- Prizes will be awarded for the top three

**Team Weight Loss Challenge starts October 6<sup>th</sup>!**

Check out the website for class schedules and the latest JRD information:

[www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com](http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com)

Jerome Recreation District  
 2032 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338  
 (208)324-3389

**EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4PM, American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East 944-4300

American Legion and Auxiliary Chili Feed, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6PM, American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East 944-4300

Jerome Civic Club meeting, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1PM, Jerome Public Library. All women are welcome. We support the Library and CASA 421-6632

Friends of the Jerome Library meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10AM, Jerome Public Library 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6PM, the Depot Museum 212 East First Ave, Jerome. 324-5641 or 421-6632.

Idaho Writers League Twin Falls area chapter meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-12PM, KMVT Community Room, North Blue Lakes Blvd, Twin Falls. 324-4813 or 421-6632

- Submitted by Linda Helms

**EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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| • Cheryl Peterson – Management Assistant                | 17 years |
| • Ken Tse – Operator III                                | 12 years |
| • Bryan Clayton – School Resource Officer               | 12 years |
| • Zane Austin – Wastewater Operations Supervisor        | 12 years |
| • Dennis Gross – Maintenance Supervisor                 | 12 years |
| • Steve Kolar – Senior Engineer Technician              | 11 years |
| • Vicki Leininger – Library Technician/Youth Specialist | 6 years  |
| • Ed Gates – Detective                                  | 5 years  |
| • Silvia Rosales – Admin & Records Specialist           | 4 years  |
| • Forest Luttrell – Maintenance Specialist              | 3 years  |
| • Kevin Wilcox – Firefighter                            | 2 years  |
| • Alison Morgan – Library Program Specialist            | 1 year   |

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