



The City Newsletter

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Welcome to the CITY OF JEROME

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City Council

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. For a copy of the most recent agenda, visit our website or email abaker@ci.jerome.id.us.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CORRELL

Greetings fellow citizens! It is with great pride that I would like to introduce the first edition of the City of Jerome's E-newsletter. There are so many exciting projects and newsworthy activities going on throughout the City that don't always get the coverage they deserve. With this newsletter, the City Council and I are committed to change by providing regular updates and notices of the projects going on in the City.

Earlier this year the City Council adopted a strategic plan with a vision to lead Jerome "to be Magic Valley's most welcoming, friendly and livable city; by drawing inspiration from our residents, embracing opportunity and taking pride in our heritage through progressive and professional leadership." This vision will be achieved in part through improved communications, public involvement and participation. This means we need your help, suggestions and ideas to achieve these goals.

This Independence Day let us join together in celebrating our Constitutional freedoms of speech,

of expression, and of religion for government of the people, by the people and for the people. We are so blessed to have such a high quality of life and a stable local economy, despite the challenges being felt individually, throughout the state and the nation.

As mayor of Jerome, I am proud of our community and am pleased with our achievements. To meet the many needs of our community, we are fortunate to have a reliable and professional staff who are committed to the city and the residents they serve. But we also need the active involvement of our citizens to truly be effective. If you have any questions or comments you wish to share with us or if you are interested in serving on any advisory boards or commissions for the city please let us know. You may e-mail the City at enews@ci.jerome.id.us or call City Hall to get answers to your questions. We always welcome your input. Have a safe and terrific 4th of July!

Sincerely,

Mayor Charles Correll

200 CREATIVE CHILDREN AT JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

On June 10, the Jerome Public Library kicked off a great summer of reading with a variety of events geared to children of all ages. Alta Harris from the CSI Fine Arts Dept. taught pottery making while the Jerome High School band participated in an instrumental "petting zoo," where the children had a chance to get up close and personal with the instruments. At the Earthy Arts booth, the Jerome High School Cheerleaders helped children to paint creative shapes with fruits, vegetables, and plants. Mariah and Debbie Sant, long-time volunteers for the library, painted fire trucks and flowers on cheeks and faces at the face painting booth. At story time, library staff read stories of art, creativity and imagination to the children as they

stopped by to listen in.

The State of Idaho's Free Summer Food Program provided cheese sticks and wheat crackers to all children in attendance. A special thanks to Bill Protzman and all the sponsors and volunteers that made this event such a community success.



July 4th Celebration Events Calendar!

Festivities begin at 11:00 am on July 4th at Jerome City Park
See back page for a full calendar of events!

City Hall Closed July 3rd

In observance of Independence Day, City Hall will be closed July 3rd. Regular office hours will resume on July 6.

EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY

People often wonder how they would go about obtaining employment with the City of Jerome. The application process is simple, but has strict requirements that must be followed.

Firstly, we accept applications for *available* positions only. Simply dropping off a generic application will not guarantee that your application will be reviewed when a position opens. Keep an eye on our website and apply to a specific position when it is opened.

Each position posted will have different criteria that must be met, depending on the department, and applying with only an application will more than likely not meet the application requirements. Be sure to follow the application instructions exactly and apply for a position with a complete application.

For example, if the position posted asks you to apply with a cover letter, resume, and an application make sure you submit all three items.



Secondly, many people don't know all the departments within the city structure and what jobs are possibly available to them. For a synopsis of all city departments, visit the city website. By researching the departments, you can best match your interests, skills and abilities to a department.

Lastly, if you have any questions about employment with the City of Jerome, don't hesitate to contact Human Resources at 324.8189, extension 108.

Jerome City Code Enforcement

Common Code Violations, ranked according to frequency of violation:

- **Tall Grass and Weeds**

Grass or weeds cannot exceed 8 inches and must be maintained regularly. All City residents are responsible for all vegetation up to the middle of the alley and roadway.

- **Rubbish/Trash accumulation within public view**

Accumulation of appliances, furniture, toys, and rubbish in the public view is considered a nuisance and is against City ordinance. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain an aesthetically pleasing yard and home that does not detract from the neighborhood.

- **Abandoned Vehicles**

A vehicle is considered abandoned if it is parked on public or private property without proper legal registration or license plates. In addition, the vehicle must be able to run on its own power.

- **House Identification**

All houses must have an identifying postal address number permanently affixed to the home and fully visible from the public road.

- **Dogs**

All dogs must be licensed with the City of Jerome and no more than three dogs per household is allowed. A \$50 charge is assessed for the first loose dog offense; \$100 for a second; \$200 for a third.

Stray Dog?: Call 208-324-1911

**Code Enforcement Concern or Complaints?:
 Call 324-1911 or email
mnoriega@ci.jerome.id.us**

FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

Trans IV is offering free and discounted transportation for seniors. Door to Door service is available for medical appointments, shopping and social activities.

This is free one day a week to seniors who reside in the Jerome City area and additional rides are \$3.00 per boarding. Individuals who travel by wheelchair or who require additional assistance will not be charged an additional fare. Medicaid approved transportation services will be directly billed to Medicaid.



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The bus is available Tuesday through Friday from 8-4. Please call the Jerome Senior Center at 324-5642 for more information or Trans IV at 736-2133 to book an appointment.

PROGRESS ON NEW SENIOR CENTER



Construction on the new Senior Center is steadily progressing as filler for landscaping was added around the perimeter during the last week in June. The building is 80% finished, with some interior improvements slated for the next few weeks. Landscaping and parking for the facility is 5% complete, with the sprinkler systems, park, landscaping, and parking lot currently under construction.

Kris Shelton, Director of the Jerome Senior Center, anticipates the new senior center will be a gathering place for education, activities, and community outreach programs.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC SAFETY STATISTICS

Each month the Police Department submits a report of crimes reported in the City of Jerome to the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit of the Idaho State Police, the information is then compiled and submitted to the FBI and a yearly report is completed. The 2007 Crime Statistics are available on the Idaho State Police website, www.isp.state.id.us, scroll to the center of the page and locate Crime in Idaho. The 2008 report will be ready approximately July 1, 2009; you may review statistics for any city or county jurisdiction in Idaho.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer at the Animal Shelter!



Are you interested in volunteering at the shelter or helping out the dogs in need in some other way? Here's how!

VOLUNTEER: We are always in need of caring people to volunteer their time on a scheduled basis to feed, clean up after and walk the dogs in the shelter.

FOSTER: Fostering a dog while he or she waits to be adopted allows the dog to live in a safe, low-anxiety, socialized environment that gives the dog a much better chance of being adopted.

TRANSPORTATION: When one or more of our dogs is accepted into a rescue organization, we often need drivers to transport them to a new location.

SPONSOR: If you see a dog in our shelter that you want to "sponsor" you can specifically donate funds towards that dog's spay/neuter and rabies vaccination.

For Information, call Human Resources : 324-8189 ext. 108

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER!



Call Human Resources at 324-8189 ext 108

YOUR STIMULUS MONEY PUT TO GOOD USE!

The City of Jerome is honored to receive support from the Workforce Investment Act Summer Work Experience program administered by the Department of Labor and federally funded through the stimulus package.

This program allows youth (ages 14-24) to gain valuable work experience in a government or non-profit organization. The program runs for seven weeks and the participant works full time at 40 hours per week.

The youth that have joined the City of Jerome for the summer are working in various departments and will be doing everything from filing duties, maintenance, painting, animal

care and other tasks to serve our residents.

The youth benefit from this experience by learning much needed job skills as well as having the opportunity to develop their resume and obtain positive job references. The expectations placed on these individuals are the same as if they were regular City employees.

It is gratifying to see that some of the stimulus money is being spent on helping the youth of the community. Who knows, maybe one of these "kids" will be a future police officer, firefighter or city employee who works hard to make Jerome such a great place.

JEROME ANIMAL SHELTER



The City of Jerome animal shelter helps take care of the lost or homeless dogs in the community. Our shelter isn't big but we take pride in the care that we give our canine residents and are grateful to our loyal volunteers for work and car they give to these dogs in need every day of the year. The Animal Shelter does not take in cats.

Be sure to license your dog with the City so that if they do get lost and are wearing their tags or are microchipped, we can be sure to get him/her returned to you. City dog licenses are not very expensive and can be purchased at the Police Department.

- 1 year license – Neutered/Spayed - \$2.00
- 1 year license – Not Neutered/Spayed - \$4.00
- 3 year license – Neutered/Spayed - \$3.00
- 3 year license – Not Neutered/Spayed - \$6.00

If you have lost your dog, be sure to check in with the shelter regularly to see if he/she has been picked up by Animal Control and is waiting for you to come get him/her. The shelter phone number is 324-8436. You can also place a "Lost Dog" ad in the newspaper at no charge.

Pajama Drive for Foster Kids!

Interested in helping kids in need living temporarily in foster homes? Donate new pajamas for children 2 -18 years of age. Drop donations off at the Jerome Public Library. For cash donations, make checks payable to Jerome Civic Club and mail to 451 South 300 West, Jerome 83338 or they to can be dropped off at the library. We are looking forward to a successful drive for the children. For more information, call 324-8210

Road Closures: Main to West Ave H

The City of Jerome Water Works Department will be installing new main sewer lines on West Blvd. from Main to West Ave H. This will affect all residents living in this area due to the closure of West Blvd to all traffic. If you reside in the area to be closed, there will be access to your property on a daily basis. Our crews will be working from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Work is scheduled to start June 29, 2009 and continue thru July 31, 2009. Our second road closure is only one day, starting at 7:00 am July 1, 2009. This will affect Nez Pearce (100 South) from Bridon Way to Victory Lane so that we may install a 14" sewer main line.

If you have any questions please call the **Water Works Dept. at 324-7122, ext. 3.** We apologize for any problems this may cause our residents that live in the affected area. Your patience and cooperation throughout this construction project will be most appreciated and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

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Ask a Librarian



Laura Burnett, Director of Jerome Public Library

ENCOURAGE SUMMER READING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!

“Summer slide”. Educators use this phrase to describe the loss in skills that occurs during the months of summer vacation - particularly reading proficiency. Kids who are marginal readers lose even more ground and experience more significant loss.

The bad news is that summer slide is virtually inevitable unless steps are taken to prevent it. The good news is that students don't have to read mountains of books to keep their skills sharp. For younger readers (third grade and below) aim for 15 minutes of reading a day during the summer. Older students should read five or more books during summer vacation to keep from losing ground.

How can you get your children reading - and keep them reading - this summer? Here are some suggestions:

Make reading a family affair

Parents can model reading. Have discussions about what you and your kids are reading. Ask questions like: Why did you like that book? Why was that character interesting? What new words have you learned?

Make the library part of your plans

The library's summer reading program is for everyone: children, teens and adults. Reading - or listening, for those too young to read - is rewarded with prizes, which for children includes treats from local businesses, new books, as well as free passes for amusement parks.

Make it fun and easy to enjoy

During break periods, kids need to engage in 'high success reading'. This is reading at 99 percent word recognition and 90 percent comprehension. Success breeds success. Let children choose books according to their interests and comfort level.

OUT IN FORCE: THE JEROME CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our officers have been busy working on Federal/State funded grants. May was Seat Belt Enforcement Month, June was Aggressive Driving Enforcement Month and July will focus on Impaired Driving. In May, officers put in 150 hours of overtime with the grant paying those costs, which totaled \$4,500 dollars.

Also, we have noticed at times that there is some confusion with contacting our office. The Administrative Office of the Jerome Police Department is located at 124 South



Lincoln.

If you need to file a report, complaint or have an officer respond to you, the quickest way is to call **324-1911** for non-emergencies and **911** for an emergency, that is our dispatching Center, SIRCOMM. If you need to speak with someone regarding an administrative matter, the office phone number is **324-4328**.

Keeping these numbers in mind will help you get the services that you need with the least amount of phone time.



H STREET FORCE MAIN UNDER REPAIRS

A 2500 foot trench has been excavated for the replacement and upgrade of a force sewer main from Jerome Cheese to Main Street, along H Street. A force main is a pressurized sewer line that transports waste to a sewage treatment plant. There will be a brief road closure from from Main, along West Blvd, to Fir Street, via H Street. The new line will accommodate sanitary waste from the cheese factories in the city. This project should be complete in late September.

BUILDING ACTIVITY REMAINS DOWN

City of Jerome Building Official, Dave Richey, reports a 66% decrease in building permit valuations from this time last year. Last year's valuation at this time was \$16,693,240, compared to \$5,606,923 of this year. Building permit fees are also down from \$171,407 of last year to \$62,819 of this year, a 63% decrease. Fortunately, this revenue shortfall has been made up with cost savings in projects and operations throughout the city.





**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

• **Women's Self Defense**

July 11, 2009 from 9 am – noon. Cost is \$15. For more information contact Amy at 324-3389.

• **Golf Lessons:**

John Peterson of the Jerome Country Club will be teaching 90 minute golf lessons July 28, 29, and 30. Adult lessons will begin at 6:00 pm. Children 8 -18 will have lessons beginning at 8:00 am.

• **Park Reservations**

Spears Park and Forsyth Park are both available for your next get together! Reservations can be made by calling the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389. Fees start at just \$25.

• **Pool Reservations**

Pool reservations can also be made for a private pool party! Fees start at \$50.

• **Swimming Lessons**

Interested in Swimming Lessons? Want the pool schedule? Check it out on line! www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com

Questions? Call (208) 324-3389

Jerome Recreation District

2032 South Lincoln
 Jerome, ID 83338

**2009 Magic Valley Open
 Tennis Tournament**

The Magic Valley Tennis Association hosts its annual Magic Valley Open Tennis Tournament July 10-12 in Twin Falls. Tournament includes singles and doubles events. Players must be USTA members. Cash prizes awarded. Entry fee is \$15 per person for doubles and \$20 per person for singles events. For information, contact Mike Sato 731-1633 or mike.sato@pioneer.com.

July 4th Celebration Events Calendar

**Jerome 3rd Annual Community
 Freedom Celebration**

Date	Time	Event and Location
July 4th	11:00 am	Patriotic Kickoff for Celebration at Jerome City Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerome Fire Dept. Color Guard Star Spangled Banner by Allison Lindley Presentation by Johnathon Wisniewski "Give me Liberty or Give Me Death"
	12-5 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live entertainment provided by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TJ Clews and Band 4 Eternity Food Vendors Crafters, Vendors, etc Face Painting Youth Games- Marshmallow and water-gun wars, obstacle course Basketball Tournaments Soccer Tournaments Bounce House Raffles, Giveaways, and more!
July 5th	6:00 pm	Community Ice Cream Social and Worship Celebration at Jerome South Park

Upcoming Community Events

Date	Event	Location and Details	Contact Information
July 4th-5th	Annual Community Freedom Celebration	North and South Parks in Jerome	Tammy: 208-420-8372
June-August	CSI for Kids	Summer classes for kids	Sylvia: 732-6290
July 10-12	Magic Valley Open Tennis Tournament	Twin Falls	Mike: 731-1633
July 18	Jerome Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble	Jerome Country Club	Chamber of Commerce: 324-2711
July 19	Day of Caring, The Believer's Church	The Believer's Church will be helping widows with home painting, mowing, cleaning, etc.	Kris Shelton, Director of Jerome Senior Center, 324-5642
August 22	Joe Mama's Car Show	Jerome	Orlan Stearns: 208-324-8959

Jerome Chamber of Commerce
 104 West Main St., Jerome ID 83338
 Ph: (208) 324-2711 Fax: 324-6881 jeromechamber@qwestoffice.net

CONTACT THE CITY

Questions? Concerns? Give us a call:

City Hall	324-8189	152 1st Ave E
Public Works	324-9669	820 4th Ave West
Engineering	324-6961	820 4th Ave West
Waterworks	324-7122	100 W 50 N
Library	324-5427	100 1st Ave E

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