



The City Newsletter

November 2011

Welcome to the CITY OF JEROME

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ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8TH

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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:

- November 1st
- November 15th

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

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 con-

solidation 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



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

November 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 October 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.

New Trash Removal Information

From December 1st to March 16th, all trash will be curb-side pickup only in preparation for snowy streets. *There will be no alley pickup for trash during this time.* Beginning December 1st, all alley carts must be placed on the curb for pickup.

For questions, call PSI 733-4441

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

EMAIL ENews@ci.jerome.id.us OR CALL 208-324-8189
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GET READY FOR SNOW!

The first snow is always so exciting, bringing snowmen, snow angels, and hot chocolate! However, for the Public Works Department, it means snow removal season begins. Because of the costs associated with snow removal, not every road is plowed. The cost is estimated to be \$300 per lane mile. Last winter, the Public Works Department provided 167 lane miles of snow and ice removal which, totaling \$50,100 for the season. To limit the expenses while still providing for public safety, prior to dispatching the snow plows, there must be at least 6 inches of snow on the ground and that snow must be expected to stick for several days. Sand is not used on the intersections until the roadway becomes icy.

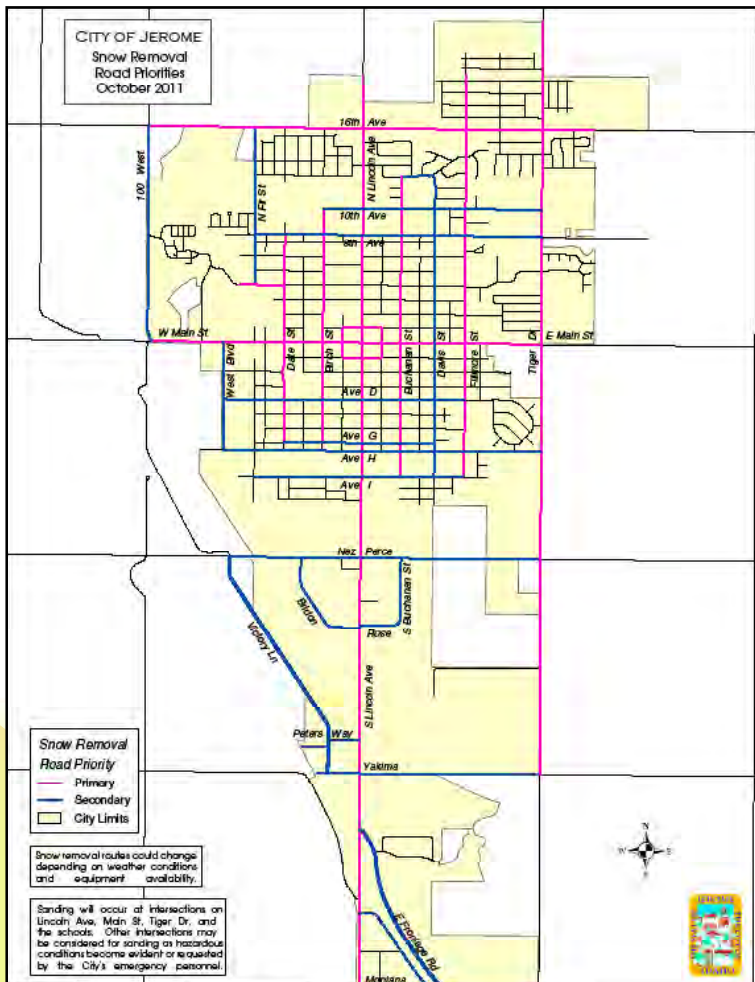
Primary streets that serve multiple areas of the city are plowed first (i.e. Lincoln, Main, Fillmore, etc.). The focus on these streets ensures major arterial access for emergency vehicles. The secondary routes are streets that branch off of the primary routes into the neighborhoods. Residential streets are only plowed after the primary and secondary are cleared. When there are back to back storms, the primary and secondary streets may be plowed several times and the residential will remain untouched. The snow that is plowed on the residential streets will be plowed to the side of the road. If possible, park off of the street and allow time in the morning to clear your driveway.

While the City maintains the roads, property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks adjacent to their property. Sidewalks should be cleared within 24 hours of a snowstorm and the snow should not be shoveled into the roadways.

Another item to remember during the cold season is that if you have a cluster mailbox; do not drive onto the sidewalks to retrieve your mail. Driving on the sidewalk packs snow and ice on the sidewalk and creates a hazard for postal workers and pedestrians.

Be extra cautious while driving on the snow. Do not pass the snow plows or sanders, and follow the sanders at a safe distance (at least 30 feet).

The City of Jerome makes every effort to balance public safety with fiscal responsibilities. The map to below will help you to determine the safest roads to travel after a major snow storm. If you plan your route in advance, to include the roads that have scheduled plowing and sanding, you will have a much more pleasant driving experience and you will have time to play in the snow!

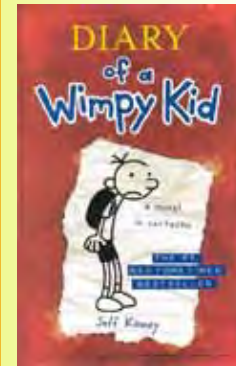


FAMILY READ WEEK AT THE LIBRARY

November is going to be an exciting month at the Library with Family Read



Week. The theme is, "Let the games begin at your Library". This event will occur the week of November 13th to November 19th. The week kicks off on Nov. 15th with board games night from 3:30-5:30 pm. Tables will be set up with various board games to be played.



Nov. 16th, starting at 3:30 pm, continues with the reading of "Diary of the Wimpy Kid". The reading will begin with the next book in the Wimpy Kid series.

Nov. 17th will be the Hunger Games Party, with fun games about surviving in the wild, which also starts at 3:30 pm.

Nov. 18th will end the Family Read Week with a family movie beginning at 3:00 pm.

The whole week is geared encouraging all family members to visit the Library and is expected to be a successful program. Remember too that "Playing is Learning".

The hours of operation at the library are: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm; Fridays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; and closed on Sundays. These hours are subject to change and winter hours will be starting soon.

WELCOME HOME! PD OFFICERS FROM THE 116TH

The City of Jerome Police Department recently welcomed back two of its officers who have been serving in the military.



SRO Patrick Wilson

School Resource Officer Patrick Wilson has been away from his duties for over a year. He was placed on active duty to help soldiers in the 116th Division get ready for deployment. He was based in Twin Falls, and his duties included assisting with training for combat and helping to send them off. During the year they were gone he kept the home fires burning by

helping soldiers and their family members with problems. He helped design a training plans for the returning soldiers, including Captain Green. He stated he was really busy so the year went fast; however, he is extremely happy to be back home and back with the kids and fellow officers.

Captain Tim Green trained with 2,600 troops from the 116th from Montana, Idaho, and Oregon last summer. He was deployed into military training on April 17th and was sent to Camp Shelby Mississippi for pre-mobile training. He learned to detect and identify



Captain Tim Green

Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's), learned some Iraqi language, computer training, and his favorite- simulated Humvee roll-over training. He was sent to Kuwait for additional training and then was assigned to a special military unit in Iraq as with Bravo Troop Force Protection. His unit and Ugandan soldier contractors protected the entry control point to the entire U.S. base compound military compound. He dealt with everything from IED's to rockets launched into the compound. He was finally redeployed to come home and flew into Fort Lewis in Washington on September 6th. Captain Green commented his wife was happy to have him home, and is happy to relinquish his home chores.

If you see our officers out and about please join the city staff in welcoming them both home and thank them for their selfless service to our country.

Article by Shonna Fraser, City Clerk

BONDING FOR A BETTER POLICE STATION

On November 8th, the City of Jerome will ask City voters to cast their vote regarding a general obligation bond in the amount \$500,000 to purchase a building to serve as the City's new police facility. The City is proposing to buy the old Idaho Fish and Game building located at 868 East Main Street. The amount of the bond will cover the cost of purchasing the property and making the necessary improvements to make it a functional police facility.

Given the current economic situation, it is reasonable for our citizens to ask why such action is necessary now. There are numerous reasons to act at the present time. The current police building is outdated, deteriorating, and too small to adequately meet the department's needs.

The current building was originally build in 1919 and, despite the City's best efforts, is in a state of severe deterioration and dilapidation. The police department has been at the current location since 1988, at which time there were 12 full-time employees in the department. In order to meet the service demands of a growing community, the department has grown to 24 employees. The current building is

no longer large enough to accommodate the number of employees or the department's equipment. In addition, it does not provide adequate security for records, equipment or personnel.

Of the existing buildings currently available in Jerome, the proposed building is the most suitable for use as a police department. The proposed location would meet the department's

current needs and require minimal renovation. The proposed building is available now at a reasonable purchase price. In addition, interest rates for bond financing are historically low and the tax impact on Jerome residents will be minimal. All of these factors taken as a whole make it extremely advisable for the City to act now to address the serious needs of the



police department.

The City of Jerome is asking Jerome residents to vote on this important issue on November 8, 2011. For any questions or comments on this proposed bond election, contact Chief of Police Dan Hall at 324-4328 (dhall@ci.jerome.id.us) or Mayor John Shine at 324-5662 (jshine@ci.jerome.id.us).

Article by Dan Hall, Chief of Police

LIBRARY SURVEY ON FUTURE PROGRAMS

What kinds of adult programs and services would you like to see offered at the library? We welcome your thoughts and suggestions in this survey. Please click the link below or paste the following address into your browser:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DH5LLYB>

Thanks,

Patty

Patricia Metcalf, Director of the Jerome Public Library

www.ci.jerome.id.us

PANCAKE BREAKFAST A SUCCESS FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

On the morning of October 15th, the Jerome City Fire Department was decorated with hundreds of children's coloring pages draped across the ceiling, fire trucks were washed and ready, the American flag was hanging proudly from atop of the fire truck ladder, and the smell of eggs and pancakes was in the air. Jerome City Fire was preparing for their annual "Fire Prevention Week" open house and pancake breakfast.



Every year the department sets out tables and has various representatives from the community set booths up preparing for the public to make a visit. Families were invited to come anytime between 8:30 to 12:00 to take a full tour of the Fire Department, sit in a fire truck, get free face painting, balloons, pencils, color books etc. and eat a yummy breakfast. There were several demonstrations done throughout the morning, which were greeted with "oohs and ahs" from the on-looking crowd. Families

even got the opportunity to go through the simulation "smoke house," which is a real-life demonstration of what a house looks like on the inside when on fire. The goal of this event was to get community members together and to demonstrate safety when it comes to home fires. Chief Mike Hatfield mentioned he was happy to see so many community representatives participating and making it an exciting event for everyone.

Article by Darbie Chocker, Library

FINE FORGIVENESS AT THE LIBRARY



Do you have an overdue library book? From Wednesday, November 9 through Wednesday, November 23 you can return overdue Jerome Public Library materials to the library and have your overdue fines forgiven.

The library will also forgive half of previously existing overdue fines on a patron's library card record if the other half is paid during this time, from November 9 through November 23. Fine forgiveness does not include lost book fees, processing fees, or collection agency referral fees.

"Our goal is to welcome back customers who have overdue materials and fines, and get these books back on the library shelves for other people to enjoy," said Library Director Patty Metcalf. "We offer this one-time-only opportunity in recognition of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday and to help families who may be faced with other economic pressures at this time of year."

Jerome Public Library is located at 100 1st Avenue East in Jerome. The library will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. The library will be open on Saturday, November 26. For more information, call 208-324-5427.

2011 Fire Fighter's Ball

DATE: November 19th 2011

TIMES: Happy Hour 8pm to 9pm

Music 9pm to 1am

PLACE: Jerome County Fair Grounds

MUSIC by

Crossfire

Door Prize giveaways throughout the night.

Multiple Raffles and Auctions.

THE ASSOCIATION OF JEROME CITY FIRE FIGHTERS

INVITES THE COMMUNITY

To a night of music and dancing to raise money for a "Sparky the Fire Dog" costume and Fire Fighter training.

**CODE UPDATES AND
 ORDINANCE REVISIONS**

**SPEED LIMIT CHANGES TO
 S. LINCOLN**

- NEW! 45 mph from Montana to Interstate 84
- NEW! 35 mph from Interstate 84 to the existing 25 mph zone in Jerome's downtown.

**FEE ADOPTED FOR HANGING
 BANNERS ON S. LINCOLN**


- For any banners displayed across S. Lincoln that require the Public Works Department to hang the banner, there will now be a \$50 fee imposed for this service.
- The fee is to cover any liability costs associated with hanging the banners

For any questions or comments on recent ordinance changes, please contact the City Clerk at 208-324-8189 or email sfraser@ci.jerome.id.us


**NEW PEDESTRIAN X-WALK
 AT 10TH AND LINCOLN**

Students walking to Jerome Middle School and Summit Elementary will have a safer walk in mornings and after school. In partnership with the Jerome School District, the City of Jerome installed a new pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of N. Lincoln and 10th. Watch for the new signal!


Ways to predict what kind of winter we'll have:




The bushiness of a squirrel's tail and the size of his stash of nuts



The width of the brown band on a woolly bear caterpillar



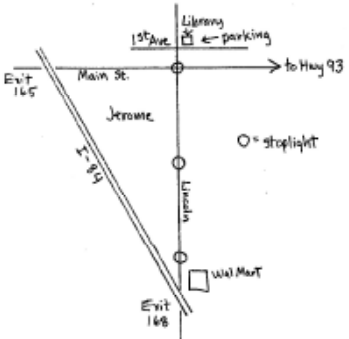
The height at which bees and wasps build their nests in trees



The average purchase size at the Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Friday November 4 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday November 5 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
preview sale Thursday November 3 5-7 pm
(books may not all be out or organized)

Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Avenue E
 all proceeds go to support the library and programs for the community




PHOTOS OF JEROME

Left: Jerome's downtown can be a very colorful place when the autumn colors emerge.

If you have any photos of Jerome that you would like displayed in the newsletter, please send them to: enews@ci.jerome.id.us

www.ci.jerome.id.us



Jerome Recreation District

Upcoming Events for November:

Youth Basketball

- Registrations Oct 31-Dec 5
- Grades 1-6
- \$17 per in district player/\$27 per out of district player

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- Coming in February

Kids Nights!

- Nov 4: Movie and Craft Night
- Nov 18: Game Night
- \$3 per child

Thanksgiving Day: Open!!!

- Great way to kick off your holiday season!
- Start the day with this predinner calorie burn!
- **Fitness Center for Turkey Day:**
 - Open 6am - 9am
 - Spinning @ 6 am
 - Games @ 7 am
 - Turkey Trot @ 8 am: 5 cans of food per entry
 - T-shirts for participants, giveaways and fun!!

Check our website for the
 latest information:

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

Questions? Call (208) 324-3389

Library Events in November

FAMILY READ WEEK 2011: NOV. 4-18

- November 15 - Family Game Day Bonanza at 3:30-5:30 pm
- November 16 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid Launch Party at 3:30-4:30 pm
- November 17 - Teen Hunger Games Party at 3:30-4:30 pm
- November 18 - Family Movie Day beginning at 3:00 pm

OTHER EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:

- Storytime every Friday at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm
- Library Movie Matinee every Friday at 3:00 pm

OTHER EVENTS FOR TEENS:

- Game Day every Thursday at 3:30 pm
- Dungeons and Dragons every Friday at 2:30 pm
- November 8 - Teen Movie Day at 3:30 pm
- November 30 - Y.A.C (Youth Advisory Council) Meeting at 3:30 pm

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

SURVEY FOR ADULTS:

Q: What kinds of adult programs and services would you like to see offered at the library? We welcome your thoughts and suggestions in this survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DH5LLYB>

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

NOVEMBER ISSUE STAFF WRITERS



Shonna Fraser has been the City Clerk for 2 years but has worked for Jerome for almost 22 years. She reported on the Police Department for this issue.

Lynn Weigt has worked for the Fire Department for over ten years. He reported on the Library for this issue.



Kathy Markus is the IS Director, where she has worked for over 17 years. She reported on the Public Works Department for this issue.



Darbie Chocker has worked at the Library for more than a year. She reported on the Fire Department for this issue.



Chief Dan Hall has worked for the Police Department for almost 8 years. He reported on the GO Bond for a new police station in this issue.

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

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