



The City Newsletter

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CITY OF JEROME

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2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget Summary

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On September 1st, 2015, the Jerome City Council met to adopt the 2015-16 budget appropriations ordinance. The City undergoes a lengthy process during "budget season" which includes budget workshops, City staff budget proposal meetings, preliminary budget drafting, tentative budget adoption, public hearing, and finally the appropriations ordinance adoption. The total amount of the appropriation for the budget year 2015-16 is \$19,978,495. This is a 2.8% increase over the 2014-15 adopted budget.



The increase in much of the budget this next year is due to the ability of the City being able to spend reserve funds on capital projects, which funds are above and beyond the City's reserve fund policy. This is the first time in a long time that through operational efficiencies as well as one time savings in the current budget year, the City will exceed required reserve targets in all funds. In addition, the City Council determined not to increase property taxes for 2016. If a property owners assessed value remains the same, this should lead to a reduction in taxes for an owner of a median valued home (\$100,400 assessment) in Jerome of roughly \$3 annually. For the owner of a home assessed at \$150,000, the City's property tax reduction would be almost \$5 annually.

In addition to the Jerome City Council's direction to maintain current levels of service, implement a newly developed compensation model, comply with our fund balance reserve policy, and not increase the property tax budget nor utility fees (with the exception of irrigation), there is also a commitment to funding infrastructure and capital items in the 2015-16 budget in order to invest in the future of Jerome. The following are items included in the 2015-2016 budget:

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:

- September 15th
- October 6th
- October 20th
- November 3rd

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

- \$250,000 towards a new police station
- \$88,286 for replacement of two patrol vehicles
- \$115,000 toward paying off debt for fire apparatus and engine replacement
- \$50,000 towards lease purchase of new fire engine
- \$30,000 to replace extrication equipment
- \$355,000 of Street Fund to reconstruct portions of North Tiger Drive and East Yakima
- \$125,000 for sidewalk construction on 10th Ave. East between Fillmore and Lincoln
- \$25,000 continued sidewalk restoration
- \$25,000 – Resurface City Hall parking lot
- \$429,970 – Water Line Replacement
- \$200,000 – Sewer Line Installation and Repair

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Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Cheryl Peterson, employee of the quarter! Cheryl has been with the City since October 1997. During this time, she has contributed her talent and knowledge to the Police Department.

Cheryl cares deeply for her co-workers, her department, and takes pride in working for the City. She exercises a role of leadership and is a very motivated individual. She ensures work is completed with the utmost accuracy. Thank you Cheryl for your continued dedication!



Back to School at the Library

The beginning of the school year is the perfect time to get your kids involved in all of the programs at the library. We're proud to be offering programs for children of all ages, from babies up to seniors in high school. All of our children's and teen programs are free to the public, and no library card is necessary. We provide all of the supplies and materials, so all you need to do is show up!

Mr. Don's Sing-A-Long

Mr. Don's Sing-A-Long is every Thursday at 4PM for children birth-5. Don Ritchey is a children's performer with tons of energy- kids love him! He performs classics like Old MacDonald and The Itsy Bitsy Spider as well as some newer songs your kids can learn. This is the perfect program for parents who have both elementary-aged children and babies/preschool-aged children. The older kids can attend Jr. Make It while the younger children have a blast with Mr. Don!



Storytime

Storytime is every Friday at 10AM and 1PM for children birth-5. We developed a lot of fun new ideas and activities over the summer; so even if you've been to Storytime before, we've got something new for you. We have rhythm sticks, puppets, flannel board stories, a parachute, and of course books! Stop in today to talk to our Children's Programmer about Storytime as well as upcoming preschool programs like Every Child Ready to Read and Fun with Math and Science.

Jr. Make It

Jr. Make It is every Thursday at 3:45PM for grades 1st-5th. Make It is a STEM-based program focused on hands-on learning, problem solving, and making. Some things you can look forward to this year are working LED Minecraft torches, binary code necklaces, earthquake-proof Lego buildings and K'NEX car races! We're going to have a blast! Parents, feel free to leave your elementary-aged child in this program while attending Mr. Don's Sing-A-Long with your younger ones.

Spilling Ink

Spilling Ink is every Friday at 2:30PM for grades 4th-8th. Every week, the kids are given a "dare" to write on. Dares we've used in the past include: "Write a guide for a secret agent who needs to go undercover in your school. How could they infiltrate without being spotted?" and "Invent something you would love to use. After you've decided on your invention, write a story about how that invention goes horribly wrong." This is a no-stress club, so we're not worried about grammar or spelling, just creativity. If your child has the writing bug, or is just a great storyteller but needs a little nudge towards writing, they won't want to miss this club!

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Make It Program

Monday at 3:45PM is Make It day for the teens and tweens. This hands-on program is geared specifically for middle and high school students. This year, along with our regular programs, participants will be earning library dollars to pay for the robot parts. How do they earn library dollars? By coming to programs and reading books! They will be able to start building their robot piece by piece until it is complete. Then the real fun begins. They will get to program the robot to avoid obstacles while making their way through a maze.

Let's Talk About It Program

Are you a Civil War buff? If so, you won't want to miss this year's Let's Talk About It program "Making Sense of the American Civil War". The Let's Talk About It program is a book discussion facilitated by an Idaho Humanities scholar. We provide all the books courtesy of the Idaho Commission for Libraries. This 5-part discussion begins on September 24th at 7PM. To participate and attend this program, no library card is needed. Call the library at 324-5427 for more information, or stop by and check out the discussion books.



AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Let's Talk About It!

SPONSORED BY
Jerome Public Library
100 1st Avenue East
324-5427

Thursdays at 7 pm

READING SELECTIONS
& PROGRAM DATES

September 24
March and America's War, Part I

October 15
America's War, Part II

November 5
America's War, Part III

November 19
Crossroads of Freedom and America's War, Part IV

December 3
America's War, Part V

This program is made possible by the Idaho Humanities Center, the National Endowment for the Humanities, a generous gift from US Bancorp Foundation, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and is administered by Idaho Commission for Libraries.

CSI Jerome Center

Survival Spanish

TH Sept 24 – Dec 3 6 to 8pm

Enjoy learning Spanish in a comfortable and relaxed environment. There is no grammar, very little writing and no tests! Instead, you'll have fun learning common phrases by conversing with each other. This is the perfect course if you are a beginner, or need a refresher course for travel. **Instructor:** Lupe Cisneros – Corbin **Fee:** \$99

Note: No class on Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26

Everyday Financial Planning

Sat Sept 19 – Sep 26 9 to 11:30am

If the words invest, risk, retire, 401(k), IRA, and mutual fund make your head spin, come learn from a local Certified Financial Planner who uses everyday language to illustrate what these terms mean and how they apply to you. You will learn things like: how to put money into and take money out of your employer's plan, what kinds of insurance are right for you, Social Security basics, and how to determine the savings you need to be able to retire. Bring your spouse or a friend. A workbook will be provided.

Instructor: Jim Woolley, CFP **Fee:** \$49

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 Senior Center Events

9/06	Sunday	2-5PM	Dance & Potluck with Music Melody Masters
9/07	Monday	CLOSED	LABOR DAY
9/20	Sunday	2-5PM	Dance & Potluck with Music Melody Masters
9/26	Saturday	9AM-3PM	Rummage Sale Fundraiser*
9/27	Sunday	11:30AM-1:30PM	Brunch



* If you would like to donate items for the Rummage Sale, please drop them off Thursday, September 24th, or Friday, September 25th from 2-4PM. You can also drop them off Saturday, September 26th from 7-9AM. All items must be sellable. Please bring larger items Saturday morning. Please call the Senior Center at 324-5642 if you have any questions.

Jerome School District News

The Jerome School District would like to thank parents and the Twin Falls Costco store for their generous donations to our students. Several parents have made donations to individual schools and Costco donated 45 backpacks that were distributed to Jefferson Elementary and Horizon Elementary.

You can support our classrooms through Donor's Choose too! This allows our teachers to acquire funding for the items that they need to have a more successful school year. Teachers are always looking for ways to make their lessons and classrooms more meaningful. To donate, please go to www.DonorsChoose.org and on the left hand side of the website, search for Jerome, Idaho.

If you would like to make a donation to the Jerome School District, please contact the school, Dr. Love at 324-2392 or send an e-mail to Brendalynn.Love@jeromeschools.org.

Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp

Each year, members of the Jerome Fire Department work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association as part of the Fill the Boot event to raise money for local individuals with muscle diseases. This year Ed Walters, Jerome City Firefighter, volunteered as a counselor for the week long Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Summer Camp. At MDA camp, kids with neuromuscular disease discover a world created specifically for them, and meet many other kids sharing the same needs and experiences. MDA camp volunteers assume all camper care, including physical and emotional support.

Ed was paired with a 13 year old boy who was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. They spent the entire week enjoying many activities, including wheelchair hockey, carnival games, hiking, fishing and rock climbing. There's an abundance of fun and games, but to MDA campers the real benefits come in a much subtler form, the lifelong friendships, the increased self-esteem and confidence, and the chance to spend at least one week of the year in a place where physical disabilities are the norm rather than the exception. Ed was very excited to be able to attend this camp, he stated "This camp changed how I view life. The courage these kids have to face the day with such a positive attitude is something I truly admire".





**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Fall Weight Loss Challenge

- Oct 5 – Dec 28
- Individual competition
- More info to come...

Evening Spinning

- Begins Sept 1
- Tuesday & Thursday
- 5:30 – 6:15PM

3 – 5 year old Pee Wee Sports

- Registration: Sept 1 – Oct 31
- Saturdays 9-9:45AM
- Oct 31 – Baseball
- Nov 7 – Basketball
- Nov 14 – Soccer
- Nov 21 – Football

5th and 6th Grade Basketball Registration

- Registration: Sept 7 – Oct 20
- Skills Review and Draft Days:
 - Girls: Oct 21 at 6PM
 - Boys: Oct 22 at 6PM

Power Hour

- Tuesday & Thursday
- 5:30AM – 6:15AM
- Get a full body workout!

Co-Ed Volleyball Registration

- Returning Teams: Sept 21 – Oct 4
- New Teams: Oct 5 – Oct 26
- First come, first serve until leagues are full
- Season begins the week of Nov 9

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

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

American Legion Auxiliary meeting September 3, at 4PM, at the American Legion Hall, North Lincoln and Seventh Street East. We gather the "Box Tops for Education" coupons for our schools. 324-5322.

Jerome Civic Club meeting September 8, 1PM, at the Jerome Public Library. All women are welcome. We support the Library and CASA. Come see us at the Farmer's Market at the Mt. View Barn on Highway 93 and 300 south on September 12, 9 AM – 1PM. 421-6632

Friends of the Jerome Library meeting, September 10, 10AM, at Jerome Public Library. We will be planning the November used book sale. 324-5427.

Jerome County Historical Society meeting, September 10, 6PM, at the Depot Museum 212 East First Ave, Jerome. We will finish plans for Live History Day September 12. Everyone is welcome. 324-5641 or 421-6632.

Idaho Writer's League Twin Falls area chapter meeting September 19, 10AM-12PM, at the KMVT community room on Blue Lakes Blvd North, Twin Falls. Special guest speaker is Jerome author Heather Wilson. We will finish plans for the 75th IWL Conference, at the Best Western Convention Center in Burley, September 25 and 26. More information at IdahoWritersLeague.com. 324-4813 or 421-6632

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

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

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| • Paula Thompson – Management Assistant | 26 years |
| • Joan Appell – GIS Analyst | 14 years |
| • Cindy Woodward– Water Operator | 13 years |
| • Edie Waite – Assistant Library Director | 10 years |
| • Dan Bowman– Water Operator | 8 years |
| • Randy Bryant – Public Works Technician | 8 years |
| • Jeremy Presnell – Deputy Fire Chief | 7 years |
| • Brad Henry – Wastewater Lead Operator | 7 years |
| • Larry Bybee – Water Operations Supervisor | 6 years |
| • Gilbert Sanchez – Public Services Director | 3 years |
| • Kasi Allen – Library Program Specialist | 1 year |

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