



# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

May—June 2023

### EXCITING NEWS-

The recent addition of a new Town shuttle has allowed the old Town shuttle van to finally be retired after providing years of service to the residents and visitors of Jerome.

The Town was able to purchase a new 2023 Ford Transit 350 shuttle last month based on years of prudent budget practices and contributions from the Yavapai-Apache Nation through Proposition 202 funding. The new Town shuttle has enhanced safety features and will provide a more smooth and comfortable ride throughout Town. It also has added cargo space for assisting users with their various packages.

As a reminder the Shuttle runs Friday mornings from 11 AM to 4 PM, Saturdays & Sundays from 11 AM to 6 PM, and also offers service on some major holidays!

For our local residents, we are still running the Wednesday morning ride into Cottonwood. Meet the Shuttle at 600 Clark Street (Town Hall) at 9 AM, or call ahead if you need to be picked up along the normal route.

As always, please call **928-821-0133** if you need to utilize the Town shuttle on days it is in operation.



Mayor & Staff  
Town of Jerome

### Scheduled Meeting Dates for May, June, & July of 2023

*All of the regularly scheduled meetings will take place on Tuesdays. Council is the 2nd Tuesday of each month, P&Z is the 3rd Tuesday, & DRB is the 4th Tuesday of the month.*

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 9th at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, May 16th at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, May 23rd at 6pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 13th at 7 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, June 20th at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, June 27th at 6 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 11th at 7 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, July 18th at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, July 25th at 6 pm



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## May 2023 Newsletter

### Prescott National Forest Outlook/Conditions

This winter we have received an abundance of much needed moisture as we all know. The good news is that we are not in drought conditions. Also, it is predicted that we will have a normal Wildland fire season this year instead of the extreme that we have become accustomed to. As we can see the green up is above average and the grass and weeds are in abundance.

As we enter spring, we are seeing the temperatures rise as well as the wind. With this combination the grass and other fuels dry out quickly creating a wildland fire hazard. Please clear an area of at least ten feet around the perimeter of your house of any grass, weeds or any other fuels that will put your house at risk!

We would also like to remind Jerome residents to be extra cautious with barbecues, weed eating, smoking or any other activity that has the potential of creating sparks. Always keep water close by when doing any of these activities.

If you need help with the weeds or other hazardous fuel removal you can come to the fire station and fill out a Firewise request form.

If you do need to report a fire, remember to **Call 911**.

Keep an eye on the bulletin board at the post office and other posting places and our social media for any updates on fire conditions or restrictions.

### Snake season is here!

As we begin to warm up, we will start seeing snakes again. Remember some of the snakes are good to have around. King snakes will eat the Rattlesnakes and Bull snakes keep the rodent population down. Both are not a threat to humans.

Here is some information on Rattlesnakes.

Most bites occur between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors. About 25 percent of the bites are "dry," meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment. Depending on weather and threatening conditions such wildfires, rattlesnakes may roam at any time of the day or night. If walking at night, be sure to use a flashlight. To avoid rattlesnake bites some safety precautions will help:

- Wear appropriate over-the-ankle hiking boots, thick socks, and loose-fitting long pants. Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails.
- Avoid tall grass, weeds, and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- Look at your feet to watch where you step and do not put your foot in or near a crevice where you cannot see.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see and avoid wandering around in the dark.
- If a fallen tree or large rock is in your path, step up on to it instead of over it, as there might be a snake on the other side.
- Be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood.
- Check out stumps or logs before sitting down and shake out sleeping bags before use.
- Do not turn over rocks or logs. If you must move a rock or log, use gloves, and roll it toward you, giving anything beneath it the opportunity to escape in the opposite direction.
- Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- Avoid approaching any snake you cannot positively identify as a safe species.
- If you hear the warning rattle, move away from the area, and do not make sudden or threatening movements in the direction of the snake.
- Remember rattlesnakes do not always rattle before they strike!
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake - it can still inject venom.

We would like to remind everyone to be careful when out in the yard.

If you find a snake, remember to keep a safe distance, note its location, and Call 911. The Fire department will respond and relocate the snake to a safe location away from town.



## Firewise Community Day Moved to September

The Jerome Fire Department's annual Community Firewise and Fire Safety Day at the Jerome Fire Department will be held in September as the new norm. We have joined our Firewise day with Fire Safety month in conjunction with our annual potluck picnic. This is a dedicated day where folks in the community can focus their efforts on creating defensible space around their home or business by eliminating dried fuels like leaves, twigs, and branches. Also, any dead growth including some live paradise trees that may need to be thinned, thereby creating defensible space.

## Cantilevered Sidewalk

In the last few weeks Jerome Fire department along with Jerome public works have been able to repair approximately 100 feet of the cantilevered sidewalk. It is partnerships like this that help keep the town safe and working.

### Public Service & Public Works

Please remember if you have a water or sewer leak, contact Public Works **928-634-7943**  
Or if you have a traffic related event, please call Jerome PD at **928-634-8992**  
For all other matters, contact us at the Jerome Fire Department **928-649-3034**

Please remember that if you need assistance with Firewise activities you must fill out a Firewise application and submit it to the Fire Department before work can be approved. Applications can be obtained at Town Hall or the Fire Department.



### FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

The Fire Department is always looking for new members for fire, EMS, and/or both. Free training, cool t-shirts, drive big trucks with red lights. 5 PM every Thursday. Come on down and see what we do. Everybody is welcome. If fire and emergency medical services don't interest you but you would still like to help out, the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary always welcomes new members. Come join us!!

Thank you for your continued support.  
Fire Chief, Rusty Blair

Blessings from Haven,

This is already the May/June newsletter! Time goes by quickly the older I get.

All my life I have worked and raised children. I treasured it, even in the struggles. I enjoyed supporting their hobbies and their activities. Now nearing my 68<sup>th</sup> birthday, I wonder what hobby, what artistic gift I might take time to develop.

I am in awe of how many talented people come to the food pantry gathering. So many have used their gifts to follow their dreams. Even during struggling times, most are happy they did. Among them are painters, woodworkers, metal workers, fabric designers, cooks, sculptors, and even some comedians!

All these gifted people bring great joy to others, especially me, and that is what life is all about. I have been a work-focused person most of my life. I had to work at learning to laugh taking time away from work to just enjoy the day. I share this because I am so very thankful for all of the love and laughter and stories of life, we share with one another on food pantry Wednesdays. I am a far better person for knowing all of you.

Perhaps some of you are like me...needing to learn to enjoy the moments of life more fully. If you need support to get started just stop by on Wednesdays 9-12 at Haven food pantry. Everyone will encourage you too. Together we can do mighty things when we care for one another from the heart.

With a grateful heart, I thank you all,  
Pastor Vicki





## Jerome Humane Society PET HAZARDS

Get ready for Summer! Along with fun in the sun it heralds some dangers for our pets starting with the emergence of hungry fleas and ticks. The Jerome Humane Society carries products that can help. Leave us a message on our voicemail: 928-235-5960.

- Our wet Winter provided lots of nourishment for pesky weeds. The most dangerous to animals is the foxtail which can burrow deeply into nostrils, ears, and other orifices as well as between those furry toes causing pain and infection. Clear your yard of foxtails and avoid them on your walks. Comb your pets often to remove fleas, ticks and weeds.

**BEWARE OF FOXTAILS!**  
Foxtails have barbed, razor-sharp needles that are extremely dangerous.

Embedded Foxtails can cause abscesses, pain & death.

Pets with long fur, curly fur & long ears are especially prone to getting foxtails.

Foxtails move in one direction. They dig in & they do not come out on their own!

Foxtails love paws & can easily embed between toes.

Foxtails can dig into any part of the body & they don't dissolve.

Foxtail pieces can easily be inhaled & puncture a lung.

Foxtails can go up the nose & migrate to the brain.

@RedandHowling

**SAFETY TIPS:** If your pet is exposed to foxtails, do a **thorough** inspection afterwards: Brush coat, feel every part of body with hands. Look closely at ears, nose, eyes, underbelly, between toe pads, and underneath collar (foxtails burrow quickly & are hard to see). Check inside mouth & around lips.



- Arizona is host to over a dozen types of rattlesnakes. If your dog is free-roaming on walks or if your property is known to have rattlers, sign your dogs up for rattlesnake avoidance classes. Graduates of the classes clearly go well out of their way to avoid snakes. It's a good clue for walkers too, giving you a heads up that something scaly lurks ahead!

**ON A 78° DAY:**

Car parked in SHADE = 90°  
Car parked in SUN = 160°  
in minutes

**DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THE CAR!**

Finally we come to the most overarching danger of Summer - HEAT. Keep your pets safe from burned feet by walking them early or late in the day and never in the midday sun. Also, as a tourist town dweller, be on the alert for pets or children locked in cars. If you observe a pet or child in danger in a hot car call Jerome PD Dispatch at 928-634-2245. If the pet needs our help, the police will contact us.

So, enjoy the Summer, but be smart about it!

If it's hot for you, it's hot for them...

**Be Aware of Hot Asphalt before walking your dog**



# Jerome Historical Society



We replaced the light in the shaft at the Audrey headframe down at the Douglas Mansion. JHS constructed and maintains this exhibit. The old incandescent light was replaced with a bright LED. This bright light lets you see at least a couple hundred feet down the shaft.

The concrete-lined Audrey shaft is 1900 feet deep but is filled with water up to the natural water level of 1300 feet. Throughout 20 years of mining operation pumps were running at all times to keep the tunnels from flooding.

The Audrey shaft is connected to the Josephine tunnel which emerges in Clarkdale near the Indian reservation. The ore from the Little Daisy Mine was transported from there by train to Clemenceau (now Cottonwood) for smelting. You can still see the slag pile in Cottonwood.

Don Feher

Become a member of the JHS for only \$15 and get help with historical questions and research.



## JEROME COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOP 2023



The Jerome Community Art Workshop is offering Metal Embossing, the Art of Copper Tooling, repousse and chasing.

The metal work technique of repousse in which metal is pushed from the reverse side to create a design on the front. The technique of chasing is a similar technique except the metal is shaped from the front side, sinking the metal. The two techniques are often used in conjunction.



### Classes

June 10, Noon – 3 pm

June 24, Noon – 3 pm

3 students each class, \$40 donation

Call the library to sign up at 928-639-0574 or

Email, [jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com)



Call the Library at 928-639-0574 for more information or to sign up for classes

## Time to Take out the (Extra) Trash MAY 2023

Here is a reminder that 2023's annual extra trash pick-up will start Monday, May 1st. Jerome's Public Works Department will do a one-time per household, single bulk item removal. This means you can put that torn-up recliner or broken vacuum cleaner out with your regular trash and the town crew will whisk it away for you.

### Items town crew will **NOT** pick up:

**hazardous waste** ∅ **contaminated soil** ∅ **tires** ∅ **large drums** ∅ **medical waste** ∅ **wet paint**  
**asbestos** ∅ **batteries** ∅ **railroad ties** ∅ **fluorescent light bulbs** ∅ **television sets**

If your regular trash is picked up on Fridays, then that's the day to set out your extra pick-up.  
 If you are on the Monday route, same drill.

Public Works will run this special service through **the month of May** OR **UNTIL THE DUMPSTER IS FULL!** Please keep in mind we are talking about single bulk items, don't empty your whole garage! Not sure of what can or cannot be picked up? Call us at town hall: 928-634-7943.



**One more thing:** Please bag your trash and be mindful of the weight of your regular cans. The town code limit is 40 pounds max—let's spare the crew's backs. Thank you!



## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

### **Cinco de Mayo**

Friday, May 5th

### **Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 14th

### **Armed Forces Day**

Saturday, May 20th

### **\*Memorial Day**

Monday, May 29th

### **Flag Day**

Wednesday, June 14th

### **Father's Day**

Sunday, June 18th

### **First Day of Summer**

Wednesday, June 21st

### **Independence Day**

Tuesday, July 4th (Town Hall Closed)

*Note: for National Holidays falling on a MONDAY (asterisks), Cardboard, Dumpsters & trash on Main street will be collected that day. All other trash on the regular Monday route will be picked up on Tuesday.*

### Jerome Chamber of Commerce's Special Event celebrating local businesses



Join us every  
**FIRST SATURDAY** of  
 the Month  
 from 5 to 8 PM

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