



The City Newsletter

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Welcome to the
CITY OF JEROME

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FIRE FIGHTER TURNED HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

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Gary Showers has ended his fulltime employment with the City of Jerome Fire Department on August 20, 2012. He will begin a teaching career in the subject of health sciences at a Twin Falls high school this fall. However, he will continue to serve the community as a Paid On Call member within the Fire Department.

As friends and co-workers, we would like to thank Gary for all his efforts and personal time devoted to various projects and assignments over the years. We are pleased he has chosen to serve as a Paid on Call which provides us opportunities to continue working and associating with him.

In October 1999, Gary Showers began his service in the Fire Department as a Paid on Call (Volunteer) and was hired fulltime with the City in

July 2004. During those years, he has chaired and participated in many annual fundraisers such as the Fire Fighters Ball, "Fill the Boot" campaign for Muscular Dystrophy, the Fireman's banquet, and "Fire in the Hole" golf tournaments. He has also received over \$24,000 in grants for the City of Jerome Fire Department during the past 5 years.

He is a member of the Association of Jerome City Firefighters and one of the founding members of Local 4589 Jerome Fire Fighters. He served for three years as an Advanced EMT state representative on the Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee (EMSAC) for the State of Idaho. He has participated and served on both the State EMS Grant subcommittee and the State EMS Educa-

tion subcommittee.

He currently holds the following certifications: Fire Fighter I, Fire Fighter II, HAZMAT Awareness, HAZMAT Operations, HAZMAT Technician, HAZMAT Technician Instructor, Basic EMT, Advanced EMT, EMT Instructor, and an American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Instructor. With encouragement and support from former Fire Chief Randy Baldwin, Gary received his Master's degree in Public Administration.

We wish Gary all the best in his new career and all of his future endeavors.



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:

- September 4th
- September 18th

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

CITY OF JEROME HIRES

NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The City has hired a new Community Development Director, Zoe Monahan. Zoe joined the City of Jerome staff on August 1, 2012. Zoe is an Oregon native and worked for the Sherwood, Oregon Planning Department before moving to Idaho to be a part of Jerome's team. She recently completed a Master's of Public Administration with a specialization in local government from Portland State University. Zoe also received a Bachelor's of Arts in Planning, Public Policies and Management from the University of Oregon.

Zoe is settling into Jerome by attending local events, getting to know the community and walking her dachshunds around town. She is excited to work with City Staff and the City Council to make a positive impact on Jerome's future.

The Community Development Director is responsible for Planning & Zoning, Economic Development, Urban Renewal Agency Management and serves as the City's Public Information Officer. Additionally, the Community Development Director is the *City Newsletter* editor.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY: MAKE IT A PRIORITY

As parents prepare for the start of a new school year, teaching children how to be safer needs to be at the top of their list of things to do. An analysis by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children of attempted abductions during the past five years found that children are at most risk when going to and from school or school related activities.

Parents and other adults can help keep children safe by following these ten tips:

1. Teach your children to always TAKE A FRIEND with them when walking or biking, and stay with a group while standing at the bus stop. Make sure they know which bus to ride.
2. Walk the route to and from school with your children pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they're being followed or need help. Teach your children they should NEVER TAKE SHORTCUTS and always stay in well-lit areas.
3. It is not safe for young children to walk to and from school, even in a group. Parents should always provide supervision for young children to help ensure their safe arrival to and from school. If your children wait for a bus, wait with them or make arrangements for supervision at the bus stop.
4. Teach your children that if anyone bothers them, makes them feel scared or uncomfortable to trust their feelings and immediately get away from that person. Teach them it is ok not to be polite and IT IS OK TO SAY NO.
5. Teach your children if anyone tries to take them somewhere they should RESIST by kicking and screaming, try to run away and DRAW ATTENTION by kicking and screaming "This person is trying to take me away" or "This person is not my father/mother."
6. Teach your children NOT TO ACCEPT A RIDE from anyone unless you have said it is ok in that instance. If any one follows them in a vehicle they should turn around, go in the other direction, and run to a trusted adult who may help them.
7. Teach your children that grownups should NOT ASK CHILDREN FOR DIRECTIONS, they should ask other adults.
8. Teach your children to NEVER ACCEPT MONEY OR GIFTS from anyone unless you have told them it is ok to accept in each instance.



JEROME UPDATES THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE

There are some new requirements for homeowners and occupants within the city limits. There are nuisance standards in place in order to ensure the health and safety of the community. The nuisance ordinance was recently changed to clarify that the property owner's and occupants within the city are not only responsible for their yard; they are also responsible from the center of the street to the center of the alley.

The following items are defined as nuisances; bulky waste, construction debris, dead animals, garbage, hazardous materials, rubbish, stable matter, and waste matter. For specific definitions of each nuisance please refer to chapter 8.08.010 of the Jerome Municipal Code. There is a link on the home page of the City's website at www.ci.jerome.id.us.

If you have any questions stop by City Hall or call 324-8189 ext 130. We will be glad to help you.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

By Jay Gardner, Jerome City Police Department

Can you believe it? I know that I'm wondering where the summer went. How about you? It's the middle of August and another school year is about to begin.

We at the Jerome Police Department are all wondering where the time has gone. School is starting up again. For those of us that are parents, it's back to school shopping, getting the kids ready for a new sleep schedule and listening to "but I don't want to go back to school". But for all of us, whether we have children that are returning to school or not, it's time to think about back to school safety.

With another school year starting, there will be significantly more traffic in and around school areas. Pedestrians, bicyclists, buses and cars all contribute to school zone congestion. Jerome Schools are faced with traffic issues such as double-parking, speeding, unsafe U-turns, jaywalking and more. In addition, children do not always follow the rules of the road. Often they enter the street from between two cars, attempt to "run" red lights with their bikes through intersections, and skateboard or walk into traffic without checking.

Jerome motorists must exercise increased awareness in and around a school zone. Potential hazards are much easier to see and react to when driving at or below the school zone speed limit of 20 miles per hour (mph). Special attention must also be paid to buses displaying flashing red lights when 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 a bus. Motorists are required to stop and wait until the flashing red lights are turned off before passing a bus.

Pedestrian Safety

- Before crossing a street, look left-right-left, for traffic in all directions. Keep looking for cars as you cross the street.
- Don't run out into the street from between parked cars. The cars can hide you from drivers so they can't see you until it's too late to stop.
- Wait for a walk signal and green light to tell you it's your turn to cross the street. Look before you go to make sure drivers see you and have yielded or stopped. Continue looking for cars as you cross.
- Encourage students to cross the street at marked crossings and follow the directions of the school crossing guards.
- When crossing railroad tracks, stop well away from the tracks, look in both directions and listen for an approaching train. Never try to beat a train across the tracks. Watch your step as you cross the tracks so you don't stumble or fall.

School Bus Safety

- Arrive at the bus stop early.
- Stand at least 10 feet away from the edge of the road.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, cross at least 10 feet ahead of the bus so the driver can see you and you can see the bus driver.
- Never walk behind the bus or go under the bus.

Clothing Tips

- Buy backpacks and bags with reflectors. They may cost a little more, but make a big difference in visibility on overcast fall days.
- Ask for outerwear with reflectors. A child in a dark jacket can be invisible to drivers in bad weather. Brightly colored coats, umbrellas and hats are more visible to drivers.
- Shoes with reflectors show up better in low-light conditions and increase safety. Consider wet and slippery weather when choosing shoes.
- If you ride a bike, wear the proper safety gear, including helmets and pads.

LIBRARY CARDS; OUT OF CITY RESIDENCE

How do I get a library card at Jerome Public Library?

You must bring in photo identification and proof of residence. A driver's license or identification card can be both a photo ID and proof of residence if it has your current address. You can also bring in a water or power bill, rent receipt, hunting license, or checkbook for proof of residence.

Why is there a fee if I live in the county?

All Library users pay a fee. For City of Jerome residents your library fee is already paid through your annual City property taxes. A small portion of your taxes supports the Library.

If you live outside the Jerome City limits, none of your annual property tax supports the Library. The Library fee for rural residents is \$45.00 per year.

What if I live outside the City limits, but own City property?

If you own property within the Jerome City limits you are paying City taxes, therefore there is no charge for your Library card.

What if I am 65 years or older?

If you are 65 years or older and live outside Jerome City limits, the rural fee is waived.



STAFF ACHIEVEMENT: MIKE HENSLEY EARNS ROAD SCHOLAR CERTIFICATION

Mike Hensley, Streets Division Leader in the Public Works Department completed the Road Scholar - Level One program. The Idaho Road Scholar Program provides training to local road professionals. The curriculum provides the participants with fundamentals of safety, management, advanced technologies as well as a wide variety of other transportation specific topics.

In order to complete the Road Scholar - Level One program, Mike completed nine core classes and two electives. Mike committed the needed 76 hours in order to attend classes, field work and exams.

Mike was eager to continue to gain additional knowledge and experience after completing the Road Scholar program. He is currently participating in Road Master - Level Two program. In order to complete the Road Master Program Mike will take eight additional core classes and two



additional electives for a total of 80 hours of work. He is only three classes away from earning his Road Master certification.

The City is very proud of Mike Hensley's accomplishment and desire to continue to gain valuable information and skills to apply in his daily work. Mike was presented his certification at the August 21, 2012 City Council Meeting.

THE HARVEST BALL

The Association of Jerome Fire Department invites you to attend the Fire Fighter's Harvest Ball and Costume Party.

WHAT: Costume party and ball
WHERE: Jerome County Fair Grounds
205 N. Fir Street, Jerome. ID
WHEN: October 20, 2012 at 7PM
COST: \$10 single - \$15 Couple

HOT 100 FM will provide music for the event and there will be raffle prizes.

For more information contact Dave LaCelle or Chief Mike Hatfield at 208-324-2323



CITY OF JEROME HAS GONE MOBILE

As part of an ongoing effort to expand and improve communication with its citizens, the City of Jerome has gone mobile! The Information Services Department has announced two exciting citizen applications that are now in use by the City of Jerome. These two applications are Nixle and Fix311, which are now available for all citizens. Both applications are intended to increase communication between citizens and city officials. The City is encouraging everyone to use these tools.

Nixle is a product that allows the City to send out community and emergency messages via text and email. During the summer months, construction updates are being sent out regularly. Community events are also sent to the registered users. This was a free product and is a great tool to keep our citizens up to date on current events. Sign up for Nixle at <http://www.ci.jerome.id.us/>.

How to sign up: Once you are on the Nixle website select the "News" section, next, click on the "Community Alerts" link. Then, enter your mobile phone number, email address, and zip code. Finally, check the Accept Box and click on Sign Up. All data is stored on a secure law enforcement NLETS server.

Fix 311 is a mobile application that can be downloaded to iPhone and Android devices from Google Apps. It can also be accessed through a web interface at <http://www.ci.jerome.id.us>. Once you are on the City of Jerome's website select the community information section and click on the Fix 311 link. This product allows the citizens to take a picture of a problem that they spot in the community, such as a broken stop sign, and send that picture to the city. The mobile application will automatically send the GPS coordinates of the incident being reported. The web interface will require the user to enter a location. This product will allow the citizen to notify the city of problem areas. An email, which includes the resolution, will be sent to the person that reported the problem.

The information provided by citizens such as phone number and e-mail will be kept secure and personal information will only be used for the Nixle or Fix 311 program. We are excited about these mobile tools. Sign up today!



PUT A LID ON GREASE FIRES

In August, the Jerome City Fire Department responded to two cooking grease fires in residential homes that led to those people involved receiving 3rd degree burns. Keeping this in mind the Jerome City Fire Department would like to remind the citizens of Jerome of some good Fire Safety practices while cooking with grease. Cooking oil is hot—much hotter than water—and can catch fire without warning. Be ready! Always have a pan lid nearby when you cook with oil or greasy foods like bacon. If a fire starts in a pan, don't pick it up and carry it out of the house. Grease can splash out and burn you or small children and pets that might be under-foot. The best solution is to have a pan lid ready, and carefully put it right over the fire and turn the burner off. Putting the pan lid over a grease fire cuts off the supply of oxygen that feeds the flames and will aid in putting the fire out. Baking soda also puts out grease fires. Keep a box handy to sprinkle onto a fire. Fire extinguishers in the kitchen are also a good idea.

If you are burned: Remember to STOP, DROP, COVER your face, and ROLL to put out fires on your clothes. Cool the burn with cool water, never use ice. Cool water lowers the skin temperature, stops the burning, and helps numb the pain and reduces swelling. Take off any hot, greasy clothing quickly. Cover the burn. After cooling the burn with water, cover it with a clean dry dressing, like a cloth or bandage. DO NOT use ointments, sprays, butter, or tooth-paste, ONLY COOL WATER. Get medical help. Don't underestimate how serious a burn can be.



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Jerome Recreation District

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Men's Basketball is Back
Registration begins September 24 for
returning teams and October 8th for
new teams

Co-Ed Volleyball Registration
Registration begins September 24 for
returning teams and October 8th for
new teams

Both sports are first come, first served
and the seasons start the week of
November 12

Family Fun Night!!!
September 14 at 7PM

Home School PE Returns
Starts September 12
Wednesdays & Fridays 2-3PM

Check our website for the
latest information:

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com



Southern Idaho Tourism

Check out their website for the
latest tourism information for
our area:

www.visitsouthidaho.com

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Library Events in September

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- Lapsit for Little Ones – Saturday, Sept. 22 at 10:30 am, for expecting mothers and little ones up to 24 months old
- Angry Birds...After School Program – Thursday, Sept. 20 at 3-4 pm, for all ages
- KidZ Gaming - Every Tuesday at 3:15 pm
- Family Storytime – Every Friday at 10 am & 1 pm
- KidZ FlickZ - Every Friday at 2:30 pm

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

- Y.A.C. (Youth Advisory Council)- First meeting: Sept. 12 at 4 pm. Sign up at the Library. Must be in grades 6-12.
- Teen Choice Awards Party- Sept. 13 at 4 pm
- Teen FlickZ- Sept. 26 at 3:30 pm
- Teen Gaming- Every Thursday at 3:30 pm

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Please inquire at the library: 324-5427

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

- Basic Computer and Internet, Tuesdays at 4-5 pm, September 4, 11, 18, 25
- Basic computer classes taught in Spanish, Thursdays at 5:30-6:15 pm, September 6, 13, 20, 27



Please call the library for more information or to register, 324-5427

FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTS IN TRINITY RIDGE FIRE

The City of Jerome responded to a request to assist at the Trinity Ridge Fire near Pine and Featherville. We deployed a fire engine and 4 fire fighters who joined other firefighters to provide structure protection at the fire. Tasks include educating and interacting with property owners; improving defensible space and reducing fire hazards to reduce the likelihood of a fire extending to a structure; installing hose lines, portable water tanks, pumps and sprinkler systems around structures; assisting with firing and holding operations; and other duties. They work at least 14 hours per day, shifts begin at 6:00 AM, they return to camp at 8:00 PM with just enough time to get cleaned up, eat dinner, and go to bed. A deployment typically lasts 14 days, plus one day on either end for travel. Deputy Chief Jack Krill was also deployed to the Mustang Fire north of Salmon as a Strike Team Leader. In that role, he managed a group of 4 to 7 fire engines performing similar tasks as described above.

The City of Jerome, through a Cooperative Agreement with the Idaho Department of Lands, is paid for the use of the vehicles, personnel, and cost to backfill career firefighter positions. The fire engine at the Trinity Ridge Fire earns \$1,456 per day, or just over \$10,000 per week. Some of the funds will be used to purchase equipment such as portable radios that will be mandated on these types of fires next year.

Fire Fighters from left to right: Jff Hanni, Jeremy Presnell, David McBride, Sean Kirk, Dave LaCelle, Larry Garey and Larry Bybee

