



The City Newsletter

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Welcome to the
CITY OF JEROME

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City Council

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

Council Meets:

- August 18th
- September 1st
- September 15th
- October 6th

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

Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Update

The membrane bioreactor upgrade is getting close to substantial completion. The membrane bioreactors have been installed in basins five and six including the required piping and pumps. The ultra-violet reactors have been installed including the ballast and electrical cabinets for each reactor. HVAC installation for the turbo blowers is complete and will start later this month. The initial start-up of the entire project will commence within the next month. The subsequent upgrade (Phase II) is at fifty percent (50%) completion. Staff and consultants are meeting on a monthly basis for review of each percentile. If you are traveling on the North 100 West road between now and September 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.



Jerome Rotary Club Recognized by Council

Jerome Rotary Club partnered with the City to provide funds for the installation of a restroom facility in North Park. The restroom will provide the community with a permanent structure and will replace the portable units. Additionally, the restroom will help accommodate the needs of events held in the park. The facility is pre-fabricated and ADA compliant.

Jerome Rotary contributed \$20,000 and Council matched the contribution for this project. The City thanks Jerome Rotary for their commitment and generosity.



Officer Gratz takes Oath of Office

Police Officer Gratz has over six years of experience in law enforcement with many hours of specialized training. He was sworn in during the August 3rd City Council meeting. We are excited to have Officer Gratz as part of our team!

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Summer Fun at the Library

We had such a blast at Summer Reading this year! In July, we had really fun special guests. Corporal Hoop brought his K-9 coworker and talked about sidekicks, police work, and emergency services. Firefighters Ed Walters, Jeff Hanni, and Sam Craig talked to us about being heroes in our own lives and working as a team, and of course they showed us all of their cool firefighter gear! High school students Rory Olsen and Cassie Gomes went above and beyond by writing and starring in a play about villains for the kids; it was amazing! Thanks so much to everyone who helped out!



During a relay, the children discovered just how difficult it was to move around while racing in the heavy gear the fire fighters wear.



Our Junior and Senior Makers have been very busy this summer creating and learning. Earlier this month we crafted giant cardboard masks and learned how to solder. We got a little funky when senior makers built “canjos” (banjos made of cans) and junior makers crafted cardboard box guitars. Later in the month, our senior makers learned about solar power and made delicious s’mores in solar ovens. Our junior makers learned about chemical reactions and energy when we made pinwheels and shake ice cream. If your child

would like to participate in our afterschool ‘Make It’ and ‘Jr Make It’ programs, or if you would like information on any of our programs, be sure to check our webpage or like us on Facebook for updates on when those programs will take place.

We are very excited to host a Let’s Talk About It program this Fall. The Let’s Talk About It program is sponsored through the Idaho Commission for Libraries. They provide book sets for each participant and invite scholars to facilitate five discussions. This year’s theme is *The American Civil War*. Books will be available by the end of the month. Discussions begin September 25th at 7PM.

Wastewater Solids

Wastewater treatment involves many facets, including the handling of solids. Most, if not all, organic solids that are put down the toilet and drain don’t dissolve in water. They are broken down, but they remain in a somewhat solid form. These solids are dewatered from the wastewater treatment process and dried in beds to eliminate as much moisture

as possible. The dried solids are hauled to Milner Landfill and disposed of. Randy Price has been transporting the dried solids for the past couple of years. He is experienced with heavy machinery and hazardous waste material and understands the importance of proper transport. Randy travels over 1,000 miles a week hauling solids and does it with a smile every mile traveled. Thank you Randy for your commitment and hard work!



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CSI Jerome Center



Fun with Art and Music (ages 7 to 12)

W/TH/F Aug 12 - 14 1 to 3pm

In this class children will get to participate in an exciting series of classes using multiple art mediums, including water color, chalk pastels, and acrylic paints. We will be using Jazz, Bluegrass, and Country music as inspiration for our art work. Class is limited to the first 10 registrations. **Instructor:** Stacie Rambo **Fee:** \$45 + \$5 supply fee

Adult Classes:

Beginning Digital Photography

TH Aug 20 - Sep 24 6 to 8pm

This photography course is especially designed for beginning photographers who know little or nothing about digital photography. Gain control and confidence as you familiarize yourself with your digital camera and its technical capabilities. Learn basic photography terms and hone photography fundamentals through weekly assignments in a fun and creatively stimulating environment. Please bring your camera manual, SD card, and usb cord to class. **Instructor:** Joy Pruitt, Owner of MOMO Photography **Fee:** \$75

To register, please call 324-5101 or online at <http://communityed.csi.edu/>

All classes will be at the CSI Jerome Center – 104 West Main Street – Room #112.

Jerome County Updates Hazard Mitigation Plans

Jerome County is in the final stages the Jerome County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan five year update. Local agencies and organizations in Jerome County have participated in the update of the Plan through the Jerome County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The project is being funded through a federal grant received via the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. The planning update includes risk analyses, vulnerability assessments, and mitigation recommendations for the natural hazards facing Jerome County.

One of the goals of the planning process includes increasing the participating jurisdictions' eligibility for additional grants that will help minimize the risk and potential impact of disaster events. A draft of the Plan update is available for public review and comment on the Jerome County Website jeromecountyid.us. Once on the County website click on Departments, select Emergency Management, go to the bottom of the page and click on Links which will bring up the tab for AHMP Update.

Community members are asked to review and comment the draft Plan. Comments can be provided via email to the Jerome County Office of Emergency Management, cblackwood@co.jerome.id.us. Hard Copies of the Draft Plan are available at the following locations, the City of Eden Offices, the City of Hazelton Offices, and the Jerome County Office of Emergency Management at 300 N. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho.

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Savor Southern Idaho, a showcase of locally sourced products, Idaho wines, beers and spirits, silent and live auction will be held at the Twin Falls Visitor Center on Friday August 21st. The event is presented by Southern Idaho Tourism and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The corporate sponsors are Chobani Inc., Zions Bank, Idaho Power and Idaho Water Sports.

The purpose of the evening is to showcase Idaho products, create demand for these products in the Magic Valley and celebrate our agricultural economy. Our producers will donate the products to the event, and the chefs will develop menu items for guests to enjoy. All menu items will be served with Idaho wines, beers and spirits. The live and silent auction packages will feature Idaho commodities and experiences.



Tickets are available online at www.visitsouthidaho.com, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Code Enforcement Reminder

The City of Jerome would like to remind you that grass and weeds cannot be over 8 inches tall within the City limits. If you have shrubs or branches that overhang onto a public street or sidewalk, they need to be trimmed. The City makes every effort to give advance notice of a violation to property owners who are not repeat offenders. However, if you don't correct the issue, the City is permitted by law to mow the lawn or clean the property of rubbish and/or other declared nuisances and charge the property owner. For more information please contact the Building Department at 324-8189. Thank you for keeping Jerome beautiful!

Back to School

Once again, summer is coming to a close and its back-to-school time. Can you believe it? The new 2015-2016 school year for the Jerome School District starts on Monday, August 24, 2015. The High School reserves August 24th for the freshman class orientation. All other upper classmen will be in attendance on August 25th. Please refer to the Jerome School District web site at <http://www.jeromeschools.org> for further information regarding school registration dates and times. You can also access the 2015-2016 Jerome School District Calendar on the web, this will show the important dates for the school year. The Jerome Police Department would like to remind you that there will be an increased police presence during the first week of school to remind motorists of kids walking and biking to and from school. We would also like to remind motorists to observe school speed zones between 7AM-5PM.



Special attention must also be paid to buses displaying flashing red lights and their stop sign extended when traveling on an undivided two-lane roadway. In these instances, motorists are required to stop and wait until the flashing red lights are turned off before passing. If you have questions regarding bus routes and times for pick-up and drop-off of students please call the North Side Bus Company at 324-4426.

The month of August is a great time to start getting your child accustomed to a school schedule. Practice putting them to bed early and getting them up early as well. You may want to discuss the route your child will be taking to and from school. If your child attends after school programs, goes to a grandparent's residence, or other care giving service, discuss the plan with your child. Make sure your child knows what to do in case the plan changes. Have a safe return to school!



**Jerome
Recreation
District**

Water Aerobics

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
- Last session for the summer!
- 5:30PM

Dog Swim

- August 29th
- \$10 per dog

Register for Youth Fall Sports

- Flag Football: 1st – 4th grades
- Fall Soccer: Ages 4 – 4th grade
- Youth Volleyball: 5th – 8th grade
- Fall Soccer Camp: 5th & 6th grade

3 – 5 year old Pee Wee Sports

- Registration: September 1st – October 31st
- Saturdays 9-9:45AM
- October 31st – Baseball
- November 7th – Basketball
- November 14th – Soccer
- November 21st – Football

Sweatshop

- Mondays & Wednesdays
- Get a full body workout!
- 5:30PM

Pilates

- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
- 8:15AM

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

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Friends of the Jerome Library do not meet again until September 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society, August 13th, 6PM, Depot Building 324-5641

Idaho Writers League Twin Falls area chapter meeting August 15th, 10AM, KMVT Community Room on Blue Lakes North in Twin Falls. Special presentation from a local book binder and restorer at 11AM. 324-4813 or 421-6632

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

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

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| • Gordon Leininger – Animal Control Officer | 15 years |
| • Kenneth Shaffer – Public Works Water Operator | 12 years |
| • Rick Wuori– City Engineer | 7 years |
| • Jashell Robinson – Patrol Officer | 2 years |
| • William Ploplis – Wastewater Operator | 1 year |

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