



# The City Newsletter

January 2015

Welcome to the  
CITY OF JEROME

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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:

- January 6<sup>th</sup>
- January 20<sup>th</sup>
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- February 17<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)

## Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Update

Construction of the Emergency Storage Lagoon is still ongoing and on schedule. The lagoon passed the seepage test and crews are approximately 75% done trenching from the lagoon to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Connection will be made in the coming months. 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

## Strategic Planning Community Questionnaire

The City of Jerome has embarked on a project to develop a community-based Strategic Plan. In an effort to gather citizen feedback, a community questionnaire has been designed. The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather citizen's opinions about Jerome and to determine the future needs of the community. The questionnaires were mailed out in the monthly utility statements to City of Jerome residents and an online version has been made available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JeromeSurvey>. Additionally, the questionnaire is available at City Hall, Jerome Public Library, and the Jerome Recreation District. The deadline to submit the questionnaire is January 15, 2015. It can be returned with the utility bill to City Hall at 152 East Avenue A, Jerome, ID 83338; or to the Jerome Public Library at 100 1st Avenue East, Jerome, ID 83338.

The responses to the questionnaire are anonymous. The survey results will be tabulated and the information presented at a community meeting planned for spring 2015.

Mayor Dave Davis stated "We hope you will join us in this project and provide information to help guide the community through the next five years."

## Employee of the Year

The City of Jerome acknowledges Forest Lutrell, Maintenance Specialist, as the Employee of the Year for 2014. Forest has shown his strong service commitment as a City of Jerome employee as well as a resident in the community. He was recently recognized for saving a woman's life when her house caught on fire. Forest (pictured at right) joined the city in October 2011. He stated "I was not expecting this recognition. It is great to be part of a City that's constantly improving. I truly enjoy being part of such an amazing team!"



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## What's Happening at the Library

### Storytime

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Santa arrived at the library to share cookies and Storytime with the children. There were approximately 60 children who enjoyed cookies with Santa. Earlier in the month, the Storytime group made glasses, practiced safe sneezing, and even had a (paper) taco party!

### 'Make It' Program

'The Make It' program did an abundance of projects in December. The Makers continued working on their Fischer Techniks and Robotics builds. Additionally, they also made LED Christmas cards using cardstock, copper tape and LED lights; they finished them off by soldering them all together and adding coin cell batteries. 'Make It' is held every Monday after school from 3:30-5PM and is open to all students in grades 6-12.



### 'Jr Make It' Program

The 'Jr. Make It' program is in full swing on Fridays from 1-2PM. They have built to their hearts' content with the 10,000 piece Lego set and Keva blocks. The children made Christmas trees out of cupcake wrappers and star stickers! If you have a child in elementary school and a preschooler, this is a perfect opportunity to occupy the older child while the younger one participates in Storytime. The 'Jr Make It' program is open for students in grades 1-5.

### MineCrafternoons

Minecrafternoons are going strong – the library is the place to be on Tuesday afternoons! Stop by and play with the Minecrafters, but make sure to come in early. It's a very popular program, and the computers fill up fast.

### This & That

In December we learned about the traditions that are celebrated in New Zealand and Greenland. Participants even got to taste some of their traditional holiday desserts. The theme for January's meeting is music. This & That program is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 1PM.

### Anime Club

Anime Club had their first 'Dinner and a Movie' night, and it was a total success! The teens enjoyed pizza, soda, brownies and ice cream. They watched *Trigun Badlands*, played cards and even had an arm wrestling competition. There was an amazing turnout of 22 teens.

### Flying Needles

Do you like to crochet or knit? Come join the new social club 'Flying Needles'! Bring a project you are currently working on or materials to start a new one. This club kicks off the last Wednesday of each month, beginning January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30AM. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in signing up, stop by the library or call Alison at 324-5427.

### Guarding Against Identity Theft

The libraries in the Magic Valley and the University of Idaho Extension were invited to participate in the Smart Investing @ your Library Project offered by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. As part of the program, the library will be hosting three financial literacy programs. For the first program, Lyle Hansen from the University of Idaho Extension will be partnering with the library by giving a presentation on "Guarding Against Identity Theft" at the Senior Citizen Center. The presentation will take place right after lunch on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Following the presentation, we will have laptops available to access free sites that offer consumer protection. Not only will participants receive valuable information, help accessing sites and discover their credit scores, they will also receive some door prizes. You don't have to be a senior, everyone is welcome to participate.

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### Appy Hour

Stop buying eBooks. The long awaited announcement can finally be made: **eBooks are here!** To kick off the new and still growing collection, the library will be hosting our first 'Appy Hour' on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Bring your device, and we'll show you how to access our eBook catalog. We also have a large selection of eAudio books through OneClick Digital, and we will be happy to show you how to download them for free.

If you have any questions about the programs hosted at the Jerome Public Library, you can check our website at [Jerome.lili.org](http://Jerome.lili.org) or call us at 324-5427!

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## Get Movin' Day

Come join us for Get Movin' Day at the CSI Gym, Saturday, January 10, from 9AM-1PM. This free event offers dozens of interactive booths and demonstrations to Get you Movin' on a cold winter day! Healthy cooking and eating tips, lots of activities for the kids, gardening, outdoor recreation, canning, and lots more. Stage activities include Zumba, Drums Alive, martial arts, a nutrition quiz and more. Hourly door prizes and a grand prize drawing. Want to have a booth? Email Gillian Funk, [gillian@ymcatf.com](mailto:gillian@ymcatf.com)



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## Senior Center Events

Come ring in the New Year with a Spaghetti Dinner at the Senior Center! The event will be held Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Dinner includes beverage and dessert.

The Senior Center offers a wide variety of services. Take advantage of the classes and clinics:

Low Income Energy Assistance Clinic - every Tuesday and Thursday from 9AM – 3PM.

Blood Pressure & Food Clinic – Tuesday, January 6, 11:30AM

Hand & Foot Clinic – every Thursday at 1PM

Bingo – every Friday at 6PM

Please contact the Senior Center at 324-5342 for information on specific events or to register for upcoming events.



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## Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Jerome Public Works Department is here to help you properly dispose of your live Christmas tree. You can drop off the live tree at the Public Works facility located at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. Be sure to remove all metal, lights and ornaments from the tree before leaving it outside the gate entrance on the south side of the road. Trees will be accepted through the first week of February. Public Works staff recycles the trees by running them through a chipper and using the wood chips throughout the summer months for weed control. If you have any questions about this service, please contact the Public Works Department at 324-9669.







**READY!**  
for Kindergarten™

Ready! for Kindergarten's FREE workshops will present simple ways to prepare your child for success in school. You'll learn easy ways to talk, sing, read and play with your 3-5 year old to get them Ready! You'll also go home with FREE books and toys!

**FREE Books & Toys**

January 28, 2015

6:30-8:30pm

Horizon Elementary School  
934 10th Ave E, Jerome

Child care provided

Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!

[readyforkindergarten.org/Jerome](http://readyforkindergarten.org/Jerome) | (208) 733-4922

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## JANUARY EVENTS



### Jerome Recreation District

#### January Kid's Night

- January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 7-9PM
- 4 years and up

#### 2015 Weight Loss Challenge

- Meeting – January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
- 12 week challenge
- Individual Competition

#### Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- February 17, 19, 24, & 26
- 4-5PM
- Must be in Kindergarten
- Register now!

#### Spring Soccer Sign Ups

- Register Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>
- 4 yrs. (by 1<sup>st</sup> game) – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 4 week season
- First game will be April 11<sup>th</sup>

#### New Year's Membership Specials

- Contact the front desk for more information!

#### TaeKwonDo

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 4-5:15PM

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, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4PM, American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East 324-5322

Jerome Civic Club meeting, January 13<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, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10AM, Jerome Public Library 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society will not meet in January. Next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6PM, Depot Building. Bring an antique from home to share the history and meaning of the object to you. 324-5641 or 421-6632.

Idaho Writers League Twin Falls area chapter meeting January 17<sup>th</sup>, 10AM, KMVT Community Room on Blue Lakes North in Twin Falls. 324-4813 or 421-6632

### EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

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

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| • Shonna Fraser – City Clerk                           | 25 years |
| • Dan Hall – Police Chief                              | 11 years |
| • Jason Cunningham – Water Operator                    | 7 years  |
| • Ron Hendriks – Public Works Technician               | 5 years  |
| • Dawn Soto – Councilwoman                             | 5 years  |
| • Jonathan Hearn – Irrigator/Operator                  | 4 years  |
| • Dale Ross – Councilman                               | 3 years  |
| • Dade Pettinger – Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator | 2 years  |
| • Jessica Alaniz-Bullock – Circulation Technician      | 1 year   |
| • Sam Craig – Firefighter Engineer                     | 1 year   |
| • Dave Davis – Mayor                                   | 1 year   |
| • James Long – Wastewater Operator                     | 1 year   |
| • Jason Peterson – Councilman                          | 1 year   |

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