



The City Newsletter

April 2012

Welcome to the
CITY OF JEROME

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JPD ANNOUNCES NEW PATROL SERGEANTS

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The Jerome City Police Department is proud to announce they have promoted two new patrol sergeants to their team: Officer Dennis Clark and Officer Jon Lenker.

On February 15th and 16th, seven candidates that met the minimal qualifications participated in several tests and an interview process to be considered for the two positions. The department was very pleased with all the candidates, making the final selection process difficult. Officers were asked to participate in a written test to assess their knowledge of the different policies, legal issues and general leadership. A series of scenario based assessments were also used to evaluate how candidates would handle specific situations they may encounter in the field. The final process was for candidates to



Officer Dennis Clark



Officer Jon Lenker

be interviewed by a panel of judges that consisted of one representative from Jerome City Police, Jerome Sheriff Department, Idaho State Police, Twin Falls Police and Twin Falls Sheriff Department. A panel of diverse judges was useful in providing a variety of opinions in the selection process.

JPD is pleased to present the two positions to Officer Dennis Clark and Officer Jon Lenker. Officer Clark has been employed with the police department since April 2000. Officer Lenker has been with Jerome police since April of 2001. "I am excited for the challenge," responded Officer Lenker when asked about the promotion. Chief Hall commends all on their efforts and dedication. Officer Clark and Officer Lenker will be officially promoted at the April 3rd City Council meeting. The public is invited to attend.

STREET PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON

This year will be another big year for the Public Works Department. South Lincoln once again will be transformed with three separate projects. With the assistance of the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency, the railroad crossing on South Lincoln near Klaas Auction will be rebuilt as well as the intersection of Nez Perce and So. Lincoln. E. Yakima will also be reconstructed using Urban Renewal financing. These projects should begin construction in May or early June.

The Public Works Department will be chip sealing Main Street to F Street at a cost of nearly \$124,000. During this time, careful driving will be essential to prevent accident or injury to the workers or yourself. Watch out for the Public Works crew, trucks, and loose gravel. Detour signs will be posted to ensure the safest flow of traffic.

A projected start date for the four-way traffic signal on E. Main and Tiger Drive has yet to be set but is in the works.

The City of Jerome would like to remind drivers of the reduced speed limits on South Lincoln and also to buckle-up and have a safe spring and summer.

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:

- April 3rd
- April 17th

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

Meet the Candidates!

Presented by the Jerome Civic Club and CPR (Citizens Protecting Resources)

Open Seats for Election:

- Commission Seats
- Sheriff
- Prosecuting Attorney

When: Wednesday, April 25, 2012

**Where: Jerome Public Library
100 1st Ave E**

Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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¡BIENVENIDO A LA BIBLIOTECA DE JEROME!

Bienvenido a la Biblioteca Pública de Jerome! The Jerome Public Library has taken a direct approach geared



Silvia Rosales

towards servicing the large Latino population in our city. According to the 2010 Census numbers, 34% of Jerome's 10,890 residents are Hispanic.

It is because of these figures, along with the library's unbiased role in enhancing the quality of individual's

lives that we have created new Spanish programs in order to reach out to the growing population of Hispanics in our community.

Since becoming a member of the Jerome Public Library staff in 2010, Silvia Rosales has established goals to better serve this minority group. She has contributed her efforts

in further developing our Spanish material collection, based on recommendations from our patrons. She has also developed Spanish computer classes and has partnered with a local volunteer, Olivia Reyes, to offer a highly successful weekly story time program delivered mainly in Spanish.

Silvia is very excited about the positive response our patrons have shown to these new services we have created to meet the needs of our Latino members, and is looking into additional ways of attracting more of them to the library. Her future plans include partnering with local groups servicing Hispanics, recruiting additional bi-lingual volunteers to assist with new programs and attending local events to continue spreading the word about the wonderful resources we offer to this minority group. As Silvia states, "I want to eliminate any assumed barrier that might be preventing more Hispanics from visiting our Library. I definitely don't want language to be a deterring factor. The

library is one of the few places that provide immense wealth, free of charge, to everyone regardless of their background, gender, age or education level, and I am glad to be a part of that."

Welcome to the Jerome Public Library!

AMERICAN LEGION HOSTS SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

WHERE: War Memorial Hall, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 046
 107 7th Ave E

WHEN: April 27, 2012
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Salads, Rolls, Desserts

\$5.00 per person donation

All proceeds will be used to replace the counter tops and backsplash.

BIZ: THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE JEROME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Biz is a two year old, 75 pound Belgian Malinois. The Belgian Malinois was named after the Belgian city of Malines. The



Officer Gonzales with Biz. Gonzales will be Biz's handler.

they are slightly smaller in build making them more agile and thus more useful to the Police force. This breed is quickly making their presence known as keepers of the peace throughout the country and Biz is eager and excited to extend that protection now to the citizens of the City of Jerome.

Biz was born in Serbia. He first displayed his abilities to be selected as a working and trainable Police Service Dog when he was just a puppy. Biz exhibited extreme intelligence and a necessary high drive to work. Biz underwent extensive training as a young dog to prepare him for his career in law enforcement. Biz will continue his dedicated training here in Idaho with his handler and will soon be a certified Police Service Dog for the State of Idaho. Biz will be a dual purpose Police K-9 and his abilities will include the detection of



Officer Biz

Narcotics, Criminal Apprehension, Handler Protection, and Tracking.

Officer Gonzales will be Biz's handler. Officer Gonzales has been a K-9 handler for approximately two years and a Police Officer for the City of Jerome for over five years. She has undergone well over 400 hours of hands on training in regards to Narcotics detection as a handler. Biz and Officer Gonzales have already begun their training together as a team and have a minimum of 260 hours of training still ahead of them.

Officer Gonzales and Biz are eager to excel throughout their training and they look forward to protecting the citizens of Jerome as a professional, effective and well-trained K-9 team.

To contact the Police Department, call 208-324-4829.

Malinois is becoming popular in the United States because of their current reputation as one of the prominent police dogs for the country, surpassing even the German Shepherd in demand. The Malinois is close in appearance to the German Shepherd; however

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 21 AND TROOP 437 ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On February 21, 2012, two Girl Scout Troops attended the City Council Meeting. It was beautiful to hear the girls voices joined together to site the Pledge of Allegiance. During the Meeting, the Mayor issued the Proclamation declaring the week of March 12, 2012, as Girl Scout Week. This proclamation is in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia.

Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience girls develop the skills



Troop 21 and 437 presenting to City Council

and lessons that will serve them throughout their lives so that they may contribute to their communities. Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of

the opportunities in math, science, sports, technology and many fields of interest that can expand their horizons.

Katy Kulesa, Membership Manager of Girl Scouts Silver Sage Council, presented the City Council with two boxes of Girl Scout Cookies. Troop 21 and Troop 437 are currently working on a new project called Forever Green to teach the girls to recycle and to make the world a better place. Mrs. Kulesa also presented the City Council with pencils to remind them of the importance of recycling.

Happy 100th anniversary to the Girl Scouts of the USA!

MONEY SMART WEEK AT YOUR LIBRARY

The mission of Money Smart Week @ Your Library is to promote personal financial literacy. Libraries of all types participate in Money Smart Week in partnership with financial institutions, educational organizations, and other financial experts to help consumers learn to better manage their personal finances.

In recognition of Money Smart Week @ Your Library, Lyle Hansen, M.S., Extension Educator/Family Finance, from the Jerome office of University of Idaho Extension, will be available at Jerome Public Library on Wednesday, April 25 from 2pm – 5pm to answer or talk about personal finance questions or concerns. A table of personal finance publications and other free handouts will be available. The public is welcome to take advantage of this free service at the library.



WASTEWATER OVERFLOW UPDATE

City officials have confirmed that the major sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) of Dec 2010-Mar 2011 was caused, in part, by an operator error. The Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTP) was under-going repairs and maintenance which required the bio-tower to be offline for a period of time. The bio-tower assists in breaking down and reducing plant loadings before it continues to through the rest of the process.

Due to an underlying repair issue, the bio-tower pump structure was leaking and needed repaired. This additional downtime of a week overloaded the plant. This in turn caused the microorganisms to become stressed and form a "slime layer" to protect themselves. Ten days later, the tower operation was restored and brought online, but the process of the microorganism building their exterior defenses (slime) was already happening. The membranes, acting as a filter, became covered in the slime and started restricting the filters which reduced the plant capacity, causing the overflow.

The City has contracted with Keller Associates to complete a Wastewater Master Plan as an EPA requirement. This Plan will be a valuable tool in planning for the appropriate expansions necessary to accommodate growth and economic development and should be completed by the end of 2012.

If you have any questions for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, please call 324-7122.

Join Us for Jerome's Annual Health Fair!

May 5, 2012
 Jerome Recreation District



Tests Available:

Coronary Risk Profile	\$15
Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	\$15
Complete Blood Count.....	\$10
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone.....	\$20
Free T4 (Thyroxine)	\$20
Iron	\$5
Hemoglobin A1C.....	\$25
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	\$25
Vitamin D	\$50

Time: 6:00 am to Noon



**For information,
 call (208) 324-9533.**

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**Jerome
 Recreation
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Check our website for the
 latest information:
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Library Events in April

NOTE: Library closed on Thursday, April 5 for staff training

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

- Storytime: every Friday at 10:00am and 1:00pm
- Children's Gaming: every Tuesday at 3:00pm
- Family Movie: every Friday at 2:30pm
- El Dia de Los Ninos (Children's Day): Saturday, April 28 at 1:00pm



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

- Teen Gaming: every Thursday at 3:30pm
- Youth Advisory Council: Wednesday, April 25 at 4:00pm
- YRCA Ice Cream Social: Tuesday, April 10 at 3:30pm (Must have a ticket to participate) Grades 4-12

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Let's Talk About It book discussion, Thursday April 12, 6:00pm, The Sky Fisherman, by Craig Lesley
- Computer Classes:
- Basic Computer Class, Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30 starting April 9
- Microsoft Word, Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 starting April 11

PROGRAMS IN SPANISH

- Cuentos Para Niños (Spanish storytime, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm)
- Traiga sus niños de 2 a 5 años a divertirse y aprender, con cuentos, canciones y actividades especiales.
- Los Miércoles a las 5:00 p.m.
- Para mas información llame al 324-5427. Pregunte por Silvia.

CLASES BASICAL DE COMPUTACION

- (Basic computer classes taught in Spanish, Thursday evenings 5:45pm -6:30 pm)
- Las clases se darán los Jueves de 5:45 - 6:30pm
- Venga hoy a reestrarse of llámenos 324-5427 y pregunta por Silvia.

APRIL ISSUE STAFF WRITERS



Angie Baker has worked for the City of Jerome for over 10 years in various positions in City Hall. She reported on the Public Works Department.

Darbie Chocker has been the Children's Programmer at the Library for almost two years. She reported on the new Police sergeants for this issue.



Kathy Markus has the Information Services Director for over 17 years. She reported on the Girl Scouts' visit to the City Council.



Larry Garey has been with the Fire Department for over 20 years. He reported on the Police Department for this issue.



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