



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

November-December 2025

Home Sweet Jerome: from the Mayor's Desk

Happy Holidays to my fellow Jeromans from Mayor Alex Barber! Let's all embrace and share the warm spirit of the season. And speaking of the season...

Get ready for another wonderful year of the Jerome Santa Party!

Join us on December 13th at 10 a.m. at Spook Hall for Santa's annual visit, rides in the fire truck, and cookies!

If you have a child 12 or under that lives in Jerome, if you work in Jerome, or are a grandparent residing in Jerome, you are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual event! All the children receive gifts straight from Santa himself! Please either sign up by going to tinyurl.com/jeromesanta OR by going to the **Spirit Room after Nov 1st** and filling out the sign up sheet. We will need your child's name, age, and desired gift item (or interests). This event is for Jerome residents and employees ONLY.

Local merchants, it's time to start thinking about what you would like to donate to our raffle this year. It's because of you that we are able to purchase the gifts for all the children who come to participate in the magic! You can drop these off at The Spirit Room, or call Crystal Smith if you'd rather your donation be picked up from your store. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!!! If you'd like to make a financial donation to our gift purchasing/party planning fund please reach out to us (contact info below).

We are also making the cookie bar potluck style this year! Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookie (or treat!). We'll provide coffee and juice.

Raffle tickets will be available starting November 1st at Town Hall and The Spirit Room.

Looking forward to another festive year,
The Jerome Kids Santa Party Crew

Kate Butcher - 928.301.6655
Crystal Smith - 928.300.9609
Scout Butcher - 928.910.3192

**For all Jerome children 12 & under, including
kids who have a grandparent who lives in
Jerome, or have a parent who works in Jerome!**



Scheduled Meeting Dates for November 2025 to January 2026*

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

Special Council Meeting:
Monday, November 24th at 5:30 pm

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

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 9th at 7 pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, 7 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, November 18th at 6pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, December 16th at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, November 25th at 6pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, December 23rd at 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, January 27th, 2026, 6 pm

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

Jerome Humane Brunch Starred Mannequins This Year

The 2025 JHS Brunch & Auction was a huge success. Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, bidders and organizers who made our largest fundraising event possible. In a new twist, this year's auction featured a dozen mannequins acquired by Mary Wills and decorated by local artists! The bidding was fierce and every mannequin found a home. Other auction items also brought in significant funds to assist us into the new year. The JHS Brunch & Auction helps us care for the pets of Jerome as well as feral cat management, adoptions, finding lost pets and much more.

A BIG THANK YOU to the artists who gave their time and talent to creating mannequin masterpieces for JHS this year!



Thanks to everyone who made the JHS brunch the best one EVER!

This year's Jerome Humane Society Brunch and Hootenanny! was the best one EVER by every measure, and we couldn't have done it without you. A heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who gave their time, talent, and energy to make it all possible - from the crews who set up, to the food team and bar crew, shuttle drivers, auction teams, artists, and clean-up crews who kept everything running smoothly. Our auctioneer, Carrie, once again traveled the farthest to keep the crowd engaged and the bids lively, while Tommy Andersen and the JUO filled the morning with joy and song. Most of all, sincere thanks to the JHS Board, leaders, and longtime supporters who continue to strengthen both the humane society and the community we all love. By Teri Klein



Paulie



Penny

Meet **Penny** (3 years old) and **Paulie** (2 1/2 years old), two sweet, friendly cats needing forever homes. They can be adopted together or separately. Both are fixed and up to date on their shots. Penny is a gorgeous girl with stunning amber eyes. She is playful and gets along fine with other cats. Paulie, a handsome boy, is shyer and would love a home with other cats to play with.

Interested? Call **928-235-5960** and leave us a voicemail.

This Is My Wish for You

Comfort on difficult days,
smiles when sadness intrudes,
rainbows to follow the clouds,
laughter to kiss your lips,
sunsets to warm your heart,
hugs when spirits sag,
beauty for your eyes to see,
friendships to brighten your being,
faith so that you can believe,
confidence for when you doubt,
courage to know yourself,
patience to accept the truth,
love to complete your life.

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Blessings from Haven,

May you receive this poem with my love for the friendship you have so warmly given me. And with gratitude for all you do for your neighbors through Haven UMC.

We invite you to celebrate with us Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm.

May this season of joy and Thanks-giving live in your heart the whole year through!

Peace be with you,
Pastor Vicki





JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The 50th Annual Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance



Saturday, October 25th marked the 50th year of the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance and fundraiser.

Once again, this year the event was held at the sliding jail area on the basketball court. It was well attended with over 800 in attendance, a lot of them being residents.

We would like to thank all who attended to support the Fire Department. Also big thanks to all the hotels, B&Bs and restaurants that provided gift certificates for the costume contest, with which we were able to provide lodging and meals for five prizes for the winners. We couldn't have done it without the help of Jerome PD, the Town of Jerome, Jerome public works, our fire department auxiliary members and of course our fire department personnel who spent long hours preparing for the event, working the night of the dance and cleaning up the next day. Special thanks to The Jerome Historical Society, Verde valley Ambulance Co., Verve Tents and Events, Chateau Tumbleweed, Suzy Q, Nice Johns and Yavapai Fencing for all their assistance. A special shout-out to Dogtown USA food truck for providing delicious food to the volunteers!

- First place Maleficent, winning two nights at the Surgeon's House, Clinkscale \$50, Haunted Pizano \$50
- 2nd place, Mandalorians, Winning a gift certificate worth \$250 at the Grand Hotel and \$200 from the Asylum Restaurant.
- 3rd place winners were the Witch Doctors, winning Two nights stay at the Ghost City inn and gift certificates from the Haunted Hamburger.
- 4th place was "free pets to a good home." Winning two nights stay at the Miners Cottage and certificates from Vaquero's restaurant.
- 5th place was Scuba diver guy winning one night at the Connor hotel and a certificate to the Miners Cafe and Bobby D's barbecue.

There were so many excellent costumes that it was hard for our judges to make decisions on who should win. However, we did have a few winners that did leave before the costume contest winners were announced and they had to be present to win. So new winners were announced.



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**

Jerome Fire Department would also like to wish everybody Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous holiday season and a happy new year.



The fire department has some smoke alarms available provided by the Red Cross. Please contact us if you are in need. These smoke alarms are at no cost to you, and we try to take them out to homes that are financially in need.

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.



Jerome State Historic Park celebrated its 60th anniversary on October 11th.

We'd like to thank Freeport McMoRan for sponsoring the event which made it possible to host a free admission day at the park for all attending visitors. Big thanks to all who participated to make it a very special day for us. Those include the Jerome Historical Society, Jerome Fire Department, The Clemenceau Heritage Museum and many other local residents and volunteers that contributed to the success of the event.

We also held our second annual Flashfright tours on 10/18 where visitors could walk through the historic Douglas Mansion at night with the lights out. Each group is given a dim flashlight to help them navigate through the rooms and hallways not knowing what they will find around each corner. This event more focuses on the dark history of Jerome and is an all ages event. The scenes included a poker game



in an old time saloon, a shady meeting in a fancy train car, a bootlegger caught in the act, an injured miner roaming the halls, a weeping widow at her husband's funeral, a ghostly piano player and a crime investigation scene plus much more. A huge shout out goes to all of the volunteers that helped make it a fantastic night of mystery and intrigue. It will return next year and we are always in need of actors and extras. If interested, please contact the state park at **928-634-5381**.



With the holidays upon us keep an eye out for our Unlock the Christmas Spirit event running from late November until Christmas.

Many thanks for including the Jerome State Historic Park in this newsletter. We are very proud to be a part of this warm and friendly community in the Verde Valley and Jerome.

-Marc Mazzella, Park Manager, Jerome State Historic Park





The Jerome Historical Society is extremely grateful to the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation for the \$37,000 grant we were awarded. This will allow us to install a high efficiency heating and air conditioning system in our Mine Museum building.

We can now remove the swamp coolers from our museum, whose moisture takes a toll on our photos, documents and even the historic ceiling tiles. The Jerome Historical Society will be responsible for financing the balance of the cost of the new system, and its installation.

This historic structure was home to the Fashion Saloon in the mining days. After it was destroyed in the 1898 fire, the owner rebuilt it using reinforced concrete. Although this construction kept the building from being burned to the ground again, it has escalated the price of installing today's heating & cooling systems.

Due to the generosity and partnership of the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation, we can now take on this project and insure a stable environment for the Society's archives on display. Although our museum is small, it gives visitors a realistic understanding of our mining history. On average we have over 20,000 tourists visit per year.

JHS also wants to express its gratitude to all the locals who helped make this year's Ghost Walk a great success! We know your time and energy are precious, so it means a lot that you were willing to share it with us. Because of you, we can continue to tout our message: It's one of the few events where the participants have as much fun as the audience!

Hope to see you back again next



Jerome Library Community Art Workshops

**On Wednesday, Dec.3, from noon till 3:00pm,
we will be offering a whisk broom making class.**

Using assorted, brilliant colors of broom corn and African broom grass, students will create their own whisk type broom for sweeping in the New Year.

\$45.00 donation includes all materials. If you would like to sign up for this class, please reply to this email or call the library at **928-639-0574**.



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



Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the 3rd Annual Music & Art Festival! We couldn't do it without your help.



We're excited to announce Light Up the Mountain will take place **November 29th**. Come celebrate the season with us with live music, a light display, and an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus!



Mark your calendars for the Holiday Party & Potluck, **December 13th at Spook Hall from 5pm-8pm.**

This event is open to all residents, business owners, and employees so bring your tastiest treats and come celebrate this joyous time with your neighbors.

We'd like to welcome our newest chamber member, **The Miner's Café!**

New owners Linda and Robert are thrilled to be new members of the Jerome Community. They want to thank our locals for dining with them! Find them at 115 Jerome Ave serving up local favorites and daily specials from 7am-2pm. Or catch them around town offering a helping hand in nearly every community event that's been hosted in the last few months!

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

The Town's **Free Shuttle Service** is offering 2 Local's Only Trips on Wednesdays— the regularly scheduled trip at **9 AM** every Wednesday morning, and the optional 2nd run at **1 PM** by appointment.

If you will need to utilize the Wednesday afternoon, appointment only trip, please call the Shuttle Phone at: **928-821-0133**

Happy Holidays!

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11th
(Town Hall Closed)

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th
(Town Hall Closed)

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27th
(Town Hall Closed)

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1st
(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
Special Event celebrating local businesses



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

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