



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

May-June 2025

Home Sweet Jerome:
from the Mayor's Desk

With spring in bloom and summer approaching, I encourage Jeromans to come together as a community that care about each other.

Kindness and respect are lacking in the world today.



This community can achieve great things if we work together at finding solutions.

United we stand,
divided we fall.

*Photo courtesy of
Mayor Alex Barber*



**Great News! Online Payments
are almost here!**



After receiving an increased interest for an online utility payment option, and after much research, we are happy to announce that online payments are coming! If you are interested in the online payment portal, please ensure that Town Hall has a current email address on file. We will be sending out an email blast when the online payment portal goes live, later this month. That email will also include step-by-step instructions on how to set up your online account.

Please welcome Michael Odle to the Jerome Police Department.

Michael will serve as the Deputy Chief of Police for Jerome.

Michael retired as a Captain from the Los Angeles Police Department after 43 years of service. Michael brings exceptional experience and skills in policing, investigations, training and administration.

We are lucky to find someone with his skills and experience.



Michael worked hard and completed all his training and testing for Arizona Certification in a short time. His scores through the testing process were exceptional. He will be a huge asset to the Jerome Police Department.

Michael has a very friendly and approachable personality. If you should see him, please say hello.

Rusty San Felice, Chief
Jerome Police Department

*Photos provided by
Chief San Felice*

Scheduled Meeting Dates for May to July 2025*

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

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 13th at 7pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, May 20th at 6pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, May 27th at 6pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 10th at 7 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, June 17th at 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, June 24th at 6 pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 8th at 7 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, July 15th at 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, July 22nd at 6 pm

** Dates may be subject to date/time change due to holidays*

Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 pm

PLEASE SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PETS

By Jeanie Ready

As a longtime cat foster-mom for the Jerome Humane Society (JHS), I am well aware of their tireless efforts to help control our feral cat populations with the Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) program. It's very rewarding to help animals in need but it takes a lot of work, time and patience. It can be both heartwarming and heartbreaking. As a foster, I often take in younger cats trapped by JHS from feral litters and help to domesticate them for adoption.

Once ferals age past six months it can be difficult to find them forever homes, but they still deserve the chance for a safe, happy life off the streets. If they're untamable they can be fixed, immunized and returned to their colony. Young kittens are typically more sought-after despite the many benefits of adopting a "teen" or adult cat.

Over the past year I have fostered a bonded pair (mom & son), two seven-month-old litter mates, and I currently have a seven-month-old feral female who is making progress into domestic life. Of those five fosters just this year, we've found a home for two. With the three cats I previously adopted and another prior foster who was never adopted, I am currently housing seven cats. It breaks my heart when I see unneutered pets roaming outside unsupervised because I know just one unneutered male can impregnate multiple unspayed females in short order creating more feral colonies that will need intervention.

I am at capacity and can't take in more cats. The thought of not being able to help more cats in need makes me sad. I find fostering to be very rewarding especially when it leads to a happy forever-home for a cherished animal. There is nothing more satisfying than watching a scared, timid, feral cat transition to a loving, trusting, affectionate domestic pet. Though it can be hard to say "goodbye," I am happiest when these former ferals find their forever homes.

Finally, I would love to find new homes for a few cats still in my care. Not only do they deserve loving homes but their adoption would allow me to continue fostering and socializing kittens and cats in need. Penny & Paulie (mother & son) arrived as a bonded pair, rescued here in Jerome. Penny is now available for adoption as a solo pet or together with Paulie. Penny is about two years old and is a very sweet girl who would enjoy an owner who can give her more one-on-one attention. She is super affectionate and very friendly. Paulie is still somewhat bonded with his mom, Penny, but has grown to be more independent and he would be fine staying with his mom or staying behind with my crew. He's still a bit shy with strangers on his own.

Stella is about seven months old and is still adjusting to domestic life, although she is making good progress. She will be ready for adoption soon. She's very sweet, submissive and non-aggressive with solid litter box habits. Please contact me if you can provide good, loving homes for Penny, Paulie, or Stella.



Penny



Stella



Paulie

We need the assistance of our community in several ways:

- Help with TNR efforts, both identification of feral colonies and trapping operations
- Become fosters for rescued cats & kittens
- Adopt from local rescues or shelters
- And most importantly, ensure that all your pets are spayed or neutered.

If you are interested in spay/neuter services, TNR efforts, fostering or adoption, please contact the JHS.

Locally, there are low cost spay & neuter programs available through the Yavapai Humane Society or United Animal Friends. Also, our own Jerome Humane Society provides essential veterinary services for local pet owners. I am also happy to assist my neighbors in facilitating this important task. Reach out.

If you have a JHS trap, please return it to the clinic. Thanks for trapping!



JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Article 13-9 of the Jerome Town Code provides that Level 1 water restrictions go into effect automatically as of May 1 each year and continue through September 30, requiring certain water conservation measures.

Effective May 1, 2024, the requirements of Strategy I - "Water Alert" – have been expanded. Changes are shown in red below.

- **Water shall be conserved both inside and outside the home or business using the best practices available to minimize waste. No person shall waste water.**
- **Outdoor water use shall not occur between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM. Outdoor water use shall be limited to two hours per day between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM.**
- **Vehicle washing shall only be undertaken with a bucket and hose with a shut-off nozzle or other water saving devices.**
- **Cooling outdoor areas with water or misting devices is prohibited.**
- **Restaurants should serve water to customers upon request only and should display table tents or other types of public notice to this effect.**
- **Construction projects shall use only reclaimed water or effluent or supply their own water for on-site use and dust control.**
- **Daily water usage is limited to 900 gallons of water per meter unit, per 24-hour period. The only exceptions to this limit are restaurants and hotels with more than four rooms made available for lodging.**

Once the need for "Demand Reduction Strategy I" no longer exists, we will post the reverting back to normal operations. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Assistant Chief

I am a native Arizonan and was raised in the Prescott area. Growing up my family visited the town of Jerome often. When I was in the Boy Scouts, we spent time camping and recreating the Mingus Mountain range and the Verde Valley.

I started my career in the early 2000s with a small Volunteer department outside of Williams, I was eventually hired full-time with a career department in the Parks-Belmont area. During this time, I was able to gain a vast amount of experience and education. I was promoted through the ranks and when I left, I was a captain and acting Battalion Chief.

Early in my career I spent three years on the Bearjaw Type 2 IA Wildland hand crew, this gave me the opportunity to gain experience in crew dynamics and building leadership skills.

I started with Jerome Fire in 2020 as a fuels crew member and Engine Boss. I was quickly hired full-time. I hope my experience in the emergency services has and will continue to help our volunteers. I am dedicated to life safety and property conservation by consistently improving the level of service that Jerome Fire Department offers to the citizens Jerome and its visitors.

I would like to thank Chief Blair, Jerome Fire Department and the Jerome Town Council for the opportunity to be the assistant Fire Chief. It is a great honor to be in this position and serve the people of Jerome and its visitors.

Assistant Fire Chief
Carl Whiting

Wildland Fire Season

The fire season is upon us, as normal your fire department wildland crew will be busy with response requests. Our Wildland engine and crew have been requested to California, Texas, Utah, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Washington and North Carolina. These responses take our engine and crew away from home for several weeks at a time. During these assignments, the crew performs many different tasks from fighting fires to aiding with reforestation projects, clearing forest roads for public safety, Firewise activities, public education events and the list goes on. The fire department would like to thank the Wildland fire crew for their willingness and dedication to spend the summers away from their home, family and friends while helping others around the state and country.

Town Siren

After a couple of years of being broken the town sirens have been repaired. Both the sirens are working. We will start the weekly test again every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM in June. Please remember that if the sirens are sounding for an extended period there is an emergency, and you need to look outside and see what is happening.

SNAKE SEASON IS HERE!

As we begin to warm up, we will start seeing snakes again. Remember the majority 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 as wildfires or monsoonal rains 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 wilderness 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.



Photo of 3, yes 3! rattlesnakes captured by Jerome Fire Dept. at once

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 EMS don't interest you, but you would still like to help your fire department, the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary is always welcoming new members as well! Come join us!

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



Cops Corner



Summer is fast approaching and the hot weather is already upon us. With that, the Jerome Police Department would like to send out a reminder of how fast your car can heat up in direct sunlight. See the illustration below for examples. We have already had one person cited for a criminal misdemeanor this year for leaving a dog in a hot car.

If you see an animal left in a car for more than just a few minutes, please call the Jerome Police. Our dispatch number is 928-634-2245. As always, in an emergency, such as an animal that appears to be in distress, call 911.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A CAR TO GET TOO HOT?

VEHICLE TEMPERATURE		
OUTSIDE F°	INSIDE F°	
	10 MINS	30 MINS
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°





SAVE THE DATES!!!

The Historical Society is working on two events.

On Wednesday, June 4th, at 6:00PM @ Spook Hall, we are inviting our residents, business owners and employees to join us for a JEROME HISTORY NIGHT. The theme is the Deportation of 1917. MaryBeth Barr will kick off the night with a short talk explaining the union activity that led to the statewide mining strike and Jerome's involvement in the movement. We will also be featuring an independent film "Bisbee 17", which is a reenactment of the deportation of union workers from Bisbee.

JHS is also in the process of finalizing scripts for this year's Ghost Walk, which will take place on **October 3rd & 4th**. As soon as we finish the scenes, we will be scheduling meetings to sign up actors and guides. We had so much fun bringing Ghost Walk back last year....we hope to see all who participated as well as new faces.

STAY TUNED!

JEROME'S SHUTTLE SERVICE

We are pleased to offer a free Shuttle on the weekends to provide rides to/from many locations within Jerome. The Shuttle allows visitors easier access to many areas, including the Douglas Mansion Museum and State Park, Gold King Mine, the large parking area on Perkinsville Road, and the shopping areas along Main Street.

If you are a local and would like to utilize the Shuttle to avoid the parking bingo on Main Street, you will find our pick-up shelter in the center of the large parking lot on Perkinsville Road (Stop #1), past the Fire Station, also known as 300-level. Or, to arrange a ride to or from your vehicle, to your hotel, a restaurant, or other location within town limits, please call the Shuttle during its normal operating hours, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at:

(928) 821-0133

Normal Operating Hours: Includes Fridays from 11 AM to 4 PM; Saturdays & Sundays from 11 AM to 6 PM; also, service is offered on some National Holidays, depending on availability of driver.

Wednesday Morning Locals Run

Wednesday: 9 AM

The Town of Jerome also offers a free trip from Jerome into the Cottonwood area to assist locals with access to grocery stores, banks, doctor's appointments, and other needs. Meet the Shuttle at Town Hall, 600 Clark Street, at 9 AM every Wednesday, or call the Shuttle to arrange a pick-up when available at: **(928) 821-0133**

There will be a **2nd Locals' Run** on Wednesdays, as needed! In addition to the regular 9 AM route, there will be a 1 PM to 4 PM route by appointment. This means the Shuttle will be departing Jerome at 1 PM and returning at 4 PM.

Again, this is an as needed/by appointment route, so **PLEASE CALL OR TEXT** the Shuttle Phone at **(928) 821-0133** and leave a message so our Transportation Driver, Scott, can plan ahead for the week.

Jerome Library Community Art Workshops

Beginning Basketry



In this class we will create a rattan reed basket with cotton straps that can be used as a market tote or small backpack.

This is a two part class on May 10th and 17th from Noon to 3 pm.

Part One – Weave the base and sides with dyed or natural rattan reed.

Part Two – Tuck & lash the rim, make and attach straps.

Class donation of \$65.00 includes all materials.

To sign up contact Kathleen at the library at 928-639-0574 or e-mail jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com

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**FUNDRAISER FOR THE
JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY**



**Celebrate
Virginia
Kennaway
Day!**

Donate \$\$ online : jeromehumane.com

**wednesday
May 14 2025
5 - 8 pm
The Spirit Room**

Potluck Dinner
Bring a tasty dish to share

50/50 Raffle
Silent Auction
Donations Accepted

MUSIC BY
Ezra Anderson
John Ziegler
Condace Gallagher
Frizzy & Edgy
Tommy Rocks
The Jerome
Ukulele Orchestra

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

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Cinco de Mayo

Monday, May 5th

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11th

***Memorial Day**

Monday, May 26th

Flag Day

Saturday, June 14th

Father's Day

Sunday, June 15th

Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19th

1st Day of Summer

Friday, June 20th

Independence Day

Friday, July 4th

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

Greetings Neighbors,

We are excited to announce the next Art in the Park.

Join us in the upper park on May 24 from 12-5.

We will host 17 local artists. Come meet our amazing local artists and check out their work. We have a lot of new faces this time. The Old Jerome High School has many new tenants that we will be featuring.

Live music from the Invincible Grins and Tria Prima along with face painting and a kids creative section. We would love to see you there.

Confirmed Artists:

Damian Gomes
Beth Detwiler
Michael McDonald
Rhiannon Ganz
Coulombe
Christa Mullen
Karima Botterweg
David Carroll
Maggie McDonald
Asher Gammill
Amy Corrieri
Liz Alpert
Paula Horigan
Richard Wawiernia
Michael Gallagher
Jason Voss
Heather Feather
Danielle White



Ginger Mackenzie

Board Member - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Special Event celebrating
local businesses



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

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