



The City Newsletter

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THE CITY OF JEROME HIRES FINANCE DIRECTOR/ TREASURER

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The City of Jerome is pleased to announce Burke Richman as the new Finance Director. Mr. Richman was appointed as the City's Treasurer at the July 16, 2013 City Council Meeting and officially joined the City of Jerome staff on July 17, 2013. He stated "Jerome is a great, growing community and I look forward to working here". Mr. Richman brings over twenty years of experience to the City. He has served in many financial management capacities including: a financial manager for an Indian tribe, a financial controller for two private corporations and president of his own financial consulting business. Mr. Richman has a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Brigham Young University and Masters of Business Administration degree from American Inter Continental University.

Mr. Richman and his wife live in Kimberly, where he is an active community member. He serves on the Kimberly City Council and the Kimberly School Board. The Richman's have five adult children as well as six grandchildren. His wife was a stay at home mom for many years and recently went back to school and graduated with a teaching degree this year. Mr. Richman enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, skiing, and biking in his spare time. Last year, he completed his first triathlon, which he completed with his three sons and nephew.

The City of Jerome is excited to have such an experienced and civic minded individual join our staff.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT COMPLETED AT THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ryan Barnes recently completed his Eagle Scout project at the Jerome Public Library. The seventeen year old will be a senior in the fall. Ryan has had a lot of encouragement from his family to earn his Eagle. He is the third Eagle in the family.

Ryan Barnes completed his Eagle Scout Project by designing, building, painting and delivering new wooden bookshelves for the Children's area of the library. Ryan and his dad drew up plans to build the bookshelves and then began the building process. The shelves were built in their shop and all of the prep work completed. It took Ryan 1 ½ years to complete this project.

Funding for this project came from several donors. Jerome Rotary Club donated \$250.00, Home Depot, Franklin Building Supply and Tacoma Screw donated materials. Carroll Cone donated. Additionally, there was an anonymous cash donation.

Several members of Troop 139 and adults and leaders helped this project become a success. There are 15 scouts and leaders in the troop. Two adults that contributed their time and talents to this project were Lane Barnes and Phil Uhlig.

The Jerome Public Library is very proud of Ryan and the accomplishment of his Eagle Project. The library bookshelves are a wonderful addition to the children's area and the library staff invites you to come and view these shelves. Thank you, Ryan for a job well done!

-Edie Waite, Jerome Public Library

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:

- August 7th
- August 20th

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

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OPERATION FACELIFT COMMUNITY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

A two week long regional effort to spruce-up southern Idaho downtown communities has concluded with 17 businesses/ city locations cleaned up, painted and given a new look as part of SIEDO's "Operation Facelift – New look. New Attitude. New Business."

The following top three communities will be recognized with a plaque for "Most Improved Cities":

Gold Award: City of Jerome Silver Award: City of Rupert
Bronze Award: City of Gooding.

Randy Shroll, Idaho Department of Commerce and Stephanie Cook, Idaho National Lab judged the projects in each city.

"It's absolutely amazing to see over the three years I have been judging the results of this program, just how contagious this 'face-lifting' effort has become, said Randy Shroll, Idaho Department of Commerce. "The commitment from the people leading these efforts, the volunteers and contributions that come forward and the results are truly beyond belief," he said.

One project from each of the six participating southern Idaho communities was selected as "Most Improved Business" and receives a \$1,000 credit to run a television advertisement on local KMVT-TV in Twin Falls.

Winning projects for each city were: Jerome- LeRoy Craig Insurance; Rupert- D. Campos Market; Twin Falls- Stevens Pierce & Associates CPA's; Gooding- Ranch Bowl & Food Bar; Kimberly-City Park and Burley-City plant displays.

"Operation Facelift is an economic driver. New businesses have sprung up in these cool renovated downtown spaces and more will follow," said Stephanie Cook, with Idaho National Lab. "The teamwork showed in the quality of the 17 projects this year which included volunteers from local businesses, community leaders, scout troops, church groups and even the fire department. INL enjoys partnering on projects that inspire innovation and economic vitality."

Operation Facelift is supported by the Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho National Lab, KMVT-TV and the Times News. For more information on Operation Facelift, contact Jan Rogers at janrsiedo@aol.com.

- Provided by Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization



JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS MANGO LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Jerome Public Library is pleased to announce that it now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system to its patrons. This program can be accessed through both library and home computers. Patrons can even take advantage of Mango Languages' latest innovations which include mobile apps for Android and iPhone. This allows people to learn a new language on the go.

Learning a new language with Mango Languages is free for all library patrons, and offers a fast and convenient solution for our community's increasing language-learning needs. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple and clear instructions. The courses integrate components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture. Users learn actual conversation within an audio-visual framework that draws important connections and builds on information they have already learned through the program.

Mango is available in two versions. One is Mango Basic, which teaches everyday greetings, goodbyes and helpful phrases in a short period of time and is designed to appeal to a beginner in a new language. The second is Mango Complete, a 100-lesson course that is designed to provide a deep understanding of a language and its culture. There are more than 48 foreign language courses available and 16 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

The library staff is thrilled to add the resources of Mango Languages to our library. This is a very user friendly program which is available to all library patrons and not limited to a certain number of users.

You can access Mango through the library website at www.jerome.lili.org. All you need is a library card, internet access, and a desire to learn.

-Linda Mecham, Jerome Public Library

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“SAY CHEESE” - JEROME COUNTY FAIR

The largest annual event in Jerome County is just around the corner! The Jerome County Fair is slated to run August 6th through the 10th. This year's Fair should prove to be the best yet. The Fair will kick off with the Parade Tuesday, August 6th. Pre-registration is \$5 or \$10 day of the parade. Participants must fill out an entry form to participate in the parade. Check in with the Parade Committee at the Jerome High School parking lot.

Admission is free. Advanced unlimited carnival ride wristbands will be available at the Jerome County Fairgrounds Office and at La Compensina/Video Mexico July 15th for \$20 and \$25 the week of fair.

The Fair's Arena series, which runs the entire week of the fair will include Jr Rodeo August 2nd & August 3rd, Pig Wrestling August 6th, and the PRCA Rodeo August 7th, 8th and 9th and Jerome County Mud Bog Challenge August 10th. Admissions for these events are \$3 - \$8. We're very excited about this year's fair and want people to come out and enjoy themselves. By offering the carnival ride wristbands at a discounted price in advance and admission being free, we feel people can come out and enjoy the fair and save some money in the process.

There will be more to see and do at the 2013 Fair. We are proud to announce our "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" Night, a breast cancer awareness campaign, we will host Friday, August 9th in conjunction with the PRCA Rodeo. The concept of tough cowboys wearing pink might sound funny, but it is what makes Tough Enough to Wear Pink so special. Pink symbolizes courage, strength and determination when the western industry comes together in the fight against breast cancer. We are looking for partners to help with this event. So if you're Tough Enough To Wear Pink call the Fair office and join the campaign (208) 324-7209.

If Rodeo is not your bag, don't worry; there will be free entertainment, exhibits, live-stock, shopping, trains, and of course delicious fair food. This year will feature a dynamic five piece group covering a wide variety of genres ranging from classic and top forty country to classic rock and blues. They will be playing Friday night after the Rodeo and Saturday night after the Mud Bog Challenge. The Incredible Hypnotist Richard Barker is coming to the fair this year. He will be performing August 6-10.

Don't forget to check out this year's Fair Book in a store near you in June. You will be able to get the scoop for the annual parade, local live bands playing at the Fair, Animal shows and the Coloring Contest. Competitive departments include Home Arts, Photography, Arts, Flowers, Farm Produce, Antiques, Youth, Kitchen and Pantry, Agriculture, 4-H and FFA, and livestock. For more information on the Jerome County Fair, please call (208) 324-7209, email fun@jeromecountyfair.com or visit www.jeromecountyfair.com and Click on Fair Info.



- Kathleen Diederich, Jerome County Fairground Director

COME SEE US AT THE FAIR: JEROME COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Jerome County fair is an exciting time for everyone. We are no exception. We look forward to visiting with the many people that come to the fair. Please stop in at our booth in the Messersmith Building. In addition to our regular display of Emergency Preparedness information, brochures and handouts, we will be providing the ability to sign up for the new SIRCOMM Citizen Alert Notification (CAN). This assists SIRCOMM (our 911 Dispatch Center for Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls Counties) in providing the citizens of the Magic Valley an emergency alert system. You Can Call 911: Now 911 Can Call You.

-Clint Blackwood, Jerome County Emergency Management

Learn more about the SIRCOMM C.A.N. program on Page 4 of this edition of the City Newsletter.

THE CITY IS REVIEWING A NEW CHICKEN ORDINANCE

The City of Jerome is a rural community. Some people enjoy keeping chickens as pets, for eggs and to educate their children. In order to provide clear and consistent guidelines the Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended that the City Council review and approve a proposed chicken ordinance. The proposed guidelines include:

- Limiting each property to owning six (6) chickens, poultry or fowl.
- Prohibits Roosters
- Identifies that the birds must be contained to the site or kept in a fenced area and they cannot be kept in the front yard.
- Identifies that chicken coops must meet the accessory structure setback requirements.
- Identifies that the required special use permit can only be granted for two years and reviewed on a biennial basis.

The City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed language on August 20, 2013. The City Council meeting will begin at 5:30PM.

Currently, chickens can only be kept in the City of Jerome if the owner has an approved special use permit. Chickens are allowed through a special use permit in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 residential zones as well as the C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1 and M-2 zones. The special use permit process allows residents and property owners the opportunity to go through a review process to request permission to do something that is not permitted outright in the zone, such as keeping chickens. This process is in place to allow additional uses and ensure that it is a good fit for surrounding areas. Special Use Permits require a public hearing and they are reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

To apply for a Special Use Permit please fill out the application form. This form is available on the City's website at www.ci.jerome.id.us/forms. Please submit the application, supporting documentation and \$75 fee to the City of Jerome. City staff will send out public notice and schedule a public hearing. The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7PM. If you have questions about the proposed chicken ordinance, special use permits or the process please contact Zoe Monahan, Community Development Director at 208-324-8189 x 101 or zmonahan@ci.jerome.id.us.

-Zoe Monahan, Community Development Director

SIRCOMM C.A.N.

The Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center (SIRCOMM) has recently implemented a new notification system to keep the citizens of Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, and Twin Falls counties informed about emergency issues. Due to events that occurred in 2012, it became apparent that there was a need to notify people of potential safety hazards including law enforcement emergencies, fires, and evacuations in a timely manner. As a result of a collaborated effort and thanks to the funding attained through an SHSP Grant from Homeland Security, the SIRCOMM Citizen Alert Notification (C.A.N) system was established.

This system which is supported by the renowned Everbridge communication system allows users to receive notifications via phone, text messages, e-mail, and more. The time sensitive messages also include alerts regarding severe weather, hazardous material, unexpected road closures, and missing persons, and are delivered to the communication method you select. In order to create an account where you can specify how to be contacted simply visit www.sircomm.com, click on the SIRCOMM C.A.N. link, and complete the sign up process. During the enrollment process you can designate several locations you care about and the types of alerts you would like to receive. Not only is the set up process easy, but you can stay informed about situations that could affect you or your loved ones.

You can obtain more information regarding the SIRCOMM C.A.N. system by picking up a pamphlet at the Jerome Police Department, going into SIRCOMM's website, or contacting the SIRCOMM Director at 208-324-1344.

-Sylvia Rosales, Records Specialist

Thank You Debbie Dane of Southern Idaho Tourism!

Debbie presented Leadership and Communication training to City Department Heads and Supervisors. City leaders were reminded of the three Leadership Pickles: spread enthusiasm, inspire confidence and demonstrate integrity. City leaders also spoke about communication styles, texting etiquette, and how we can continue improving our communication as a team moving forward. We appreciate Debbie's time and reminding us to 'Practice Our Craft'.

-Ida Guffy, Human Resources Specialist

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FIREFIGHTER SEAN KIRK TO PARTICIPATE IN DALLAS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

In 2002, Sean Kirk's father-in-law asked him if he was interested in joining the Jerome Rural Fire District. Mr. Kirk thought about it for a few days and wondered if he would be able to do the job. His wife Julie expressed her support and in May, he was accepted as a new member of the Department. He remembers looking at Julie and feeling very proud. Mr. Kirk served the Jerome Rural until September of 2008 when he was hired by the City of Jerome's Fire Department. This meant that he now had the opportunity to do the job that he had grown to love while with Jerome Rural, every day.

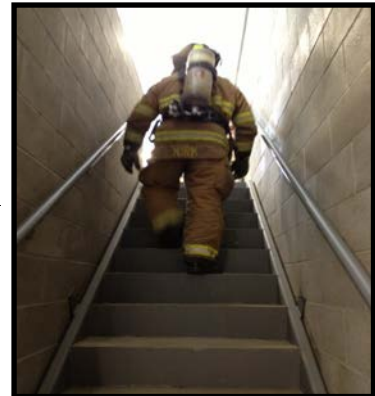
It was the following year that Mr. Kirk learned about Memorial Stair Climbs. That interested him in participating in one. Late last year, he and his wife were in Dallas, Texas to watch a football game. They noticed a poster at a restaurant advertising the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. When they returned to Idaho he began researching this climb. He was very excited and inspired to read that the climb had a ceremonial aspect to it and that is what attracted him to this event.

"The Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is NOT A RACE, but rather a tribute honoring the sacrifices of the fallen heroes... Participants are given a biographical sketch and accountability tag of a NYC firefighter or police officer who gave their life on September 11th... Climber groups will be assembled based upon the name they are climbing for, with all of the fallen's names placed into the same assignments as those on 9/11/01...The moment that each tower collapsed (9:59 and 10:28) climbers will stop, firefighter distress alarms (PASS devices) are activated, TAPS will be played and a moment of silence is observed."

Registration opened on June 1, 2013 and they only accept 343 climbers. This is the number of Firefighters that perished at ground zero. Registration filled up for this stair climb in a few hours and Mr. Kirk was lucky enough to become one of the 343 climbing. Since he saw the poster last year he has been training for this event at the fire station in hopes that he would make the cut. At Station 2 in Jerome, it takes 131 ascents to equal the 2090 steps which he will have the privilege to face in Dallas. As you can imagine, it has not been easy to complete wearing full turnout gear.

Participating in this climb has also given him the opportunity to raise money for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), an organization created in 1992 by The United States Congress to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Their goal is to develop and expand programs to honor our fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers. If you are interested and are as inspired as he has become then please assist me with helping this great cause at <http://www.crowdrise.com/jeromefirefightersid/fundraiser/seankirk>.

- Sean Kirk, Firefighter



WELCOME NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Please welcome the newest employees to the City of Jerome!

David Edwards, Patrol Officer

Officer Edwards has a background in psychology and attended Idaho State University's law enforcement program. We are proud to have Officer Edwards serving and protecting the community of Jerome.

Ryan Gustafson, Wastewater Lab Technician

Ryan has a background in environmental sciences and chemistry. He brings extensive laboratory skills and knowledge to the City. We are excited to have Ryan and his valuable skillset joining the Wastewater team.

Vincent Sanchez, Water Operator

Vince has worked for the City seasonally for the last two years. He

is familiar with the City's irrigation system and brings many other skills. We are thrilled to officially have Vince as a City employee!

Daniel Kern, Wastewater Collections Operator

Daniel's background is in municipal wastewater collections and water distribution. He currently possesses a Collections I certification. We are excited to have Daniel's experience aboard the Wastewater team.

Stephen Morgan, Firefighter

Firefighter Morgan joins us from the United States Air Force. He brings several years of experience in firefighting both domestically and abroad. We are honored to have his experience and service joining the City.

- Ida Guffy, Human Resources Specialist

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**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

AUGUST EVENTS:

Fall Sports - Registration is Open

- Fall Soccer
 - Ages 4 thru 4th grade
- Flag Football
 - 1st grade thru 4th grade
- Youth Volleyball
 - 5th grade thru 8th grade
- Fall Soccer Camp for 5th & 6th grade

Private Pool Parties Available!!

- \$75 for up to 50 people!
- Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
 or 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Sundays 11:00 am - 12:30 pm or
 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Call for available dates!

Ladies Night Out

- August 29th 6 -9PM
- Free to attend

Water Arobics

- Sessions at 5:30PM
- For ages 55+

Group Workout Classes
 Available

- Contact the JRD for the current class schedule

Upcoming....Registration for
 Adult Volleyball And Men's
 Basketball September 23 –
 October 25

Get your team together soon!

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

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

or visit the JRD at
 2032 South Linclon in Jerome

JOE MAMA'S CAR SHOW

Joe Mama's is an annual family event in Jerome. This is the 15th annual car show and 3rd annual cruise. The community is invited to enjoy this event in the heart of Jerome.

**Cruise & BBQ August 16th from 6 - 9PM at North/
 South Park**

Check out the rib eatin' contest at 8PM

**Car Show August 17th from 9:30AM - 4 PM at North/
 South Park**

**Get more information about Joe Mama's at
www.joemamascarshow.com**



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Jerome County Historical Society Museum

Jerome County Historical Society Museum will be closed Tuesday August 6 through Saturday August 10 and will not have a meeting on August 8 due to the fair. Stop by at our booth by the Rodeo grounds during the Jerome County Fair. For Historical information call 208-324-5641 or 208-421-6632.

Adult Summer Reading Winners

The Adult Summer Reading Program "Read to Win" contest was a hit. More than 25 adults read over 200 book during the six week period. Bob Niewierowski, the winner of the \$25.00 Hastings Gift Certificate, read 102 books! Carrie Slaughter was excited to win the Kindle Wi-Fi Reader.

No Library events in August. Events will return in September!

**SUMMER READING
 GRAND FINALE CARNIVAL**

On July 19th the Library's Summer Reading program officially came to an end. To celebrate the children's reading accomplishments over the summer, the library held a carnival on the Library's back lawn. Children delighted their sweet tooth with a free, all you can eat cotton candy treat and participated in a variety of fun and games. We had activities ranging from a ring toss to a Girl Scout cookie walk! Our special guests were the City of Jerome Fire Department. The Fire Department brought a fire truck to show the kids and was available to give kids tours and tell them a little about the day to day life of a firefighter. They even took time to participate in some of the other activities with the kids. One youngster commented that having the firefighters there was a great idea, he was very excited. We are so privileged to of have had such wonderful support from various City departments this summer. The kids got to learn a little about what others in the City do and we all got to "Dig into Reading" together. The Library is very grateful for all the support and participation. Thank you!

- Darbie Chocker, Youth Services Programmer

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