



The City Newsletter

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CITY OF JEROME

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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:

- September 3rd
- September 17th
- October 1st
- October 15th

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

It is time once again for school to start up. We all have a tendency to lose track of time during the summer months and school just sneaks up on us. It seems as if there is never enough time to get all of the supplies and new clothes for the new school year. This is a good time to sit down with your kids and discuss safety issues with them and remind them to always look for traffic and to avoid dangerous situations.

It is also the time of year for adults and those students who drive to be vigilant while operating a motor vehicle. Remember to watch the roads for children crossing the street, for toys rolling out into the street, and buses in traffic. It is all too easy to get distracted today between the rush of schedules, cell phones, radios and other distractions caused by everyday life. This time of year parents are faced with getting kids to and from school, getting to and from work, and running any errands you may have.

Remember that the school zone speed limits are strictly enforced. There are multiple school zones in Jerome including; Tiger Drive near the High School, 10th Ave. E near Horizon, N. Fillmore by Jefferson, N. Lincoln by Summit, the Middle School, and the relatively new school zone on S. Lincoln in front of Heritage Academy. These areas will be patrolled. The speed limit is 20 miles per hour in these areas. The fine for violating the speed limit in school zones is \$156.50. This is a lot of money for most people in this economic climate. However, it is much better than injuring a child. Please remember to slow down in these areas and always watch for children.

It is important that we all pay close attention in residential areas as well. A lot of children walk to school and come from the residential areas. As the streets in these areas are narrow and lined with cars, it may be safest to travel slower than the 25 miles per hour zones.

Please remember to add a little extra time to the beginning of your day if you have to travel by the schools. The school zones get backed up with parents dropping off their children. Frustration caused by running late can lead to speeding or not paying attention which could lead to an accident affecting you and possibly others.

With the help of everyone there can be less automobile crashes, less speeding citations issued and we can prevent injury to our children.

The Jerome Police Department would like to wish the children of Jerome a safe and happy new school year.

Jon Lenker, Police Department



WASTEWATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

Revised 9/13/13

At the September 3rd City Council meeting the Council made a motion to move forward with a wastewater bond term of 25 years and set the domestic base user rates at \$34.45. The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the rates on October 1, 2013 at 5:30PM in the City Council Chambers located at 100 E Avenue A. *The City Council will review and adopt a resolution which will make the rates effective. Rate payers can expect to see the new rates on the bill for their October usage.* If you have questions or you would like more information please contact Burke Richman, Finance Director at brichman@ci.jerome.id.us or 324-8189 x 107.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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Fats, Oils & Grease *focus*

**EDUCATING CUSTOMERS ABOUT FATS, OILS, & GREASE
 AND THE EFFECTS OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL.**

What is Fats, Oils, & Grease?

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) get into our wastewater system mainly from commercial food preparation establishments with inadequate grease controls, primarily pouring the substances down the drain. FOG is a by-product of cooking and are mostly found in the following:

- Meats
- Cooking Oil
- Lard or Shortening
- Butter or Margarine

The City of Jerome wastewater system is not designed to handle or treat these substances in excess. Overtime without proper disposal FOG can and will build up in the wastewater system and eventually block

sewer lines resulting in possible sanitary sewer overflows. In order to prevent sanitary sewer overflows from occurring, please look at the methods below for proper FOG disposal:

- Have Grease Interceptors cleaned regularly
- Scrape grease and food residue into garbage bag
- Install "No Grease" Signs over kitchen sinks

It is important to ensure that FOG does not enter into the wastewater system. By using proper disposal methods we can all as a community avoid sewer blockages and environmental harm.

Sewer Blockage Formation



The start of a blocked pipe begins when grease and solids collect on the top and sides of the pipe interior.



The build-up increases over time when grease and other debris are washed down the drain.



Excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and can result in a sanitary sewer overflow.

QUESTIONS?

Call the City of Jerome Pretreatment Program at (208) 324-7122 x216



Environmental Watch

The City of Jerome is required by federal law to report all Sanitary Sewer Overflows to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Sanitary Sewer Overflows, put the Environment and Public Health at risk. The City of Jerome is in the 95th percentile for Sanitary Sewer Overflows in the State of Idaho. The City of Jerome is actively pursuing educational campaigns to inform the community about what they can do to help assist the City of Jerome get into the lower Sanitary Sewer Overflow percentile. The City of Jerome appreciates your time in reviewing this flyer. **Look for more!**

Jerome City General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2013

The general city election will be held in and for the City of Jerome, Idaho on the 5th day of November 2013, at which time the registered voters will elect a mayor and two council members to serve for a term of four years.

The City of Jerome operates under the Mayor-Council form of government. The executive branch of the city, headed by the mayor, is responsible for the day-to-day administration of city affairs. The council is comparable to the state legislature in that the council has the legislative or policymaking powers in the city.

Mayors are elected at-large on a non-partisan ballot for a four-year term. The council is composed of four members. Council terms are staggered so that only half of the member's term will expire in any given general election. Vacancies are filled by appointment by the mayor with the consent of the council. Appointees serve only until the next general city election.

Any person who is 18 years of age, a United States citizen, who has resided in the city at least thirty (30) days preceding the election and who is a registered voter may declare candidacy.

Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the city clerk between August 26, 2013 and September 6, 2013. Write-in candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy with the city clerk by October 8, 2013.

Application for absentee ballots may be made by contacting the Jerome County Clerk at 300 N. Lincoln Room 301 or by telephone at (208) 644-2715. Voter registration closes on October 11, 2013; however, same day registration is available at your regular polling place. For any questions please contact Jerome City Clerk Shonna Fraser at 152 East Ave. A or (208)324-8189 ext. 105.

- Shonna Fraser, City Clerk

SKATE PARK MAKES PROGRESS

Tony Hawk has awarded the City of Jerome Skate Park Coalition \$5,000 to help build a skate park in Jerome, Idaho. Tony Hawk is also in the process of personally reviewing the skate park design.

Why are skate parks beneficial to communities? The easy answer is that they provide a place for kids to express themselves in an individual and athletic manner. Skateboarding is an activity for all ages and the park will serve a much larger demographic than just the youth; it is a community park. There are also several other benefits of the skate park. It will:

- Help diversify the physical activities available in our community
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Help to build social skills
- Have a positive effect on the skater's mental health
- Reduce criminal activity
- Attract tourism



The amount required to build a skate park for the Jerome population is \$200,000. This would build a 9,000 square foot park. The park will be built in two \$100,000 phases. Members of the community have helped to contribute to this event by sponsoring fundraising events, donating funds, and pledging service.

The coalition's financial sponsor, the Jerome Community Trust, has an established 501(C)3 that they are allowing the coalition to utilize while the Trust oversees financial and reporting documents. All banking transactions are separate from the Jerome Community Trust, which enables the coalition to isolate funding and ensure that 100% of the donations will go towards the skate park. The coalition's bylaws ensure complete transparency.

Please help us to build a skate park in Jerome, Idaho! There are several ways that you can help;

- To sign up as a sponsor or participant for the golf scramble on September 21, at the 93 Golf Ranch, contact Kathy Markus at 208-324-8189x141 or Susan Petruzzelli at 324-0030 petz@cableone.net. You can also complete a registration form <https://sites.google.com/site/jeromeskatepark/events>.
- Buy raffle tickets for a 2004 Ford Mustang from Country Auto at 2400 South Lincoln. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket or 6 for \$50.00. This vehicle was generously donated by Country Auto and all proceeds go directly to the skate park.
- Donate your Ridley's points online at <http://shopridleys.com/advantageCard/htaOrgs.php>.
- Donate any tax deductible amount by sending a check to Jerome Skate Park Coalition, 152 East Avenue A, Jerome, ID 83338.

The coalition hopes to have enough money to complete phase 1 by October 1, 2014. For up to date information about the skate park, visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jerome-Skate-Park-Coalition/605429502805117> or <https://sites.google.com/site/jeromeskatepark>. If you have any questions, or would like to help in any way, please contact Kathy Markus at 208-324-8189x141.

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**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Ladies Night

- September 19th - 6-9PM
- Enjoy vendors, food & fun

Kids Fitness

- Returns Sept 10th
- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Tumbling is Back

- Wednesdays
- September 4, 11, 18, 25
- Aerials - 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
- Twisters - 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Home School PE Returns

- Beginning September 4th
- Wednesdays & Fridays
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

CO-ED Volleyball Registration

- Returning teams:
September 23 - October 6
- New Teams: October 7 - 25
- First come, first served
- D-Monday; B-Tuesday;
- C-Thursday, Women's - Friday
- Season begins the week of
November 11th

Men's Basketball Registration

- Returning teams: September 23
- October 6
- New Teams: October 7 - Octo-
ber 25
- First Come, First Served
- Games on Mondays and
Wednesdays
- Season begins the week of
November 11th.

**Check out their website for class
 schedules and the
 latest JRD information:
[www.jeromerecreationdistrict.
 com](http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com)**

Library Events in September

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- Wii loveTuesdays! Game Day @ 3PM Wii for elementary kids to play (available for an hour)
- Friday Matinee @ 2:30
- Welcome Back Story Time on Fridays @ 10AM & 1PM (Starting on September 13th)
- Every Child Ready to Read on Wednesdays @ 5PM from September 11 - 25th (Registration is required.)
Contact the Library at 324-5427 for teen and adult programs.



Events Around Town

American Legion Auxiliary meeting September 5, at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall at the corner of 7th Street East and North Lincoln.

Jerome Civic Club meeting September 10, at 1 p.m. at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Street East.

Friends of the Jerome Public Library meeting September 12, at noon. It will be a potluck BBQ and will be held at the picnic shelter at the North Park.

Jerome County Historical Society meeting September 12 at 6 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum, 212 First Street East. (The Depot). 324-5641.

Live History Day--Saturday, September 14 at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum, north of the crossroads of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admittance: \$5 for adults, children 12 and under free.

On Sunday come join us for a non-denominational church service and a bring your own picnic afterwards for fellowship. No admittance fee on Sunday. 324-5641 or 421-6632

Idaho Writers meeting at KMVT Community Room, Saturday September 14 at 10 am. We will be preparing for the IWL state conference in Sandpoint on September 20 and 21. 324-4813 or 421-6632

- Submitted by Linda Helms

September is National Preparedness Month

Summer is coming to a close and school is about to start up again. At the Office of Emergency Management we wish to thank all who came by our booth at the Jerome County Fair in August. Keeping in mind that September is National Preparedness Month we look forward again to meet with the public at several venues we will be participating in. The first is the 17th Annual Back To School Safe Kids Safety Event held at the Con Paulos Auto Dealership on Saturday, September 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will also be at the South Central Community Action Event at the Park on Saturday the 21st from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Twin Falls City Park. We will be anxious to share information on how individuals and families can become better prepared to face any emergency. For the Business Community we will also be making a presentation on "Business After Disaster: and What To Do Before" at 6:00 pm the evening of September 26 at the Shiloh Inn in Twin Falls.

Please feel free to visit our website at www.jeromecountyid.us and click on emergency management under departments to search for many self-reliance tips and other useful links and preparedness information.

- Clint Blackwood,
 Jerome County Office of Emergency Management

