



The City Newsletter

June 2014

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Syringa Wireless Community Skate Park Grand Opening

Syringa Wireless in partnership with the City of Jerome and the Jerome Skate Park Coalition announce the grand opening of the highly anticipated Syringa Wireless Community Skate Park. The grand opening will be held on June 28, 2014. The event kicks off with an official ribbon cutting ceremony, which will take place at 10AM. There will be demonstrations from pro skateboarders as well as many activities and giveaways from Syringa Wireless and other skate park supporters throughout the day. Join us as we celebrate the occasion!



Designed and built by Dreamland Skateparks, the newly constructed Syringa Wireless Community Skate Park was completed in mid-May. It is located at 305 1st Ave. East, Jerome, Idaho.

Vendors that would like to participate in the event, please contact Jennifer at (208)869-2505 or via e-mail at jennifer@syringawireless.com to obtain more information.

Engineering Department

The Engineering Department is a small unit that does big things for the City. People often deal with engineers and their work without knowing exactly what is done. The definition of 'engineering', according to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary is:

Professional art of applying science to the optimum conversion of the resources of nature to the uses of humankind. Engineering is based principally on physics, chemistry, and mathematics. A great body of special knowledge is associated with engineering; preparation for professional practice involves extensive training in the application of that knowledge.

The City of Jerome staffs one engineer and two technicians who work together to accomplish an extensive list of items. Private consulting firms usually staff 5-10 people who work on similar projects as the City produces 'in house' with our engineering department. These projects include planning, surveying, drafting, preliminary and final design, plan review, code review, permitting through agencies, construction staking, inspections, contract administration (if with a private contractor), and funding agency (grants and loans) administration.



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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 3rd
- June 17th
- July 1st
- July 15th

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

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The Engineering Department and the Wastewater Department are currently working with a consulting firm, who specializes in wastewater treatment plant design, to prepare projects for bidding and construction for the overall wastewater facility upgrades. Staff is designing the Priority Collection System improvements 'in house'. These improvements are part of the proposed overall wastewater upgrades. Staff is also designing other sewer and water infrastructure throughout the city. The Engineering Department is also inspecting and staking the road project on West 3rd Avenue and the grant funded RV dump, off of Farmore Road, on the south side of town. Staff is vigorously working on preparing the construction standards for the City, which is the basis for how streets, water and sewer projects are built. If you have any questions about current projects, feel free to contact the Engineering Department at 324-9669.

- Rick Wuori, City Engineer; Steve Kolar, Senior Engineer Technician; and Brandy Presnell, Engineer Technician

Investigative Services

The investigative services of the Jerome Police Department are under the supervision of the Support Services Captain and consist of one Detective Sergeant, two Detectives, and two School Resource Officers.

Detectives are assigned to investigate a wide variety of crimes. School Resource Officers assist detectives with investigations at the schools and with general investigations during the summer months.

Detectives have knowledge, skills and resources to investigate and solve cases, process crime scenes, and collect, maintain, and dispose of evidence. Our detectives have specialized training in cellular telephone forensics, statement analysis, narcotics investigations, crime scene forensics and processing, digital photography, interviewing, combat first aid, and finance crimes. Our School Resource Officers sit on the prosecutor's Multi-Disciplinary Team, and are trained in restorative justice practices to keep our children safe and help provide them their best opportunities for the future. Our Detective Sergeant, supervises investigators, manages the property and evidence room, works cases, and is a department trainer and area instructor.



The investigative services team collaborates with other investigators throughout the Magic Valley by participating in the Magic Valley Investigators Group, and serving on the Magic Valley Critical Incident Task Force.

We feel a major part of our success is due to citizen involvement. Please take steps to protect yourself and your property to avoid becoming a victim and report any information you may have to help solve crimes. By working together, we can make an impact on the problems that confront us and improve the quality of life we all enjoy in our beautiful valley.

- Duane Rubink, Detective Sergeant

City of Jerome Board Vacancy

The Planning & Zoning Commission has a board member vacancy. The term will end in February of 2018. The Planning & Zoning Commission makes land use decisions based on Title 17 of the Jerome Municipal Code and makes recommendations to the City Council. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7PM. This is a great way to be involved in the community. In order to serve, you must have resided for the past two years within the City limits and must remain a resident of the City during your service on the Commission.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in serving please contact Zoe Monahan at 324-8189 x 101 or via e-mail at zmonahan@ci.jerome.id.us. The deadline for the first review is Monday, June 16, 2014.

A Moment of Self-Reliant Wisdom

School is out for the summer. Yeah! Vacations are being planned and family activities are on the horizon. But have you planned ahead for an emergency? Your Office of Emergency Management encourages each one to have an emergency preparedness plan. Over the next few months articles will be submitted with preparedness tips to help you get ready for any emergency that may occur, and towards the end of summer a “planned emergency” weekend will be offered to help you test your plan. So stay tuned and follow through with the Self Reliance Tips as we get prepared together. A simple 72-96 hour kit is the topic for this month, so work as a family to obtain items for your kits. Have a great summer!

Learning objective: Gather and store items needed to sustain your family for 72-96 hours.



Tips for 72- 96 hour food storage

- Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water
- Avoid salty foods, as they will make you thirsty
- Choose foods your family will eat

*Suggestions for non-perishable food items

Protein or fruit bars
 Canned juices
 Dry cereal or granola
 Peanut butter
 Nuts
 Crackers
 High energy foods
 Food for infants
 Canned juices
 Canned meats, fruits and vegetables
 Non-perishable pasteurized milk
 Dried fruit
 Vitamins
 Comfort/stress foods

	1 gallon of water per person per day
	*Non-perishable food
	Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
	Battery-powered or hand crank radio
	NOAA Weather radio with tone alert
	Extra batteries for both
	Whistle to signal for help
	Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for sanitation
	Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air
	Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
	Flashlight and extra batteries
	Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
	Local maps
	*First aid kit

- Clint Blackwood, Jerome County Emergency Management

DOOR HANGER NOTICE

Effective June 1, 2014 the City of Jerome will **no longer issue a door hanger** as notification prior to disconnection of water service for delinquency, you will still continue to receive notices in the mail.

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What's Happening at the Library

Robotics

Once again the library has been buzzing in anticipation for what comes next with the 'Make It' program! Staff spent two days in Boise, training for the next exciting program coming to the library...robotics! Get ready to put your thinking caps on and put your science and technology skills to use! The library will be hosting its first Robotics program on Monday, July 7th. The program will begin at 11AM for our Teen Summer Reading group. The 'Make It' program, featuring robotics, will take place at 1PM. If you are planning to attend both programs, you are encouraged to bring a snack or a lunch to eat during the break.

Summer Reading

FIZZ, BOOM, READ! Calling all KIDS! KIDS OF ALL AGES! Children, tween's and teen's! Summer Reading is about to begin at the Jerome Public Library! There will be three separate programs for different age groups throughout the week. You can expect some fantastic science based activities, crafts, games and snacks! You can register for Summer Reading by filling out a registration form at the Library or online at www.jerome.lili.org. Once you have registered, please stop by the Library to pick up a reading log. Children who track their reading activities and bring in their reading logs will earn prizes. For more information contact the Library at 324-5427!

#FIZZ BOOM READ

Children's Summer Reading 2014!
June 12th-July 24th

June 12th @ 10 am—"Fizz, Boom, Pop!"

June 19th @ 10 am—"Play with your Food!"

June 26th @ 10 am—"Harry Potter Science!"

July 10th @ 10 am—"Fit & Fun!"

July 17th @ 10 am—"It's Alive!"

July 24th @ 10 am—"Messy Science"

Senior Center News

Our semi-annual card tournament will be June 21st at 12PM. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon playing Bridge, Pinochle or Hand and Foot. There will be cash prizes and door prizes. Lunch, dessert and beverages will be provided and the cost is \$6.00 per person. You must pre-register for this event by calling Marilyn Young at 324-2174 or Carrie Jones at 944-4577.

The Jerome Senior Center will be hosting its monthly breakfast June 22nd from 11:30AM-1:30PM. Bring your family and friends as you enjoy All-You-Can-Eat waffles with fruit topping, bacon, eggs, hash browns, biscuits and country gravy and fresh fruit. The cost is \$5.00 and all proceeds go to support the Home Delivered Meal program. For more information please contact Kris Shelton at 324-

Remember to Mow

Spring is in the air! The grass is greener and trees are blossoming as the weather gets warmer. **The City of Jerome would like to remind you that grass and weeds cannot be over 8 inches tall within City limits.** If you have shrubs or branches that overhang onto a public street or sidewalk, they need to be trimmed. A notice is published in the newspaper each year to inform property owners of these requirements. 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 cost back to the property owner. The owner or occupant is responsible from the center of the road to the center of the alley.

If you would like to get the definition of the nuisance per Chapter 8 of the Jerome Municipal Code or to communicate special needs or circumstances, please contact Code Enforcement at 324-8189 x 130. Thank you for keeping the City of Jerome beautiful!

- Sonny Henry, Assistant Building Official

Chickens: What You Should Know

Some people enjoy keeping chickens as pets, for eggs and to educate their children. In order to provide clear and consistent guidelines the City Council updated the chicken ordinance. A special use permit is required in order to keep chickens in the city limits. The following criteria must also be met:

- 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



Contrary to popular belief, chickens do not need a rooster to lay eggs. There are no roosters to be found at all the mega-farms, where most eggs come from. The purpose of the rooster is to fertilize the eggs. An egg won't hatch into a baby chick unless the rooster mates with the hen. However, this is not the goal of most chicken owners.

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 chicken ordinance, special use permits or the process please contact the Planning Department at 324-8189.

Operation Facelift

Operation facelift will take place in Jerome June 16-20. This is an opportunity for the community to come together to refresh our community. It is anticipated that at least two buildings will be painted this year. Volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Contact Brandon Redmond at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce at 324-2711 to volunteer or to get more information. There will be an appreciation barbeque for all volunteers who assist with this project.

- Jerome Chamber of Commerce



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City of Jerome Thanks Larry Garey for 25 Years of Service

In 1989 Larry Garey began his career with the Jerome City Fire Department as a volunteer/paid on call firefighter. Shortly after, in 1996, he became a Career Fire Fighter/Engineer. His career has been filled with flashing lights and loud sirens for 25 years while he served Jerome. In the early 2000's Larry began working as an EMT, not only for the Fire Department, but also for the Jerome County Paramedics. He truly has a genuine desire to help the people he serves.

Larry (aka "LG") has always had a love for the Fire Department, he excelled in his duties and was always willing to make time for others to show off the engines during station tours. As for the members of the Department, he would give a hint of advice or helping hand in the right direction. He did not do the task for them, but simply gave them the confidence to succeed on their own.

Though LG has decided to leave the Fire Service, he is following another passion. He will be enjoying the great outdoors as a Park Ranger in the Challis National Forest. LG has been a large part of the Fire Department for a long time and will be missed by all who had the privilege of working alongside him, from any department within the City of Jerome. Thank you LG for your continued dedication and service to the citizens of Jerome. We wish you the best of luck on your next adventure!

- Sean Kirk, Fire Lieutenant



John Thompson Retires from Public Works Department

John Thompson joined the City in the summer of 2003. John worked 11 years in the Public Works department and immediately took pride in his work and the City of Jerome. Most may remember John as the street sweeper and paint operator. He also performed street repairs, storm drain repairs, and snow removal. He always put great effort into every task he was assigned. You could always count on him to get the job done!

John was always coming up with creative ideas and suggestions to help improve the processes of our work. Thank you John for your years of dedication and hard work for the City of Jerome and its citizens. We know you will enjoy your time hunting and fishing. We wish you the best and many trophy catches!

- Mike Hensley, Streets Operations Supervisor



Thank You



**Jerome
Recreation
District**

Pool Time

- The pool is now open!
- FREE Swim Day – June 5th 1-4 PM
- Monday – Friday 1-5PM & 8-9:30PM
- Saturday 1-4PM & 5-7PM
- Sunday 1-4PM

Water Aerobics

- Monday – Thursday 5:30-6:15 PM
- 3 sessions available – starts June 16th

Swim Team

- Starts June 16th
- Practices are at 7AM

Tennis Camp

- Beginners – minimum 8 years old
June 9th – June 13th
- Intermediate June 16th – June 20th
- 10AM-12PM – City Courts
- Need to bring tennis racket and a can of tennis balls

Bike*Walk*Run

- Come enjoy an outdoor activity!
- June 7th at 8AM
- Bring your own bike
- Breakfast will be served after the event

Check out their website for class schedules and the latest JRD information:
www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

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

EVENTS IN JUNE

YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Game Day – Tuesdays 3:30PM
- Story Time – Fridays 10AM & 1PM
- Movies – Fridays 2:30PM
- Anime Club – Fridays 3:30PM



Contact the Library at 324-5427 for the Youth Summer Reading schedule and for adult programs.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Linda Helms will have a book signing for the Jerome pictorial history book at Costco, Poleline Road, Twin Falls from 11:30AM-2PM on June 7. Call 421-6632.

Jerome Historical Society Depot Museum Open House, June 7 from 1-5PM. No admittance fee. Refreshments will be available. Call 324-5641.

American Auxiliary Poppy Distribution Day, June 14, 9AM-12PM at Ridley's, D&B, and Walmart

American Legion and Auxiliary picnic June 21, 6PM at American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East, Jerome. Contact information: 324-5322

Jerome County Search & Rescue Fly-In Breakfast, June 14, 7AM-12PM at the Jerome Airport. Everyone is welcome.

Civic Club will hold the Rose Luncheon, June 12, 1PM at the Jerome Country Club. Contact information: 329-0570

Friends of the Jerome Library meeting, June 14, 10AM. at Jerome Public Library. 324-5427

Jerome County Historical Society meeting, June 14, 6:30PM at the Depot Museum 212 East First Ave, Jerome. 324-5641 or 421-6632

Twin Falls area Chapter Idaho Writers League, June 21, 10AM at KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd North, Twin Falls. Contact information: 324-4813

- Linda Helms

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Dean Larsen – Detective Captain 29 years
- Bob Gagnon – Public Works Technician II 14 years
- Dave McBride – Firefighter/Engineer 10 years

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