



# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January – February 2015

### AS THE EGG FRIES

Financially the Town is in pretty good shape.

The present staff is excellent, one of the strongest I've worked with.

But we have some interesting problems facing us. For example:

**This year's budget planned an attack on the collapsing wall across from the Spirit Room.**

Before the holidays, the Manager and I did an onsite inspection with Town staff, Shepherd-Wesnitzer (our engineers), Earth Resources, Inc. (who worked on recent nearby projects) and the Jerome Historical Society (supplying site maps and historical data). Several things became apparent.

First, the concrete wall (overlooking the horseshoe toss) has obviously shifted and is in the process of collapsing. But, historical maps and photographs show it is neither

the O'Keefe Building nor the T. F. Miller Building. Instead it seems to be what remains of a small, unnamed storage shed, which was squeezed between them.



Secondly, to salvage it would require excavating behind it, and moving it backward several feet while raising it on the low end (Main Street) to bring it to the horizontal. This would be complicated since it appears to be in several pieces and would need reworking like a jigsaw puzzle before being cemented together and buttressed into place.

All this would have to be done before addressing the crumbling wall facing the Conner Hotel. And that would have to be

done before reconstructing the Horseshoe Pit.

Peripheral problems complicate things. Extensive work might affect Clark Street, immediately above the site. ADOT is conscious of this, and watching.

Moreover, when the lower wall first collapsed on the parking lot, the matter was directed to the Design Review Board. DRB, considering the location and their mandate to protect Jerome's historical heritage, ruled that the leaning wall should be saved and restored. That ruling still stands.

Freeport-McMoRan has since given the Town a grant of over \$30,000 to restore the Horseshoe Pit. This was generous and appreciated, but obviously implies that the Town needs to come up with a new Pit in a timely manner.

But numbers floating around during our recent onsite meeting were ranging from \$100,000 up.

Council will consider this at their January meeting.

*Lew Currier*



**Town offices  
will be CLOSED  
on Monday, January 19 for  
Martin Luther King Day.  
Also, Monday, February 16  
for President's Day.**

**Trash will be  
picked up on the  
Tuesdays  
following.**



### Meeting Dates for January, February and March 2015

**Regular Council Meeting**  
January 13 at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
January 7 at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
January 12 at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
February 10 at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
February 4 at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
February 9 at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
March 10 at 7:00 pm

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March 4 at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
March 9 at 7:00 pm

## Manager's Dugout



Happy New Year! Here is a recap of the ordinances adopted by our Town Council during 2014:

**Ordinance 410** amended the Town's Zoning Ordinance to provide that **no individual may serve consecutively as Chair, or consecutively as Vice Chair, of our Planning & Zoning Commission or Design Review Board** for more than two one-year terms. The ordinance also provided that the member of the Planning & Zoning Commission who serves also as a member of the Design Review Board shall be designated annually by the Commission.

**Jerome residents are now eligible to purchase flood insurance.** This insurance had not been available to our residents in the past because the Town was not a



member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In order to join the program, it was necessary to adopt **Ordinance 411**, which delegated the responsibility of floodplain management with the Town to the Flood Control District of Yavapai County and adopted the

County's floodplain regulations. Jerome is now a member of the NFIP, and our residents are now able to purchase flood insurance if they choose to do so.

**Ordinance 412** clarified and strengthened the Town's ordinance regarding **loading zones**. The time limit provision, which had been difficult to enforce, was removed, and the ordinance now provides that no motor vehicle or trailer shall be parked in a loading zone

during the hours indicated **unless the vehicle or trailer is attended by a qualified driver and being actively loaded or unloaded.**

**Ordinance 413** added new regulations to the Town Code regarding **motor vehicle idling**. The new ordinance provides that, with certain exceptions, "no motor vehicle, and no trailers with auxiliary motors for ventilation or refrigeration, shall be parked upon the public streets or alleys of the Town of Jerome with the motors running unless attended by a qualified driver, and unless it is actively being loaded or unloaded." The ordinance does not apply to emergency or law enforcement vehicles, or idling that is necessary for equipment operation (such as refrigeration units), or to operating at idle in order to conform to manufacturer's warm up or cool down specifications, or to any vehicle when the outside temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.



Our entire Town Code and Zoning Ordinance are available on the Town's website at [www.jerome.az.gov](http://www.jerome.az.gov).

Wishing you each a wonderful 2015 ...

- Candace Gallagher

### Police Dispatch Number

For emergencies, always call **9-1-1**.

For all other situations, call police dispatch at **634-2245**.

### Jeroman to be on TV Challenge

*Ellen's Design Challenge*, HGTV's new furniture competition series, which was conceptualized by television icon and entertainment pioneer Ellen DeGeneres, is set to premiere Monday, January 26, at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT. The six-episode series features six competitors as they tackle ingenious challenges to sketch, design and build extraordinary furniture to avoid elimination. One of the six competitors is Jerome's own Tim McClellan from Western Heritage Furniture.

The competitors face design challenges that keep them on their toes and, since the clock is ticking, they are paired with an expert carpenter to help them complete the task at hand. In addition, each designer has access to a "build team" and a large workshop with all the tools they'll need to measure and construct their amazing furniture creations.

In 1994, Tim McClellan took over the old 14,000 square foot Mingus Union High School gymnasium in Jerome and opened Western Heritage Furniture, crafting furniture from old structures reclaimed from all parts of the United States. With McClellan's extraordinary designs and craftsmanship, Western Heritage Furniture has grown into a world-renowned custom furniture company. And now, as a participant on *Ellen's Design Challenge*, the HGTV audience is being introduced to McClellan's design expertise.



# Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



Happy New Year from the Jerome Fire Department! Just a friendly reminder to not leave your holiday lights up longer than 90 days.

## Annual Fire Extinguisher Service

The Jerome Fire Department, in conjunction with B&W Fire Security Systems in Prescott Valley, is again offering an inexpensive option for your annual fire extinguisher service. For a nominal fee of \$5 per fire extinguisher, a business or Jerome resident can have their fire extinguisher serviced. The service will be offered at the Jerome Fire Department on Wednesday, February 4, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

## Fire Abatement

During the winter months, vegetation is essentially bare so now is a good time to remove any vegetation in order to create a defensible space around your home. Help us help you! Remember, the burn pile is always available by calling the fire department during normal business hours. We will accommodate your request by unlocking the burn pile. Vegetation only, no 2x4's, plywood or any other milled wood.

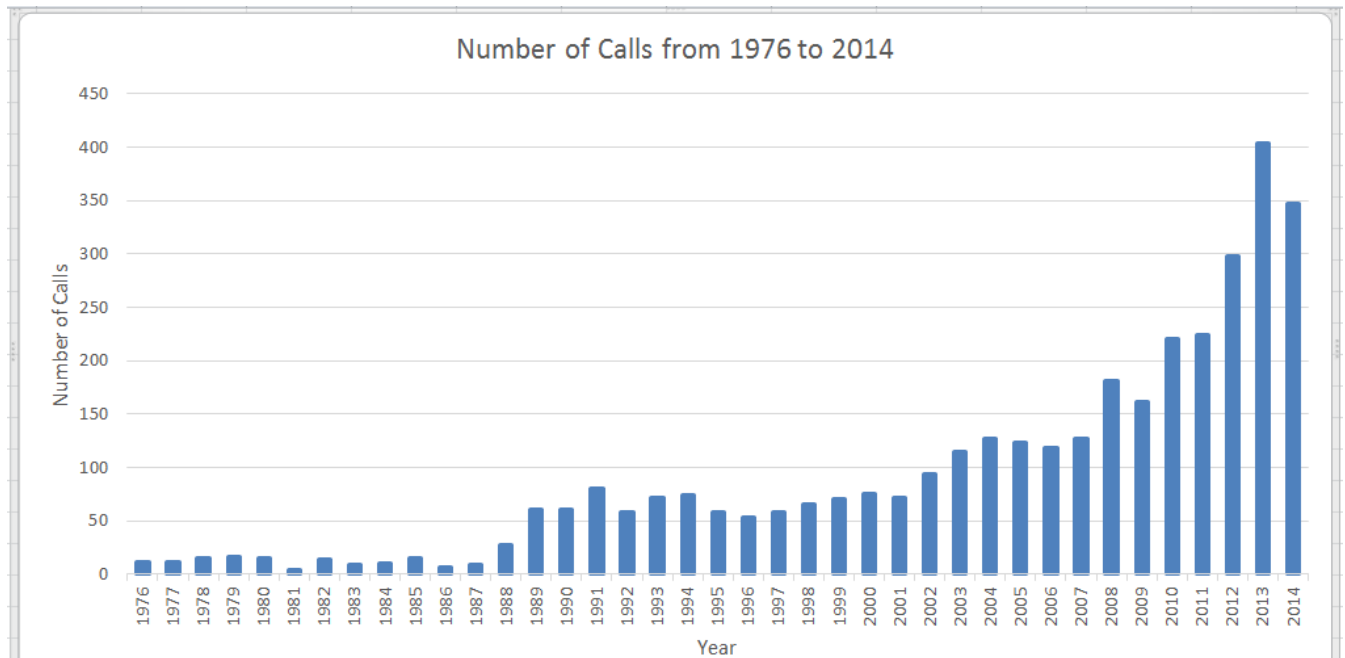
Please, remember:

- If there is an emergency, always call **9-1-1**
- If you have a water or sewer leak, contact public works at **928-634-7943**
- If you have a traffic-related event, please call Jerome PD at **928-634-2245**
- For all other matters, contact us at the Jerome Fire Department – **928-649-3034**.

**The Fire Department is always looking for new members for fire or EMS or both. Free training, cool t-shirts, and drive big trucks with red lights. 5:00 PM, every Thursday. Come on down and see what we do. Everybody is welcome.**

**If the fire and EMS doesn't interest you, but you would still like to help out, the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary is always welcoming new members as well!! Come join us!! If you wish to join, please contact Chief Blair at (928) 300-8701 or you can e-mail your interest to [blair@jeromefire.us](mailto:blair@jeromefire.us) or [jeromeauxiliarysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:jeromeauxiliarysecretary@gmail.com).**

**Thank you for your continued support.**



## **Thank You!**

Christmas! Isn't it amazing that I always seem to get caught up in the season?

In handing over the baton to other people, Fred and I would like to thank Mark, Richard, Karl, Gary, Kevin and Janet for their help in decorating the park this year. It looked great!

Also I would like to thank Lori and Nancy for helping to decorate Spook Hall and also Tom Lantz and Sammi

for taking the decorations down.

The holiday festivities were great this year and I want to thank all who volunteered their time to help make it that way.



**Diana Martin**



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## Why So Many Regulations?

*Al Sengstock, Zoning Administrator*

I hope that by continuing a dialogue with the citizens of Jerome, we may reduce the misunderstanding that exists among the general public. Many people believe that the various laws, codes, and ordinances are punitive being generated from some person or government's elevated opinion of how people should live, or if you prefer, behave. When in fact, our current regulatory condition has evolved

though a history based on real life consequences and experiences, which, as the result of public outcry, have demanded such regulation.

Building Safety Codes were enacted due to catastrophes stemming from dangerous construction practices resulting

in injury or death. Such real life disasters as the night club fire in the Midwest and the third story deck which collapsed during a party in Chicago, killing many people, are prime examples of why reasonable regulations must be a part of modern society.

Zoning Ordinances are a direct result of the public's demand for "protection" from non-regulated uses, which result in the diminishment of their health, safety, welfare, and property values. One of the very first "Zoning Codes" resulted from the first skyscraper built in New York City, which blocked out the sun from

surrounding farmers. History is filled with unhealthy or inappropriate uses that encroached upon residential or agricultural properties, resulting in, at the very least, an extreme public nuisance, or at the worst, life threatening pollution or other unhealthy consequences.

Fire Codes are probably the most obvious regulations stemming from such events as the Chicago Fire and other disasters from our past, and when you consider the age of many of our buildings, these codes may be some of the most pertinent.

Additional regulatory bodies resulting from public outcry, just to name a few, are the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

It is my belief that, when our citizens are well informed and understand the underlying purpose of our various codes and regulations, and although you may not be thrilled with the resulting requirements stemming from them, you

will at least realize the motive behind these regulations. I will continue to improve my effort to inform the citizens of Jerome; however, we strongly encourage all people affected

by our existing laws and codes to educate themselves, and to call or stop by should you have any questions.



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## From the Jerome Chamber of Commerce

We've had a great Holiday season. Diana and Fred Martin led the charge with beautifully decorating the park in lights. Scores of other elves also helped make, place and light the luminaries for Light Up the Mountain. The carolers came from Mingus Union High School and warmed the town with their good cheer. Polar Express was a terrific success as we hosted over 70 children and their families with hot chocolate, cookies and a good story. Thanks to Buddy and Joanne Chasteen for donning Mr. and Mrs. Claus garb and sharing Christmas cheer with the children who came to town for all the events.

The annual Town Dinner was great fun as many old and new faces came to share their dishes and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to the Town of Jerome, the Jerome Historical Society and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce for providing the meat. Special thanks to Grapes for cooking the Prime Rib and the Mile High



Grill for cooking the turkey and the ham.

Congratulations to the winners of the holiday decorating contest! Rickeldoris Candy shop came in first, the Kelly House second and Nelly Bly came in third. Thanks for all those who voted!

As outgoing President of the Chamber I would like to thank the fabulous community of Jerome and the businesses for making Jerome so special. Congratulations to Donna Chesler, the new Chamber President, who has been a devoted and active member for the last 10 years.

**Liz Gale**

## The Jerome Library – A Year in Review

- The 2014 Kids Art Workshop program hires a dynamic new director, Penelope Davis, and Council approves use of a room on the first floor of the Civic Center for KAW activities, as the old workshop needed extensive renovations.
- July 8 – Council approved a new service agreement with the Yavapai County Free Library District, changing long-standing policies of library service. The Jerome library now operates with the same agreements as all other town and city libraries.
- October 23 – A library Fundraiser, held at the Civic Center with Diane Rapaport, nets over \$1,000 in donations.
- November 22 – Our Kelly Roberge marries Charles Matheus. Congrats to the happy couple!

## The Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Statistical Report

- The library checked out 6,394 items and checked in 7,191. Also, many lost items were returned this year.
- Jerome patrons placed 1,379 holds and 1,947 items were sent to other libraries.
- The library added 29 new patrons, for a total of 433 current users.
- The Jerome library now owns 16,016 items.



Kathleen Jarvis

### JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

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COPY MACHINE \* SCANNER \* PRINTER

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Drawer I, Jerome, AZ 86331

<b>Sunday</b>	10 am – 2 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	Noon – 8 pm
<b>Monday</b>	10 am – 5 pm	<b>Friday</b>	Noon – 6 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon – 8 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	CLOSED
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 am – 5 pm		

## Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Or call for an appointment – library staff will be happy to open the Old Book Room for you.

## Treasures in the Old Book Room

The Jerome Public Library is fortunate to have the complete set of Sir Walter Scott's *Waverley* series, which he was said to have written to save his home, Abbotsford. Abbotsford is the home he had designed and built, near Melrose in the Scottish Borders. His most famous works include *Waverley*, *Rob Roy* and *Ivanhoe* and he is seen as a key figure in the development of the modern historical novel.



In 1825, a UK-wide banking crisis resulted in the collapse of the Ballantyne printing business, of which Scott was the only partner with a financial interest. The company's debts totaled £130,000. Rather than declare himself bankrupt, or to accept any kind of financial support from his many supporters and admirers (including the king himself), he placed his house and income in a trust belonging to his creditors, and determined to write his way out of debt. He kept up his prodigious output of fiction, including *Waverley*, as well as producing a biography of Napoleon Bonaparte, until 1831. By then his health was failing, but he nevertheless undertook a grand tour of Europe, and was welcomed and celebrated wherever he went. He returned to Scotland and, in September 1832, died in unexplained circumstances at Abbotsford. Scott died owing money, but his novels continued to sell, and the debts encumbering his estate were discharged shortly after his death.

Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford remains as one of the most famous houses in the world. Constructed on the ample



proceeds of a literary career without parallel, it reflects the mind, enthusiasms and preoccupations of the man who built it and can be

considered an enduring monument to the tastes, talents and achievements of its creator.



## 2014 Jerome Holiday Dinner



Photos courtesy  
of Beverly Reed

### Jerome Humane Society

As we sail into the new year, we would like to look back at 2014 with much gratitude and pride in our little town.

Because of your support, we were able to help many dogs and cats in 2014, with a combination of fine medical treatment, quality food and education. We have been lucky enough to find good safe homes for those in need. Thank you.

We would also like to welcome a bright new tech in training to the clinic. Terri Klein has been enthusiastically helping us for the last two months and we are happy to have her.

On reflection, we are especially happy to have placed Amber and Green Eyes in a wonderful permanent home. Whew!



long hair white male kitty named Polar... let him help you start your New Year off right.

So, in the new year, look for us every second and fourth Saturday at Olsen's in Clarkdale, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our adoption events. BTW, we currently have a very beautiful 6-month-old

**THANK YOU JEROME!**

#### Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (during clinic hours only)

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

### Greetings From Haven UMC

Dear Jerome friends and neighbors:

Haven United Methodist Church wants to thank everyone who contributed food for our food bank over the Christmas season. The support that we get from the Town of Jerome is invaluable to us and helps make our ministry possible. Thank you also to the town of Jerome for their generous monetary contribution. Haven UMC wants to be there to help



those in need, whether it be a need for food, clothing or for spiritual guidance or an uplifting of your spirit. Our Food and Clothing bank is open on Wednesday mornings and our worship services are at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Please call the church office or Pastor Janet, at 602-284-7045, if we can be of assistance to you.

We at Haven wish the whole town of Jerome a wonderful 2015!

**Janet Keffer**  
Pastor

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