



The City Newsletter

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JEROME POLICE SEEKS NEW HOME IN OLD FISH AND GAME BUILDING

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The City of Jerome Police Department has occupied the same building at 53 South Lincoln Avenue for over 20 years. Formerly a telephone exchange, this building has served as a temporary police station since 1988 when the County Courthouse became too small for both the City Police and County Sheriff's Departments.



Pending a GO Bond, the Jerome Police Department is looking to move their operations to the old Fish and Game building (above).

In March, the Jerome City Council began exploring the possibility of constructing a new police station but determined that the price tag would be too high to pursue at this time. Just recently, an opportunity presented itself for the City to purchase the property at 868 East Main Street (the old Idaho Fish and Game building). The proposed building offers a dramatic

improvement as a good alternative (although not ideal) to the current police facility. This building offers more office space, greater security, storage, and many other advantages.

The City will present a bond proposal to the voters in November for \$500,000 to purchase and make improvements to this property

as a new solution for the immediate and urgent needs of the Police Department.

This is a very affordable alternative to building a new police facility. At \$4.50 a year (\$0.38/month) in tax on a \$100,000 property, this is a very affordable alternative to constructing a new facility. For more information, call 324-8189 or email Mayor John Shine at jshine@ci.jerome.id.us.

LAST DAY FOR IRRIGATION: OCTOBER 5TH

The City irrigation season will come to a close on October 5th. On that day, irrigation crews will begin preparations for shutting off the water supply from the North Side Canal. As in past years, it will typically take a few days for the water to completely drain from the system.

Customers who have an irrigation riser on their property (see photo) need to make preparations for the winter season as follows:

1. After October 10th, open the riser cap or plug to allow any water to drain out.
2. After all water has drained out, the cap must be placed back on the riser. If water is left in the riser during cold weather it can freeze and will crack the riser.
3. Customers are responsible for the maintenance of their riser and for any repairs for damages. City crews ask for your help in keeping the irrigation ditches and canals clean and free of debris.
4. Do not pile yard waste near ditches or canals as this may clog waterways and cause flooding in the spring, which costs the city and homeowners alike.

During the winter, crews will make necessary preparations for the 2012 irrigation season by doing repairs, installing new services, building grated covers and lids

for irrigation boxes, placing pipe in open ditches, and cleaning out ditches. Irrigation staff has started using a weather-resistant synthetic lumber for box lids that will provide longer service life and less maintenance than wood.



Residential irrigation riser

The department extends a "thank you" to all who helped to paint irrigation boxes during "Operation Facelift" to beautify our town! If you have any questions regarding irrigation, the day-time phone number is 324-8189 and after hours please call 324-1911.

Article by Rick Wuori, City Engineer

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:

- October 4th
- October 18th

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

ELECTION 2011! NOVEMBER 8TH

See Page 2 for details and information.

For polling places, call

County Auditor/Recorder at 644-2714:

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

EMAIL ENews@ci.jerome.id.us OR CALL 208-324-8189

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ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

For the 2011 City elections, there are two council positions open for election. Four Jerome citizens have filed declarations of candidacy including the incumbents Marjorie Schmidt and Dawn L. Soto, and challengers Dale Ross and Kurtis R. Hopper.

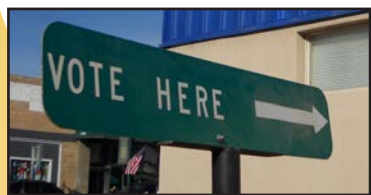
In addition to the open council seats, there will be two additional ballot initiatives to vote on for the city election. The two ballot questions will be:

1. *Shall the city of Jerome, Idaho, Jerome County, Idaho, be authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds estimated to be approximately \$500,000 to finance the cost of purchasing a property to house the Police Department, retrofit said facility, and pay costs associated with the financing as provided in the Election Ordinance adopted by the City Council on September 20, 2011.*
2. *Shall the city of Jerome enter into an agreement for a residential recycling program at a cost of approximately \$3.50 per residential unit to be billed monthly along with regular sanitation charges?*

With the recent election consolidation

between Idaho cities and counties, you will now vote in one place for

both city and county elections. If you are not sure where to vote, please call the county clerk's office at 644-2714 or 644-2715, or the city clerk's office at 324-8189.



Important Dates for Election Season:

- November 8th is Election Day. The polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Deadline for write-in candidates to file with the city clerk is October 11, 2011
- Last day to register to vote is October 14, 2011. You can still register when voting in-person absentee or on election day
- Mail in absentee ballot requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2011 by the county clerk
- Last day for in-person absentee voting, which ends at 5:00 p.m. is November 4, 2011

Answers to frequently asked questions:

- You must live within the city limits for at least thirty (30) days prior to election day and be at least eighteen (18) years of age to vote in a city election
- If a qualified elector moves outside city limits with the intention of making the new residence their permanent home, they are no longer a city resident and cannot vote in city elections. Having rental property or owning a business in the city does not qualify you to vote in city elections
- If you change your name (marriage is the most common reason) or your address you must re-register to vote
- Every elector who registers to vote is required to swear under oath or affirmation that he/she is a citizen of the United States.

If you have any questions concerning the elections, please call the County Clerk's Office at 644-2714 or 644-2715 or call the City Clerk at 324-8189.

Article by Brent Blamires, Fire Department

FREE MEDICARE 101 CLASS AT SENIOR CENTER



The Jerome Senior Center is proud to offer to all that are interested "Medicare 101". This class will cover information necessary for anyone that will soon be enrolling into a Medicare plan. It will cover and explain in basic terms what all the different Medicare letters mean, how the medical coverage's fit together, and more importantly what the very specific deadlines are that Medicare imposes for initial enrollment and annual enrollment changes.

Chris Stevenson, Westport Insurance Advisors, LLC, will cover what questions you should ask to find the right plan for you. He will also present what Medicare does not cover and how to avoid the "Four Most Common Mistakes" people make with any health insurance coverage.

If you are within three years of signing up for a Medicare plan, are trying to help a family member make sense of all the choices and options available or want to ask some specific questions about your situation...this class is you.

This educational class will be held Thursday, October 6th, at the Jerome Senior Center on North Lincoln in Jerome, Idaho. Sign in is at 6:00pm. The Medicare 101 Class starts promptly at 6:15pm should end around 7:30pm.

Snacks and beverages provided by the Jerome Senior Center.

For more information feel free to call Chris Stevenson, 208-733-5858.

*Article by Kris Shelton,
 Jerome Senior Center*

JEROME FIREFIGHTERS RAISE \$9,300 FOR MDA

The Jerome City Fire Fighters fought more than the 95 degree temperatures on August 19th and 20th- the Fire Fighters also raised \$9,300 in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.



Jerome Firefighters and other volunteers raised \$9,300 for Muscular Dystrophy

The Fire Fighters of Local 4589 and the Paid on Call Fire Fighters collected donations from drivers and pedestrians during the 2011 Fill the Boot campaign. Jerome citizens were very generous this year—donating over \$9,000 worth of cash, change, and checks. One hundred percent of the donations go toward MDA services and research programs, including medical clinics, support groups and summer camp for children with Muscular Dystrophy.

It costs MDA \$800 to send a child to MDA summer camp for a week and the Jerome Fire Fighters raised enough to send 12 local kids to camp for the experience of a lifetime.

Fire Fighters have filled the boot for 57 years, raising approximately \$450 million for MDA. The Jerome City Fire Department has raised over \$19,000 for local families with muscle disease since 2010.

CODE ENFORCEMENT IMPROVES JEROME

Sonny Henry has been on the job as Code Enforcement Officer since late May 2011. During this time he has been able to get over 350 code violation notices written and has 50-60 current and active notices with him on any given day. He has played a key role in getting the city up to code and looking a



bit nicer. There are many common code violations that some residents and business owners may not be aware of.

Here are a few codes to keep in mind:

- Residents are responsible for weed management from the center of the street/alley in front/behind of their house and their property perimeter.
- Weeds over 8 inches on private property are in code violation.
- Yard Sale signs cannot be posted on utility poles or city property. Post flyer only on private property and designated boards.
- Trailers that are unlicensed have to be placed on private property preferably, behind fences out of view.
- Licensed trailers can only be parked

on roads for 72 hours.

- Abandoned vehicles can only be parked on roads for 48 hours. Non-operating vehicles need to be placed in garage or behind fence out of view.
- Homeowners not adjacent to an alley need to place trash receptacles in front of their premises on

the morning of the day of collection. Empty receptacles shall be withdrawn from the front of premises on the same day.

- With snow storms just a month away keep in mind the following, sidewalks shall at all times be kept clean and free of debris and other obstructions so as to allow all pedestrians to use the sidewalk in an easy, safe and commodious manner.

If you have any question concerning code enforcement or would like to report a violation, please call 324-8189 or email shenry@ci.jerome.id.us.

Article by Angie Haddock, Library

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY TIPS



When you feel an earthquake, duck under a desk or sturdy table. Stay away from windows, bookcases, file cabinets, heavy mirrors, hanging plants, and other heavy objects

that could fall. Watch out for falling plaster and ceiling tiles. Stay undercover until the shaking stops, and hold onto your cover. If it moves, move with it. Below are some additional tips for specific locations:

- If you are in a HIGH-RISE BUILDING, and not near a desk or table, move against an interior wall and protect your head with your arms. Do not use the elevators. Do not be surprised if the alarm or sprinkler systems come on. Stay indoors. Glass windows can dislodge during the quake and sail for hundreds of feet.
- If you're OUTDOORS, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings, electrical wires, and poles.
- If you're on a SIDEWALK NEAR BUILDINGS, duck into a doorway to protect yourself from

falling bricks, glass, plaster, and other debris.

- If you're DRIVING, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses, power lines, and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over.
- If you're in a CROWDED STORE OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE, do not rush for exits. Move away from display shelves containing objects that could fall.
- If you're in a WHEELCHAIR, stay in it. Move to cover, if possible, lock your wheels, and protect your head with your arms.
- If you're in the KITCHEN, move away from the refrigerator, stove, and overhead cupboards. (Take time NOW to anchor appliances, and install security latches on cupboard doors to reduce hazards.)
- If you're in a STADIUM OR THEATER, stay in your seat and protect your head with your arms. Do not try to leave until the shaking is over, then leave in a calm, orderly manner. Avoid rushing toward exits.

After the Earthquake -- Be prepared for after-

shocks, and plan where you will take cover when they occur.

- Check for injuries. Give first aid, as necessary.
- Remain calm and reassure others.
- Avoid broken glass.
- Check for fire. Take appropriate actions and precautions.
- Check gas, water, and electric lines. If damaged, shut off service. If gas is leaking, don't use matches, flashlights, appliances, or electric switches.
- Open windows, leave building, and report it to the gas company.
- Replace all telephone receivers, and use for emergency calls only.
- Tune to the emergency broadcast station on radio or television. Listen for emergency bulletins.
- Stay out of damaged buildings. LAFD Earthquake Handbook.

Article by Clint Blackwood, Jerome County Office of Emergency Management, 324-9261

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 9-15

What's the best way to protect your family from fire? Be ahead of the game, of course. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense. That's why The City of Jerome's Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA during October 9-15, 2011, to let our community know: "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" This year's campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires -- cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

The City of Jerome Fire Department offers

the following tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying,



grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose

electrical cords.

- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

The City of Jerome Fire Department will be hosting an Open House and Pancake Breakfast to close out and promote "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the power of prevention and available technologies to protect their own families from fire.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Jerome, please contact the City of Jerome Fire Department at 208-324-2323 or see page 5 of this newsletter. To learn more about "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" visit NFPA's website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Article by Sean Kirk, Fire Department

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! The City of Jerome Fire Department would like to invite you to join us in going Passionately Pink for the Cure® by being Tough Enough To Wear Pink! It's a great way to fight breast cancer. Fire department members will wear a special pink t-shirt in memory and in honor of those who have and who are fighting breast cancer. T-shirts will be available for sale to the public for \$15.00. Orders may be placed through the Fire Department at 208-324-2323, Christina Jaeger at 208-215-4056, or Mike Harrison at 208-731-5527. All proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation for breast cancer research.

All you need to do is wear pink in October! Come out and have fun on October 29th to help support the life-saving work of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® by walk-

ing in our 5K Walk For A Cure and/or making a donation. Together, we can help fund critical breast cancer research, as well as local education, screening and treatment programs that impact people in

our community. We will go Passionately Pink by hosting a 5K Walk For A Cure in partnership with the Jerome Rec Center. Kick-Off is at 10am with a bake sale to refuel ourselves after the walk and a Health Fair to share information and answer any questions.

If you would like to make a donation, we encourage you to give online. It's easy! Just go to passionatelypink.org and click on "Find



T-shirts available for \$15/each from the Fire Department.

a Team." Our team name is IAFF Local 4589 Jerome ID. Our team ID number is 10462033. When you donate online, you'll receive an electronic receipt and be able to see how your donation is

contributing to our team fundraising goal of AS MUCH AS WE CAN!

If you have any questions, please let me know. And don't forget to wear pink in the month of October! Thank you.

Sincerely,
 FF Christina Jaeger
 FF Mike Harrison

CITY OF JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT



**"Our Family
Protecting Yours and
the Community We
Serve"**

2011 Fire Prevention Week Open House and Pancake Breakfast

Saturday Oct. 15th 8:30am to Noon

Come join us to wrap up Fire Prevention Week for our 2nd Annual Open House and Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast is FREE for everyone, donations accepted. Recommended \$2 for kids and \$3 for adults.

Events Through out the day:

The Safe Kids Smokehouse, Auto Extrication Demonstration

Live Fire Extinguisher Demonstration, Story Time and Face Painting

Station and Truck Tours

**CITY OF JEROME
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

For additional information
contact:
Fire Station 2
110 West Yakima Ave
208-324-2323





**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Upcoming Events for October:

Fall 2011 Team Weight Loss Challenge

- \$100 per team/4 members per team
- Winning team gets one year membership per person and \$600 to share
- Winning team determined by percentage of weight lost by the team
- More info at www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com or at the office

Fall 3-Month Membership Specials

- Valid from Oct 1 – Dec 31 2011
- Unlimited use of the fitness center (no fitness classes included)
- In-District: Adult \$53; Couple \$81; Senior Citizen/Youth: \$42.40; Family \$106
- Out-of-District: Adult \$63.60; Couple \$91; Senior Citizen/Youth \$42.40; Family \$137.50

Adult Volleyball and Men's Basketball

- Registration: Returning Teams – Sept 26 – Oct 9
- New Teams – Oct 10 – Oct 28
- **Volleyball:** \$180 team fee plus player fees of \$5 per in district player and \$10 per out of district player
- Volleyball will include Men's league, Women's league and Co-ed
- **Men's Basketball:** \$455 team fee plus player fees of \$15 per in district player and \$20 per out of district player

Youth Basketball

- Registration coming in November

Harvest Celebration!

- Registration coming in November
- Fri Oct 21st 6pm – 8pm
- Cost \$2 per person or free to those members with upgraded memberships
- Straw bale maze, carnival style games, fitness games, pumpkin hunt, face painting, potato sack races, fishing pond, fingernail painting, treats, snacks and more!

Check our website for the latest information:

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

Questions? Call (208) 324-3389

Library Events in October

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

- Used Book Sale at Jerome Public Library (100 1st Ave East)
- Friday November 4, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Saturday November 5, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Early Bird Sale Thursday November 3, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Friends may still be stocking and sorting to get ready for the sale)
- All proceeds go to support the library and programs for the community



- "Read the Book-See the Movie" Teen Movie Day: Monday Oct. 17 at 3:30 pm
- "Picture It!" pizza party and poster contest: Thursday Oct. 20 at 3:30 pm
- Teen Manga Workshop: Friday Oct. 21 at 3:00 pm
- Monster Mash Bash: Thursday Oct. 27 at 3:30 pm

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:

- Game Day for children: Tuesday Oct. 11 at 3:30 pm
- Storytimes: every Friday at 10 am and 1 pm
- Library Movie Matinee: every Friday at 3 pm

EVENTS FOR TEENS:

- Game Day for teens: every Thursday at 3:30 pm
- Teen Read Week: Oct. 17-21

EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

- Call the library for information and to register:
- Every Child Ready to Read program, October 4-19
- Right on the Money: Talking Dollars and Sense with Parents and Kids, October 4-November 8

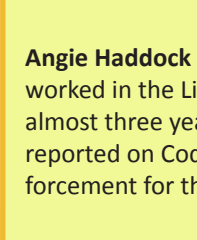
Contact the Jerome Public Library at 324-5427 or email jerpl@ci.jerome.id.us

OCTOBER ISSUE STAFF WRITERS



Rick Wuori has been the City Engineer for just over three years. He reported on the Irrigation Division for this issue.

Brent Blamires has worked for the Fire Department for almost nine years. He reported on the elections in this issue.



Angie Haddock has worked in the Library for almost three years. She reported on Code Enforcement for this issue.



Christina Jaeger has worked for the Fire Department for almost two years. She reported on Breast Cancer Awareness Month for this issue.

Micah Austin, Community Development Director, edits and compiles the monthly e-Newsletter