



The City Newsletter

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RESOLVE TO READ MORE BOOKS IN 2012

With the New Year upon us, it's always a great idea to set some new goals and resolutions for yourself or for your little ones. As one of your New Year's resolutions, consider the benefits of reading.

There are books and publications for everyone's specific interests. Books are an inexpensive form of entertainment and deliver positive benefits for those who read them. Studies have shown that reading allows you to be a lifelong learner of all subjects by increasing your vocabulary, developing the use of your imagination, becoming a better writer, and assists in learning second languages more easily. In addition to these intellectual benefits, reading improves self-esteem, allows for career advancement and better jobs, and may even increase your IQ. The benefits to



reading are endless.

We are fortunate in Jerome to have one of the best public libraries in the State of Idaho, carrying thousands of books, eAudiobooks, books on CD, DVD's, CD's, and periodicals. The

Jerome Public Library's knowledgeable staff will assist you in finding books for all reading levels and of any genre.

For those of you wanting to get your little ones reading, the library offers an exciting Children's Reading Program that is proven to assist in building reading skills. For more information about the programs offered at the Jerome Public Library, contact Patty Metcalf, Library Director, or Darbie Chocker, Youth Services Programmer, at 208-324-5427. We hope to see you all reading more in 2012!

Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Jerome is recycling Christmas Trees! You can drop off your Christmas tree at the Public Works Facility located at the end of 4th Ave. West. Simply place your tree against the fence to the south of the entrance gate. All trees will be mulched and used for landscaping in City parks. Make sure all ornaments and lights are removed first. Please share this information with anyone else that may need to dispose of a Christmas tree.

For questions, call
Public Works: 324-9669

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:

- January 3rd
- January 17th

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

ONE YEAR LATER, WWTP STILL UNDER SCRUTINY

In February of 2011, an article was published concerning the overflows at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) that occurred at the end of December, 2010. Almost a year later, the City is still working on the resolution and necessary actions to prevent a similar event.

In the last few months, the city published an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for engineering firms to perform a study of the city's current sewer matrix. This study would present options such as upgrading the treatment plant and building contingency systems to make sure last year's issue never happens again. Unfortunately, the city's engineering department does



not have the manpower or expertise to do this study in house.

A committee was formed which included members of city staff and industry representatives (Jerome Cheese, Idaho Milk Products, Dargold) to select the best engineering firm for this study. Once the engineering firm is selected, they will be working with both the City and the local industries in Jerome to ensure a complete and thorough

study is done.

To help pay for this study, the city submitted for a grant through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality that will pay for 50%, up to \$25,000, for funding the study. The City of Jerome would pay the other 50% of the costs associated with the study.

The city is determined to make sure this issue does not happen again. A lot of discussion and planning has occurred this year along with an independent engineering study of the WWTP, commissioned by the industries with the city's cooperation. Unfortunately this cannot be an overnight fix, but the city is striving to find solutions as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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THE CITY OF JEROME WELCOMES FIVE NEW EMPLOYEES



Please welcome these new employees to the City of Jerome!

Jack Krill
Deputy Fire Chief

Deputy Chief Krill has been in the fire service for over two decades and served as a full-time Chief Fire Officer in combination fire departments in Alaska and Idaho. He also provided consulting for fire departments helping fire chiefs improve firefighter safety. The City is excited to have Deputy Chief Krill as part of the firefighter family.



Jason Summers
Police Officer

Officer Summers comes to us from Jerome County Sheriff's Office with over 6 years of working as a police officer. We are proud to have another experienced Officer serving and protecting the community of Jerome.



Heather Kimble
Animal Shelter Attendant

Heather has an extensive background in animal care and knowledge of dog breeds. She worked as a Veterinarian Technician for several years here in Jerome. The City is excited to have Heather helping the dogs at the shelter find their forever homes.



Linda Mecham
Assistant Library Director

Linda has a background in teaching and was the Library Director for Challis, ID for several years. We are delighted to have her library and teaching experience to better serve the needs of the Jerome community.



Forest Luttrell
Custodian

The City keeps Forest busy, busy! In the few months he has been with the City, he been repainting, re-tiling, and cleaning for all departments. Forest served in the military and has since earned a background in construction, Medicare, and home improvement. The City appreciates all his hard work!

CANDLE FIRE SAFETY FOR WINTER

Candles are a welcoming addition to any home. They bring a quiet beauty and serenity to our homes. Fire safety regarding candles is a useful and important subject to consider. Because the majority of candle fires result from human error and negligence, candle fires and their associated casualties are almost always preventable. By following a few candle fire safety tips, everyone can enjoy candles in our homes.



- If possible, avoid using lighted candles.
- If you must use candles, ensure that they are placed in sturdy holders.
- Keep candles away from children and pets.
- Be sure to extinguish candles after each use.
- Set a good example by using matches, lighters and fire carefully.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.

Some of the causes and circumstances of home candle fires are:

- On average, 42 home candle fires are reported every day.
- More than half of all candle fires start when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations are too close to the candle.
- In one-fifth (20%) of candle fires, the candles are unattended or abandoned.
- Over one-third (36%) of home candle fires begin in the bedroom.
- Falling asleep is a factor in 12% of home candle fires and 36% of the associated deaths.

In the event of a fire, remember time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape first, and then call for help. Develop a home fire escape and practice it frequently with your family. Designate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the family knows two ways to escape from every room.



**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Upcoming Events for January:

Membership Specials!

- 3 months membership for the regular price of 2!
- Yearly membership specials – 15% off if paid all up front; 10% off if paid monthly thru electronic autopayments
- More information available at the Jerome Recreation District

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- Register now thru February 14
- \$15 in district and \$25 out of district
- Registration begins January 2
- Clinic will be held Feb 14, 16, 21, and 23
- 4pm - 5pm
- *Must be in kindergarten

Fiesta Night!

- For kids 4 years and up
- Cooking classes and fitness games
- \$3.00 per child or free with Membership upgrades

2012 Weight Loss Challenge

- January 9 thru April 2
- 2 person teams - \$50 per team

Check our website for the latest information:
www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

Questions? Call (208) 324-3389

Library Events in January

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:

- **Winter Family Storytime:** Every Friday @ 10 am & 1 pm
- **Library Movie Matinee:** Warm up with a family movie every Friday at 3:30 pm
- **Children's Gaming Day:** Every Tuesday @ 3pm
- **Spanish Language Storytime:** Every Wednesday @ 5pm
- **Pajama and Craft Day:** Wear your favorite pajamas and join us for some snacks and crafts on January 19th at 4pm.



EVENTS FOR TEENS:

- **Teen Gaming:** Every Thursday @ 3:30 pm
- **Teen Movie Day:** Every other Tuesday at 4pm
- **Y.A.C (Youth Advisory Council):** Wednesday January 18th at 4pm
- **Winter Slump Game Day/Snowman Contest:** January 25th at 4pm

Let's Talk about It!

About the time 'cabin fever' sets in, the perfect solution can be found at the Jerome Public Library. The cure? Curl up with a good book. Then when the snow starts to melt, venture to the library to talk about it.

Let's Talk About It is made possible by the Idaho Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, a generous gift from U.S. Bank, and is administered by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Once again the library has partnered with Friends of the Library to offer the Let's Talk About It

program. The book discussions will be led by scholars from CSI and ISU.

This year's theme is "Living in the Modern Rural West". The program will held at the library on Thursday evenings at 6:00. The first discussion is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th. The good news is that you don't have to wait until March to start reading; the books are here now.

For a complete list of books, speakers, and dates of each discussion, come to the library and check out your own set books, or check the website for more information.

JANUARY ISSUE STAFF WRITERS



Ryan Darrington has worked in the Utility Office for over two years. He reported on the Library for this issue.

Ida Guffy has worked for the City of Jerome for over two years and is currently the Human Resource Specialist. She reported on the new city employees.



Brandy Presnell has been with the Engineering Department for over two years. She reported on the Water Department.



Edie Waite has worked at the Library for nearly seven years. She reported on Fire Department for this issue.

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