

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January– February 2018

From the Mayor

This Time Last Year

Last January I wrote my first article for this publication titled *"This Time Next Year."* It was my attempt at setting expectations for what would be accomplished by this time the following year (as in right now). The goals from last year are in *italics* below, with the status of each goal below the italics.

Let's see how we did:

- ***Clean, Crystal Clear water every time we turn on the tap***
 - We did have some infused air in our water during a high flow period, but even with that, our water has run clean and clear all year long. Many thanks to our Public Works Department and our subcontractor in achieving this goal.
- ***No more, ugly, orange fencing***
 - All the fencing surrounding the slide area near the Sliding Jail is now gone.
- ***The deterioration of the Hotel Jerome has stopped, and our Jerome Citizen lead task force is working on ideas for revitalization***
 - With the installation of the new roof (USDA grant) the deterioration has been stopped... with great appreciation to our town staff for getting this grant, Councilmember Hunter Bachrach for his management and tenacity to see this project through to a successful completion, and to the Artists Co-op for their donations and fundraising efforts.
 - The revitalization plan for this historic treasure is not yet complete, so only a partial credit on this one.
- ***A sliding jail that is sliding no more***
 - What a transformation of this property by the Jerome Historical Society. Kudos to JHS!
- ***An understanding of what is going on with our water supply***
 - Our water flows have returned to normal after 3 years of reduced flows.
 - We have undertaken a water study and know now that our water:
 - Is a result of melting snow pack on top of Mingus.
 - Is up to 300 years old, meaning that the mountain holds up to 300 years of water at the current flow rate.
 - We have also undertaken 22 projects this year to revitalize, update and maintain our springs.
 - The Town Council and Staff review the water flows monthly.
- ***A mutually respectful and cooperative relationship with neighboring governments***
 - While somewhat a subjective goal, our relationships have improved.
 - We are working closely with NACOG (Northern Arizona Council of Governments), which is where we learned about the USDA grant that paid for the new roof on the Hotel Jerome, and are working with them on future grants for transportation, drainage and our water system.
 - Yavapai County restored our annual funding for flood control, which they had previously withheld.
 - Yavapai County has also given us a truck for Public Works plus two vehicles this year (actually we had to pay them \$1 for each).

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Meeting Dates for January, February and March 2018

Regular Council Meeting
January 9th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
Cancelled

Design Review Board
January 8th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
February 13th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
February 7th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
February 12th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
March 13th at 7:00 pm

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- The Jerome Water System was one of only eleven infrastructure improvement projects in Arizona forwarded by Governor Ducey to President Trump for his nationwide infrastructure program.
- We are also active in the following groups:
 - Verde Front
 - Verde Valley Homeless Coalition
 - GAMA (Greater Arizona Mayors Association)
 - Verde Valley Mayors, Managers, Supervisors and Tribe
 - Yavapai County Intergovernmental Association
- ***Our Public Works Departments knows where the pipes go, come from, which ones are live, when the regulators were last fixed, have as-built schematics (I could go on)***
 - This has been partially achieved.
 - We know when the regulators were last fixed, and we now have a schedule for inspection and maintenance for each regulator.
 - We know what parts are needed for the maintenance on each regulator and whether or not they are in stock.
 - A new management program has been implemented for Public Works that includes:
 - Inventory control
 - Inventory costing
 - Scheduled maintenance
 - Project costing
 - Our Public Works Department has a much better idea of where the pipes go, come from, and which ones are live or dead, but we still don't have an as-built for all of our water and sewer lines.
- ***No tax increases***
 - Achieved
- ***A shuttle service between the 300 level parking lot and downtown for tourists, employees, and business owners to help alleviate the congestion on Main, Hull, and Jerome***
 - Achieved
- ***Develop a long-term plan for our fire department. Our department is now running over 500 calls per year (as a point of reference, Clarkdale went to a full-time department when their call volume hit about 450 calls per year).***
 - Our Fire Department ran 560 calls in 2017, about a 10% increase over 2016 (which was also an all-time high).
 - The Town Council has modified our Town Code so that the Fire Chief does not have to be re-affirmed every two years, giving the Fire Department, the Town and the Chief greater stability and continuity.
- ***Can we stop the crazy rumors***
 - I will call this one a failure.
 - Attempts have been made to reduce the rumors around town through creating an environment of transparency:
 - Monthly "Coffee with the Mayor" meetings
 - Meetings with many Jeromans, while walking through the town, and at their request for one-on-one meetings
 - Attempted to gain Council approval to have live podcasts of our Town Council meetings, enabling those that are out of town, or perhaps cannot make it to Town Hall for the meeting, to participate in real-time
 - Published my cell phone number in every one of these articles
 - But the rumors continue.....
 - Did you hear the one about the new Casino coming to town?
 - How about the million-dollar kickback?
- ***After many years, the horseshoe pits are finally in operation again (as our esteemed Vice Mayor said in our last council meeting, "Can we please get something done?") Hear Hear.***
 - Achieved

How did we do? Out of these 12 achievement goals, it looks like:

- 9 were achieved
- 2 were partially achieved
- 1 was a failure

I will leave it up to you to determine your own letter grade on how we did. Many more things on the agenda...stay tuned for the next "Point of View." Call me any time: 928-499-8421

-Home Sweet Jerome-

Mayor Frank Vander Horst



Jerome Fire Department

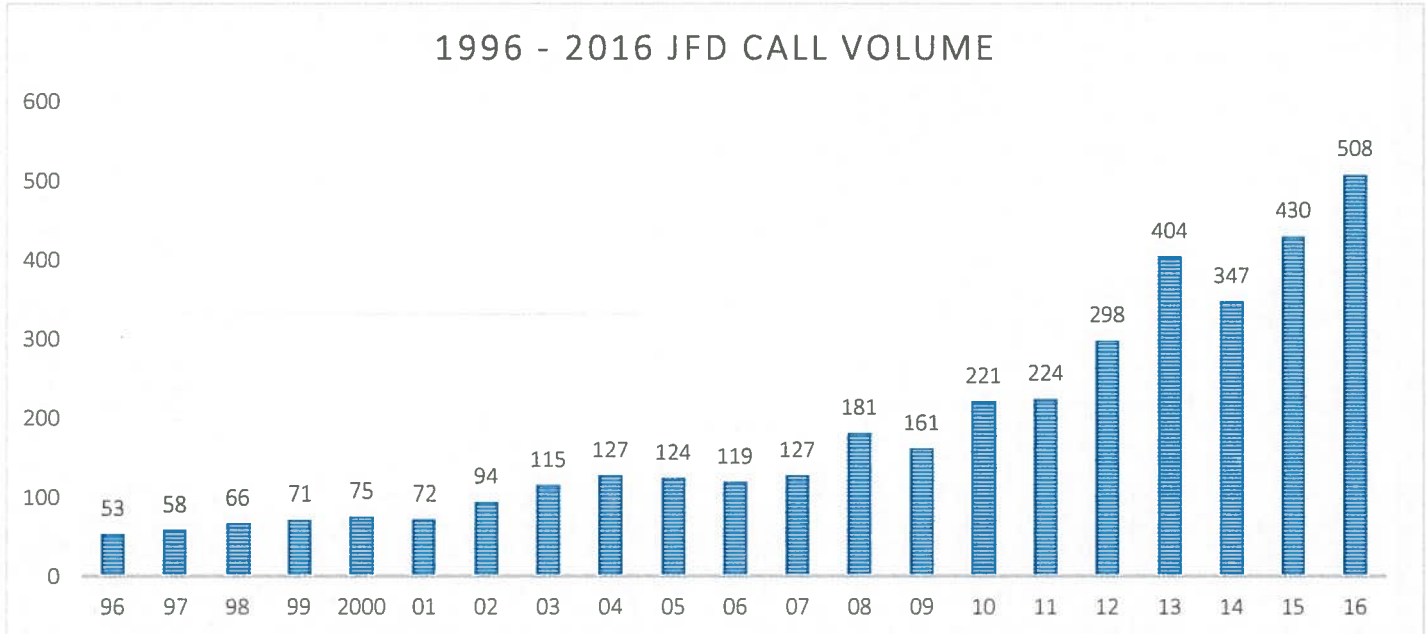
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December 2017 Newsletter



We have reached the end of 2017 with another record year for calls to service at 560 calls and about 93 other events such as Meetings, Trainings, Rope Rescue Trainings and work sessions. Jerome Fire Department has progressively become busier each year, demanding more and more from its personnel. Some of these calls can be very stressful and dangerous for personnel. So, I would like to take this time to thank all the Jerome Fire Department's personnel, who have taken the time out of their lives to go to college for EMT, Firefighter certifications and those who attended other trainings such as Rope Rescue, Wildland and many more trainings, so they can help you on your worst day. I would also like to thank all who show up to our regular training and those who respond to calls day or night 24/7.



In addition, Jerome Fire has been maintaining a three-man fuel abatement team, reducing fuel loads throughout Jerome. This program is in its second year and we have made great progress. This program has been funded thanks to grants provided by Yavapai County, State Forestry, Town of Jerome and Wildland money earned by sending our brush truck out to fires around Arizona, California and Idaho. The Town of Jerome was granted national recognition this year as a Firewise community thanks to these efforts.

Jerome Fire would like to thank all the residents who have also participated in fuel reduction on their properties, this helps us to be able to protect their homes and our personnel in the event of a fire. Please remember not to throw your unwanted fuels onto someone else's property: we have the burn pile available to residents at UVX Road and Beale Street. If you do need assistance with fuel removal or access to the burn pile, please contact Jerome Fire Department at 649-3034.

Please be aware that Jerome has not received any significant amount of moisture since September and we are in a high wildland situation, so be extremely cautious. With conditions the way they are now, we can expect a very active fire season this summer.

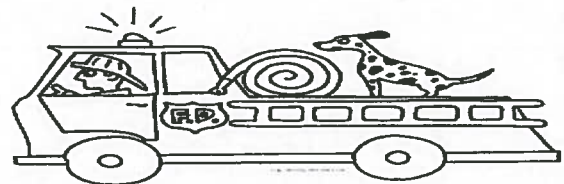
Annual Fire Extinguisher Service

The Jerome Fire Department in conjunction with Life & Property Safety are 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 Tuesday, February 13 beginning at 8am. The folks from Life & Property Safety will be at the Jerome Fire Department until 5 pm.

The Fire Department is always looking for new members for fire, EMS, and/or both. Free training, cool t-shirts, and drive big trucks with red lights. 5 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!!

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



Jerome Public Library

NEW Library Program in 2018

ARRRT for Everyone

Imagine a Kids Art Workshop for anyone of any age. A new library program designed to bring Art to everyone. Try new art ideas with local artists at your library. Monthly themes will be offered with workshops offered in Drawing, Painting, Bookbinding, Clay sculpture, Fiber Art, Mosaic and Stained Glass.

Supplies and workspace will be provided by The Jerome Library, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Jerome Kids Art Workshop. No fees, no age limits, age 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Signup sheets in the Library or by phone 928-639-0574.

The concept of ARRRT for Everyone is inspired by Leslie C. MacDowell "Sometimes Less is More"

It's that time! The **General Plan** will be reviewed by Council on February 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. There was a lot of work put into the revision of the General Plan, which is intended to guide growth and decisions affecting the future of the Town. The Town held community open house sessions to seek input, and the General Plan Steering Committee has recommended the plan. This is a collaborative effort that includes a variety of issues including historic preservation, land use, economic development, parks and open space and the quality of life that Jerome residents cherish. Please attend the Public Hearing. I look forward to seeing you there!

Kyle Dabney, Zoning Administrator

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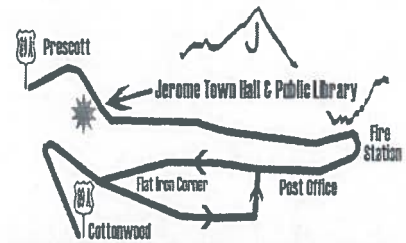
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Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 6 pm
		Saturday	Noon - 3 pm



Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Noon - 2:00 p.m.

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

Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

Did you know.....that you can donate your Jerome related photographs and documents to the JHS for historical preservation?

Recently we received a generous donation of such items from the family of Ralph Denison (1915-2010). Ralph was born and raised in Jerome and earned his machinist's certificate from Phelps Dodge before enlisting in the Navy. Ralph was also a survivor of Pearl Harbor having served on a vessel parked next to the USS Arizona. A few of the interesting items donated were his high school diploma, certificate of baptism from the Christ Church, and a handful of photographs of the Jerome boardwalk area and the UV apartments. Please help us in documenting and preserving our town's history by donating your photos and documents. You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com or by stopping by the Mine Museum at 200 Main Street (open 9:30am - 6pm, 7 days a week).

Your membership gets you:

- Free admission to the JHS Museums
- 15% off Gift Shop and On-Line Purchases
- Subscription to the Chronicle Newsletter
- One Free Hour of Research



Jerome Humane Society

Thank You from the Jerome Humane Society

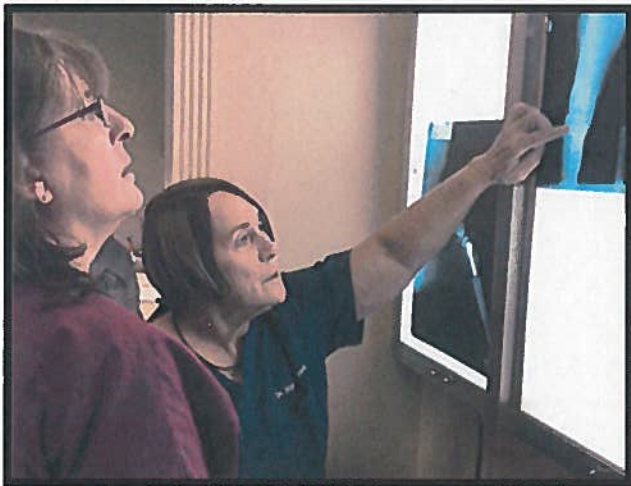
As another year closes, we'd like to express our deep gratitude for the many dedicated folks from Jerome and neighboring communities who show up so often, in so many ways to keep our animal welfare efforts going. Most recently, an intrepid army of volunteers came to help with our December flea market - loading, schlepping, setting up, breaking down, cashiering and cleaning for our cause. Our combined efforts made our December sale our highest-grossing fall flea market ever. Thank you one and all!

Winter and Outdoor Pets

For animals who don't have shelter from the cold, this time of year can mean suffering and sickness. If you can't keep your pets inside, be sure to provide them with a warm, solid shelter with thick, dry bedding, and access to fresh, non-frozen water. And, remember! Outdoor pets need more food in the winter to help them generate body heat to stay warm. If you see an animal suffering in the bitter cold without appropriate shelter, please notify the Jerome police department immediately.

Yes, Virginia, there IS an X-Ray that's digital!

You probably know that Dr. Virginia Kennaway and team perform in-house X-rays at the clinic every week for clients, but did you know they're still done the old-fashioned way - using film? Film is messy, slow, environmentally unfriendly and a difficult task for technicians, so this year we've set our sights on upgrading to a refurbished digital X-ray machine. Please take a moment and visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/jeromehumanesociety/ to learn more, make a donation, or to "share" our post to spread the word.



And Happy 2018!

The Jerome Humane Society is gearing up to make 2018 our best year of service yet. We wish everyone a year of peace, good-boy pets, happy purrs, safe play and healthy prosperity!

Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (during clinic hours only)
Appt. Phone: 639-1341

The Window Girl Report



For this issue of *Point of View*, I had the pleasure of interviewing a true Jeroman, a genuine native of our vibrant little town. You've probably seen him on Main Street, talking to the tourists or visiting with other locals. He's a walking, historic treasure. See if you can guess who I'm talking about.

This friendly fellow was born in his home in Jerome in 1938. At a young age, he started working for the mine in the machine shop; his father was a miner. When the mine closed he moved to Ajo, then soon joined the service and was stationed in Germany where he went to school at night and eventually earned his BA. At the end of six years, he returned to Ajo and worked as a locomotive engineer in the mines for ten years. He eventually came back to Jerome to take care of his mother in the 1980s.

He's got four sisters and a brother, and two nieces and three nephews. He's an avid reader of history and geography, and likes hanging out with his cat, Einstein. He doesn't watch TV, but he likes listening to KYBC out of Cottonwood and our very own Gulch Radio. He frequents the Mile High and Su Casa (Mexican food is his favorite). What he likes most about Jerome is the climate and the view, but he also likes the people. "We have a great community and we want to keep it that way," says this kindhearted gentleman.

—Rosa Cays

Hi Jeromees,
The 11th Edition of **THE JEROME BOOK** is now available at the Library. Come and get your copy!

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