

# The City Newsletter

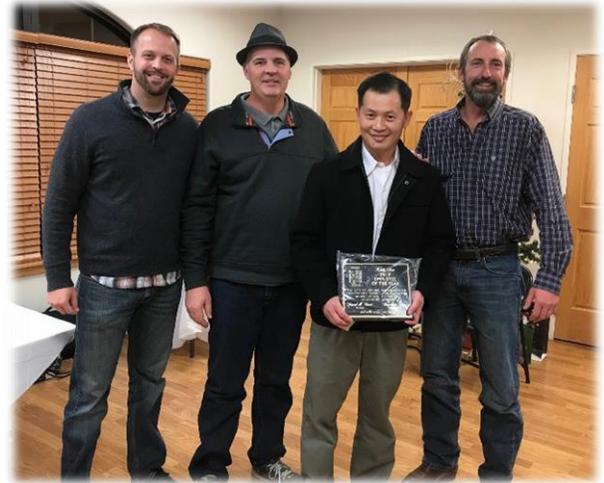
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Welcome to the  
CITY OF JEROME

## Employee of the Year – Ken Tse

Congratulations to Ken Tse, our Employee of the Year! Ken started working in the Wastewater Department in October 2002 and transferred to the Water Department in 2012. Ken holds a Wastewater Collections II; Wastewater Treatment III; and Water Distribution III certification. Throughout the years in the Water Department, Ken has become the go-to-guy when it comes to the City's wells.



Ken makes himself available 24 hours a day, whether he is working on his other projects or on vacation. His dedication to our community is greatly appreciated!

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### City Council

Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM at Council Chambers, located at 100 East Ave A, Jerome.

### Council Meetings:

- December 19<sup>th</sup>
- January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- January 16<sup>th</sup>
- February 6<sup>th</sup>

For a copy of the most recent agenda, visit our website or e-mail

[bgomes@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:bgomes@ci.jerome.id.us).

## Pay Your Bill Online Through Xpress Bill Pay

As a way to offer you more choices in how you pay your bills, the City of Jerome now lets you make payments online. We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online payment systems.



All you need is an internet connection through a web browser and an email address. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it! It's simple to use. Every month we'll send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is online. Then you just log into your account at [xpressbillpay.com](http://xpressbillpay.com) and view your bill. You can also see two year's history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a previous bill.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Then enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and only takes you a few minutes each month. Or you can set up your bill on Auto Pay and have it automatically paid for you each month!

We offered this service at the request of our customers — you asked and we delivered! To sign up, go to <https://www.xpressbillpay.com/#/> and follow the instructions there.

And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today by going to [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com).

## CSI Jerome Center Community Education

### Explosion Box Album

An **Explosion Box Album** is a mini album that can also double as a gift box. On the outside, it looks like an ordinary box, but once you lift the lid it reveals multiple layers that can each be decorated the way you want them, with plenty of room left for a surprise gift to be hidden inside. Come and use your imagination and creativity to design your own box. Just in time for Valentine's Day.

Thursday

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

\$25 plus \$20 supply fee paid to instructor at class

February 1<sup>st</sup>

Jerome Center

Instructor: Diane Gause

### Beginning Meditation

Learn the art and benefits of meditation through mindful breathing and visualization. Calm your mind and relax your body. Begin living with more ease and joy and reduce your daily stress.

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

\$48 + optional CD purchase (\$5) paid to instructor at class

February 6<sup>th</sup> – February 27<sup>th</sup>

Jerome Center

Instructor: Sandra Bernsen

### Continuing Meditation

This class is for anyone that completed the Beginner Meditation. Expand your intuition skills and experience much deeper and productive meditations using the tools learned in first class.

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

\$48

March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>

Jerome Center

Instructor: Sandra Bernsen

### Dog Agility Training

Get into the action! Agility is an exciting sport where dog and handler navigate their way through a series of obstacles competing for time and accuracy. This 5-week introductory class will introduce dogs and handlers to the rules of AKC agility competition. You and your dog will get on the course, learning how to navigate all the obstacles from jumps and tunnels to contact obstacles. Agility is suitable for any breed of dog that would love to get out and get active with its owner in a fun and challenging learning environment. Dogs should know basic commands of sit, down, and stay.

Monday

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

\$55

March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jerome County Fairgrounds – Beef Barn

Instructor: Brittany Triner

### Greeting Card Embroidery

Tired of spending money on expensive greeting cards? Learn to embroider your own greeting cards. It is an easy and unusual way to create one-of-a-kind designs. You will learn the basics of hand embroidery and designing your own works of art on paper. Choose from a variety of printable templates. Create cards that are personal, pretty, festive, and a gift in themselves.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\$10 plus \$5 paid to instructor for supplies at class

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Jerome Center

Instructor: Pat Hite

## Jerome Senior Center Calendar

**JEROME SENIOR CENTER 520 N. LINCOLN AVE., JEROME, 83338 208-324-5642**

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Open Monday-Friday 8am - 4pm

| December 2017   |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|   |   |   |  |  | 1 <b>Joski Ins.</b><br>Fiddlers @ Lunch<br>Pinochle 1pm<br>Bingo<br>Doors Open @ 5pm<br>Games @ 6pm | 2   |
| 3 Dance & Potluck<br>2-5pm \$5.00<br>Music by: Music<br>Melody Masters  | 4 Ricki Lee 11:30<br>Bridge 12:30<br>Bunco 12:45  | 5 Blood Pressure 11:30<br>Foot Clinic 1 pm<br>Pinochle 1pm                      | 6 Country Boys Band<br>Women's Pool 1pm<br>Stitch in Time 1pm<br>Pinochle 6:30 pm  | 7 Pinochle 1pm<br>Hand & Foot 1pm<br>Women's Pool 7pm<br><i>Freewill Baptist<br/>Potluck 6pm</i> | 8 <b>Joski Ins.</b><br><br>Pinochle 1pm<br>Bingo<br>Doors Open @ 5pm<br>Games @ 6pm                 | 9 <b>VOLUNTEER<br/>APPRECIATION<br/>LUNCHEON<br/>NOON</b> |
| 10  | 11 Ricki Lee 11:30<br>Bridge 12:30<br>Bunco 12:45   | 12 Diabetes Clinic 11:30<br>Pinochle 1pm<br>Fraud Workshop<br>Wells Fargo 12:30 | 13 Country Boys Band<br>Women's Pool 1pm<br><br>Pinochle 6:30 pm                   | 14 Pinochle 1pm<br>Hand & Foot 1pm<br>Women's Pool 7pm   | 15 Pinochle 1pm<br>Bingo<br>Doors Open @ 5pm<br>Games @ 6pm   | 16  |
| 17 Dance & Potluck<br>2-5pm \$5.00<br>Music by: Music<br>Melody Masters | 18 Ricki Lee 11:30<br>Bridge 12:30<br>Bunco 12:45   | 19 Blood Pressure Clinic<br>11:30<br>Pinochle 1pm                               | 20 Country Boys Band<br>Women's Pool 1pm<br>Stitch in Time 1pm<br>Pinochle 6:30 pm | 21 Pinochle 1pm<br>Hand & Foot 1pm<br>Women's Pool 7pm   | 22 <b>BIRTHDAYS</b><br>Pinochle 1pm<br><br>NO BINGO   | 23  |
| 24  | 25 <b>CLOSED FOR<br/>CHRISTMAS</b>  | 26 Pinochle 1pm   | 27 Country Boys Band<br>Women's Pool 1pm<br><br>Pinochle 6:30 pm                   | 28 Pinochle 1pm<br>Hand & Foot 1pm<br>Women's Pool 7pm   | 29 Pinochle 1pm<br><br>NO BINGO   | 30  |
| 31  | Notes:<br>Fitness Classes: Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri 10:30 am Mon & Thurs 5:20 pm Yoga Thurs 10:30AM |   |  |  |   |   |

## Identity Theft: The Real Grinch Stealing Christmas

Almost everyone knows the story of the odd looking Grinch who set out to stop Christmas in Whoville by stealing everything, right down to the presents, ribbons, tags, tinsel, trimmings and everything associated with Christmas. Today, here in Whoville, or I mean Jerome, there is a new Grinch that is out to steal your Christmas. Unlike the story, this Grinch is not green and doesn't come to town on an oversized sled pulled by an undersized dog. This Grinch may look like you or me and may even steal your Christmas from thousands of miles away; for the Grinch in our story is the person that is out to steal your identity. Identity thieves can be particularly active during the holiday season. Here are a few tips to help prevent you from having your Christmas stolen by the Identity Theft Grinch:



- Make sure you know who you are dealing with and don't provide your personal information to others unless you have a reason to trust them.

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- Never give out personal information over the telephone, such as your date of birth, social security number, mother's maiden name, or other information that may be used to verify your identity. Your bank or financial institution will not call you and ask for this type of information.
- Don't reply to e-mails requesting your personal information in order to receive a prize or gift.
- Never send money to someone who promises a cash prize, inheritance, or other large sum of money in return.
- If offered a credit card, prize, or other valuable item and asked for your personal information, always request that they provide you with a written application form.
- If you are leaving home for more than a few days, arrange for someone to pick up your mail.
- Check your bank statements, credit card statements, and financial information regularly and look for any unfamiliar activity.
- Always maintain control of your credit cards and financial transaction cards. Never loan them to anyone.
- Invest in a shredder and shred any mail or items that have personal information before you dispose of them.
- Remember, if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is!

For more information, or to report identity theft, go to the Federal Trade Commission web site at <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>.

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## **Jerome School District News**

### **Jefferson Elementary**

#### Christmas Concerts

You are invited to attend our Christmas Concerts. Mrs. Lock and the students have been working very hard to prepare. We hope to see you there!

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Kindergarten AM | Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. |
| Kindergarten PM | Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.  |
| 1st Grade       | Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  |
| 2nd Grade       | Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.  |
| 3rd Grade       | Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. |

#### Missoula Children's Theater:

Thanks to a grant from the Magic Valley Arts Council, Jefferson students got a visit from the Missoula Children's Theater. The assembly, which was about acting and careers in acting, helped build students' vocabulary and connections to opportunities that are possible in their futures. Each of these opportunities provided by the community help our student build their background knowledge and are an important part of educating the whole child.

### **Horizon Elementary**

#### Christmas Concerts

Join us for our Christmas Concerts! Mrs. Baker and the students have prepared a special program.

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Kindergarten AM | Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Horizon            |
| Kindergarten PM | Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Horizon             |
| 1st Grade       | Monday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. at Jerome High School    |
| 2nd Grade       | Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. at Jerome High School   |
| 3rd Grade       | Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. at Jerome High School |

**Summit Elementary**

Fall Fling

The FALL FLING, our school carnival, was a HUGE HAUNTED HALL HALLOWEEN HIT thanks to the fabulous support from our many parent volunteers, community members and local businesses. The silent auction items, various activities and raffle drawing drew in much participation and proceeds. Despite the two fire alarms throughout the evening, it still proved to be a huge success. The funds will help ease the cost for this year’s field trips. We are VERY THANKFUL and appreciative of our community. THANK YOU JEROME!

Christmas Concerts

Ms. Aufderheide and students have been working hard to get ready for their Christmas performances. Please come and enjoy the show!

5th Grade Concerts

|                            |                           |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Mrs. Park/Ms. Putnam       | December 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Mr. Winder/Mrs. Thompson   | December 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30 a.m. |
| Mrs. Wallace/Mrs. Neudorff | December 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Mr. Fletcher/Mrs. Lakey    | December 20 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30 a.m. |
| Mrs. Stump/Ms. Gonzalez    | December 20 <sup>th</sup> | 1:00 p.m.  |
| Mr. Lakey/Mrs. Winder      | December 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9:30 a.m.  |



4th Grade Concerts

|  |                           |           |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|
| Mrs. Jackson/Mrs. Fletcher/Ms. Bailes              | December 20 <sup>th</sup> | 8:30 a.m. |
| Mrs. Ostler/Ms. Gott/Mr. Purin                     | December 20 <sup>th</sup> | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mrs. Mangum/Ms. Campbell/Mr. St. George/Mrs. Moore | December 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8:30 a.m. |
| Mr. Ahlstrom/Mrs. Colvin/Mrs. Fuger                | December 21 <sup>st</sup> | 2:00 p.m. |

**District Wide**

Jerome School District in conjunction with Jiffy Lube/Burton Group would like to recognize the outstanding work done by staff in our district. Kayleigh Tuttle, Wes Hall, and Becky Long were recognized in November for the Jerome School District Excellence in Education Award. Congratulations to these outstanding educators.

Jerome School District Food Pantry through the Idaho Foodbank is up and running. Hours are by appointment only Tuesdays-9:00-4:15 and Fridays 9:00-12:00. Contact Rosa or Letti 324-2392 at the district office for appointments.

For more information on the great things happening in Jerome School District please find us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/jeromeschooldistrict](http://www.facebook.com/jeromeschooldistrict) 261) and Twitter (#JSD261).

If you would like to make a donation to the Jerome School District please contact the school, Kim Lickley at (208) 324-2392 or send an email to [kim.lickley@jeromeschools.org](mailto:kim.lickley@jeromeschools.org).





**Jerome  
 Recreation  
 District**

Jingle Bell 5K Run

- December 16
- 8:00 a.m.

New Year's Weigh Loss Challenge

- Begins January 2
- Celebrate your health in 2018

Saturday Spinning Returns

- Saturdays at 8 a.m.

Friday Night Yoga

- Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Basketball Registration

- Now thru Dec 31, 2017
- 1<sup>st</sup> grand thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- All games are played on Saturday beginning January 20, 2018

HOLIDAY HOURS

- December 24<sup>th</sup>, Closing at 4:00 p.m.
- December 25, CLOSED
- December 26<sup>th</sup>, Open regular hours
- December 31, Closing at 4:00 p.m.
- January 1, CLOSED
- January 2, Open regular hours

Kindergarten Basketball Clinic

- Registration Nov 1 – Feb 20
- 4-5 p.m. in Gym 2

Get Kid's moving

- Kid's Fitness
- Kid's Dance
- TaeKwonDo

Check out the website for class schedules and the latest JRD information:

[www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com](http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com)

Jerome Recreation District  
 2032 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338  
 (208)324-3389

**Library Events**

- ◆ Make It - Mondays after school until 4:30 p.m. for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Jr. Make It - Thursdays after school until 4:30 p.m. for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Don Ritchey Sing-Along - Thursdays from 4:00–4:30 p.m. for toddlers thru Kindergartners
- ◆ Storytime - Fridays at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Minecrafternoons - play Minecraft on the library server every day after school. No library card needed.
- ◆ Classic Book Club – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Contemporary Book Club – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



For more information, please call 324-5427 or visit the library.

**DECEMBER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES**

|                   |                             |          |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Gina Jerke        | Account Clerk/Finance Asst. | 13 years |
| Linda Mecham      | Library Director            | 6 years  |
| Sam Roach         | Patrol Officer              | 5 years  |
| Esmeralda Chavez  | City Planner                | 4 years  |
| Carla Colfack     | Administrative Assistant    | 4 years  |
| Bernadette Gomes  | City Clerk                  | 4 years  |
| Lyle Guffy        | Water Operator              | 4 years  |
| Malorie Kast      | Industrial Pretreatment     | 4 years  |
| Joseph VanderWyst | Public Works Tech           | 3 years  |
| Nathan Cernyar    | Wastewater Lead Operator    | 2 years  |
| Katie Elliott     | Management Assistant        | 2 years  |