



The City Newsletter

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JEROME HIRES NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR: POLLY HULSEY

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The City of Jerome is pleased to introduce our new city administrator, Polly Hulsey. Polly was born and raised in Jerome, graduated from Jerome High School and earned her Master's Degree in Business Management Organizational Leadership from George Fox University in 2003. Polly and her husband, Gary, dated since 7th grade and have been married for 26 years. They are the parents of two children, Katelynn and Brock.



Polly enjoys serving her community and is involved with various organizations. One of the most influential and beneficial is the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) which she is a full member. She is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Idaho City Managers Association (IdCMA). Polly has been instrumental in contributing her time and efforts through holding various offices in numerous Community Service

Organizations throughout Jerome, Caldwell, Mountain Home, and Boise and most recently in Kimberly. Some of these include the Idaho Meth Project, Idaho Drug Task Force, Safe Routes to School, Southern Idaho Tourism, Southern Idaho Rural Development and the Junior Youth Advisory Council.

Polly is busily involved in learning her new position and getting to know each of the city departments. One of her goals is open communication with city staff and community members. She looks forward to being involved in our Jerome community and helping to improve the City of Jerome.

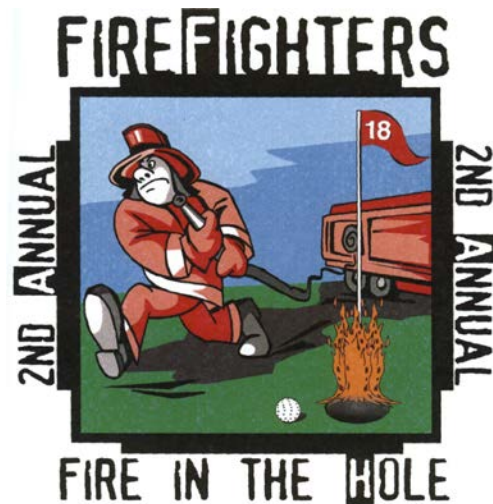
Please welcome Polly Hulsey as our new administrator for the City of Jerome!

FIREFIGHTERS 2ND ANNUAL FIRE IN THE HOLE GOLF TOURNAMENT: PROCEEDS TO BUILD TRAINING FACILITY

Registration opens June 20th to July 16th, 2012. Registration is open to individual or teams (4 players) and all fees must be paid in advance to confirm place within the tournament. To register send an email to: jeormefirefighters@hotmail.com or contact Mike Harrison at (208) 731-5527.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used to assist in the construction of a firefighter training tower. The City of Jerome Fire Department and Local 4589 are committed to providing the most professional services to our community through education and training.

You may ask yourself the question "What is a firefighter training tower used for and what will it do for our community?" Firefighters are required to maintain current training and certification in all aspects of their jobs. This training will reduce the likelihood of a firefighter being injured on the job, reduces the risk of a fire getting out of control, and reduces the likelihood of further damage to our community.



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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:

- June 1st
- June 15th

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

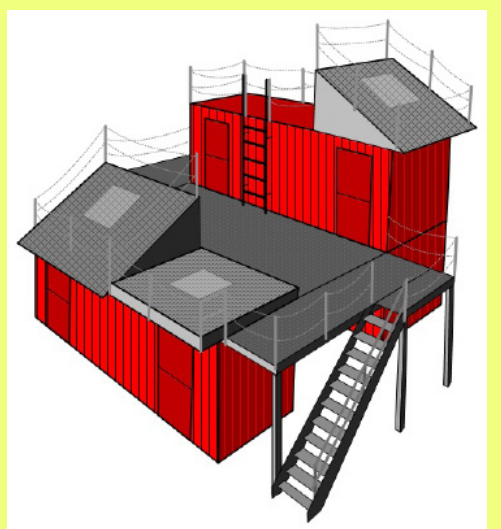
FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BUILD TRAINING FACILITY; GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fire training is required to maintain the city's current and future ISO rating (a national recognized insurance rating system), which is used to calculate the premium for each homeowner's insurance policy in the city of Jerome.

This training tower will assist the firefighter in real life training exercises that will give them the upper hand while responding and fighting fires. To accomplish this firefighters must be trained. Training is the one and only time that they have complete control over the conditions and environment that they work in. For this reason each department should establish clear training goals, including a structural training course.

A training tower will incorporate numer-

ous types of training exercises into our department's program and develop a team of well-prepared firefighters while honing their skills at the same time.



Above: The Fire Department will build a training facility based on this design, which would be used for a variety of training exercises.

This training tower will incorporate many features that allow for laddering, rappelling, live fire, ventilation, and search and rescue methods. It is critical that these exercises are integrated into each department's training goals. Most people do not understand that the less obvious training exercises play the most important part in their jobs. A firefighter must have the ability to think under pressure, developing and reinforcing

positive reactions, and preparing for incident command.

The Jerome Fire Department has several

national certified instructors and it's their job to help firefighters eliminate dangerous and unwanted habits, and to reinforce positive reactions to the many different situation firefighters will encounter. These training officers can adjust the environment for different members of the team to learn their jobs to perform in reality. Each firefighter needs to be exposed to these different levels of pressure in different scenarios to effectively take command if needed during their job. Constant training provides our community with better firefighters and a training tower provides a safe training environment for our people and surrounding firefighters.

Currently the two closest training facilities are located in Boise and Idaho Falls, Idaho. If you or someone you know can help out with donations to build this firefighter training tower please contact Mike Harrison @ (208) 731-5527 or one of our local firefighters. The fire department hopes to get approval to build the facility behind Fire Station No. 2 located across from McDonalds in Jerome Idaho. The city has 3 steel containers already that will be used as the main structure.

URBAN RENEWAL TO REBUILD NEZ PERCE AVENUE THIS SUMMER

The Jerome City Urban Renewal Agency is getting ready to close out Area 1 this fall. Prior to that closure there are some projects that need to be completed. With the second round of bidding for street reconstruction completed, the city is now ready to go forward with the Nez Perce Avenue improvement project. Idaho Sand and Gravel was awarded the bid at the June 15th council meeting.

This project includes road reconstruction of West Nez Perce Avenue between Victory Lane and the railroad tracks headed east; concrete reconstruction of the intersection at Nez Perce Avenue and South Lincoln Avenue; and reconstruction of East Nez Perce Avenue from the LDS Church to South Tiger Drive. A 12" sanitary sewer extension will be completed on East Nez Perce Avenue and an 18" sewer pipe will be installed under the intersection of South Lincoln for future use

while the street is open.

City Engineer Rick Wuori stated the original bids came in over budget which is why this project was rebid with the East Yakima Avenue reconstruction removed.



Although that street is definitely in need of repair, there are not enough funds to complete that project this year.

However, the city is

working with the Jerome County Highway District to complete the improvements to the intersection of East Yakima Avenue and Tiger Drive this year.

News releases regarding road closures will be sent out in advance so the public will be aware of those closures. The project is scheduled to begin in the first half of June and will be completed by the end of September. Every effort will be made to keep traffic flowing and construction will be timed so detours will be held to a minimum.

LIBRARY OFFERS NEW SERVICE

Jerome Public Library is happy to announce a new service. As a courtesy reminder, library card holders can receive email notices to let them know when their books are due. If we have your email address in your library card record, you can get these courtesy reminders too.

If you would like courtesy reminders sent to your email, please call, email, or visit the library to let us know what email address you want listed in your library card record. If your family members have library cards, please also let us know what email addresses to use.

Jerome Public Library
 100 1st Avenue East
 324-5427
jerpl@ci.jerome.id.us

SUMMER READING 2012: DREAM BIG-READ!



JPL Teen Summer Reading 2012!

Register @ the Library or online

<http://www.ci.jerome.id.us/city-government/library>

Every Wednesday June 6th-July 18th @ 11 am

Grades 6-12

June 6th

Teen Lock-in Pj Party!

June 13th

Hunger Games Party

June 20th

America's Next Top Monster

June 27th

Mother & Daughter Spa Day

July 11th

Own the Night-Boys Only Party

July 18th



Every year at the Jerome Public Library one of our goals is to encourage the flourishing of young minds. Research over the years has shown that there is massive reading loss in young children over the summer when reading does not take place. To encourage children in our community to go on many adventures and spend time reading this summer, we offer our annual Summer Reading program. As always this program is free to everyone who wants to participate. This year the theme is everything "Night" and "Dreaming". Every Thursday at 10 am, families are invited to play games, create crafts, hear stories and have special visits from guests in the community. We will also have extra special events throughout each week. Children will be encouraged to keep a reading log over the summer and earn all kinds of neat prizes for the amount of time they spend reading. Grand prizes will be given to families that read together over the summer months. We will also be offering a tween/teen program for all children in grades 6-12. These programs will be offered on Wednesdays at 11 am. We plan to have a lot of fun this summer and encourage all families to join us and Dream Big!



WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND THE MEMBRANE BIO-REACTOR

To some the process of the City of Jerome's Wastewater treatment is as forgettable as flushing your toilet, however when you get into the science of the process you may find it to be an amazing course of events that keeps it all flowing.

The whole process starts with 65 miles of piping. The flow then is helped by gravity or travels uphill by the assistance of twelve lift stations. This influent passes through a 3mm screen. The influent flow then goes to the bio-towers to remove a portion of the "BOD" or Biological Oxygen Demand

is removed, the flow then goes into the aeration basin to where air is added. These basins contain microorganisms that assist in the breakdown waste. The basin flow is then pumped to the Membrane building and filtered through the "membranes. The clean filtered water is passed through an Ultra Violet light and disinfected, while the solids go back to the aeration basin. The clean filtered water is known as "effluent". Some of the solids will then be belt pressed and taken to the landfill for disposal.

The licensed operators of the plant have

an important and demanding job each day. They have the responsibility of monitoring each process making sure everything is working properly. These task ranges from collecting samples and testing them in the onsite lab, maintenance and repair of all equipment, maintaining the 12 lift stations, to include record keeping and tracking any trends in proficiency.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: 10 TIPS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Building Green 10 Important Tips

1. Heating and cooling uses more energy and drains more energy dollars than any other system in the home. Approximately 43% of utility bills cover heating and cooling.
2. Close curtains and shades at night to keep warmth in and keep them open during the day.
3. Try new lighting control technologies like motion-sensitive or timed off switch lighting. Using these new options can reduce lighting use by 50% – 75% and save the lighting portion of energy bills that account for 11% of overall household energy consumption.
4. Replace ordinary light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs. If every household replaced just one light bulb with a CFL bulb, America could save enough energy to light nearly three million homes.
5. Install a programmable thermostat to keep your home comfortably warm in the winter and comfortably cool in the summer.
6. Replacing windows can save between 7% and 24% of the household heating and air conditioning costs.
7. Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips, and turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use as TVs and DVDs in standby mode still consume several watts of power.
8. Choosing energy-efficient products can save families approximately \$400 a year while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Choose ENERGY STARcertified products when you buy or replace household appliances.
9. In the workplace, buy and use ENERGY STAR labeled office equipment, and other products. Be sure that the “stand-by mode” function is activated as this automatic “sleep mode” saves energy and money when the equipment is not in use.
10. Regularly change the filters in the heating and cooling system of your home or office as dirty filters can cost up to \$5 a month extra, overwork the equipment and result in dirtier indoor air. Consider purchasing “electrostatic” filters, which are washable, long lasting, and provide cleaner air. Clean or change filters more often if smokers or pollution sources are present.



LIBRARY NOW OFFERING COMPUTER LITERACY CLASSES

As information becomes increasingly available in electronic formats, and more and more of the business of life is conducted online (social communication, banking, shopping, seeking employment, etc.) digital literacy is becoming essential to the success and quality of life of the members of our community. The public library as a place where the public can come for support in developing their own digital literacy has become a critical role for the library in the community. Jerome Public Library offers public access computers and classes to teach adults basic computer skills. Computer classes are taught in English and in Spanish.



We are pleased to offer a new service for one-on-one computer assistance at the library with a Digital Literacy Coach. With Federal funding, and a partnership between the Idaho Department of Labor and the Idaho Commission for Libraries, job opportunities as Digital Literacy Coaches in public libraries are available for young people ages 16-21. Two of these young people will be employed at Jerome Public Library. Persons wishing to schedule an appointment for one-on-one coaching at the computer may call or visit the library. For more information about this program, the schedule of computer classes, or any other library programs and services, please visit the library at 100 1st Avenue East, call 324-5427, email us at jerpl@ci.jerome.id.us, or check our website. <http://www.ci.jerome.id.us/city-government/library.html>

CODE ENFORCEMENT IMPROVES JEROME

Code Enforcement in the City of Jerome has become busy with the spring growth of weeds and accumulation of brush. The Code Enforcement Division is currently maintaining approximately fifty ongoing open Nuisance Abatement Notices from all neighborhoods through the City.

The weeds in Jerome are growing fast and are in need of constant attention in order to keep them in check. Along with

unkempt weeds and grass, we are seeing an increase of brush piles in the alleys and fence lines. If a resident of Jerome requires brush or wood chipping, the City of Jerome has a brush chipper that is available to chip and haul away your brush piles. To request the chipper, come in to the City Hall and complete the reservation form for the chipping to chip your brush. The cost is only \$20. The City of Jerome also rents out a dump truck for \$30 and

our drivers will deliver and pick up the truck. Reservation forms for the dump truck are available at City Hall.

If you have any comments or would like to report a complaint for the Code Enforcement officer you may stop by City Hall or call 324-8189 ext. 130 and leave a message. We will address your concerns and return your phone calls as soon as possible.

CITY OF JEROME TO USE NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM: NIXLE



THE CITY OF JEROME

**Jerome Offers Alerts and Community Information Online at
www.nixle.com**

CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO—May 17, 2012

– City of Jerome, Idaho will utilize a new communications service, effective 5/17/12. This service allows the city to send important community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

Information Services Director, Kathy Markus, explains the technology and its uses, “The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone, text message, and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle’s web site at www.nixle.com.”

Markus adds, “Messages include relevant safety and community event information as well as emergency notifications. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use for our group.”

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from our agency via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

Residents of the City of Jerome and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

The City of Jerome is excited to have you experience it for yourself.

About Nixle

Nixle is a community information service provider built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. It is the first authenticated and secure service that connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time, delivering information to geographically targeted consumers over their cell phones (via text messages), through e-mails and via Web access. Nixle has secured a partnership with Nlets (the International Justice and Public Safety Network), allowing local police departments nationwide to send immediate alerts and advisories. For more information, visit www.nixle.com.

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Jerome Recreation District

JUNE EVENTS:

Adult and Junior Golf Lessons

- Given by Troy Vitek @ JCC
- July 24, 25 and 26
- Call Jerome Recreation District for more information

June Kids Night

- June 29th
- 7 pm – 9 pm

POOL IS NOW OPEN!!

- Summer Guides are available in our office.
- Now registering for Swimming Lessons, Swim Team and Water Aerobics!
- All begin on June 4th! For more information call our office.

Check our website for the latest information:

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

Library Events in June

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- Agriculture Day- June 1st @ 1 pm
- Children's Summer Reading- June 7th-July 12th @ 10 am
- StarLab Tours-June 19th @ 1 pm
- Teddy Bear Campout- Friday, June 29th @ 1 pm
- Summer Movie Day- Every Friday @ 12 pm
- KidZ gaming- Every Tuesday @ 2 pm

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

- Teen Summer Reading- Every Wednesday @ 11 am
- Teen Gaming- Every Thursday @ 2 pm

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Please inquire at the library: 324-5427

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

- Social Networking, Wednesdays June 13 and June 20 from 2-3pm
- Job Seeker's Workshop, Wednesday June 27 at 2-3pm and 5-6pm



JUNE ISSUE STAFF WRITERS



Shonna Fraser has worked for the City of Jerome for over 23 years and is currently the City Clerk. She reported on the Public Works Department and the Urban Renewal Agency.

Dave Richey has worked for the City for 22 years and is currently the Building Official. He reported on the Building Department for this issue.



Sean Kirk has been a firefighter with the City for 5 years. He reported on the Wastewater Treatment Department for this issue.

Jay Gardner has worked for the Jerome Police Department for 24 years. He reported on the Fire Department for this issue.



Edie Waite has worked for the City of Jerome for over 6 years in the Jerome Public Library. She reported on City Administrator Polly Hulsey for this issue.

Micah Austin has worked for the City of Jerome for 3 years. He has edited and compiled the newsletter for 36 issues. This will be his last issue as he will be moving to Hailey for a new job with the City of Hailey.



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