



# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

July – August 2017

### Manager's Dugout

### NEW PERSONNEL!



You may have noticed some changes here at Town Hall lately.

**Peggy Tovrea** has retired and has been replaced by **Rosa Cays**. Rosa is the lovely voice you will (usually) hear when you call Town Hall, and she will be handling utilities, front desk work and business licensing, among other things.

**Jen Julian** left us recently to accept employment in Clarkdale. **Charlotte Page** has taken over Jen's duties as Planning and Zoning administrative assistant.

The vacant spot on our Public Works crew has been filled by **Lyle Keith**. Some of you may remember Lyle, as he worked on our crew several years ago.

Lyle is very knowledgeable about our water system, and it's great to have him back on board.

The position previously occupied by **Becky Cretti** has not been advertised yet, but we will be doing so very soon. If you have an accounting background and are interested in working for the Town, watch for a posting in the near future.

WELCOME to all of our new employees!

Candace Gallagher

**For your consideration:** A draft of *The Town of Jerome General Plan 2017* can be found on our website under Planning and Zoning located under the Departments tab or at the following link: [http://www.jerome.az.gov/uploads/2017GENERALPLANPRESENTATION\\_sm.pdf](http://www.jerome.az.gov/uploads/2017GENERALPLANPRESENTATION_sm.pdf). Please take the time to peruse the document and if you have any suggestions or comments you can contact Kyle Dabney, our Zoning Administrator, at [k.dabney@jerome.az.gov](mailto:k.dabney@jerome.az.gov) or call him at 928-634-7943. Thank you for your time.

Dear Jerome Friends:

**Haven United Methodist Church** of Jerome is happy to welcome their new Pastor, Jonathan Wesley Hall. John is moving to the Verde Valley from Pennsylvania and he will be serving both Haven UMC and Mountain View UMC, Cottonwood.

Come and welcome Jerome's new pastor at our worship service on Sundays at our new time of 8:30 a.m. beginning the first Sunday of July.



Hi Jeromees,

We are currently working on the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the JEROME BOOK.

Please let us know if there are any changes to your listing or if you are new in town. Lots of folks are eliminating their landlines and using only cell phones.

The best way to get the info to me is email: [thejeromebook@gmail.com](mailto:thejeromebook@gmail.com)

Or, if you don't email, call 928.634.2876.

Thank you,  
Nancy W.

### Meeting Dates for July, August and September 2017

#### Regular Council Meeting

July 11th at 7:00 pm

#### Planning & Zoning

July 5th at 7:00 pm

#### Design Review Board

July 10th at 7:00 pm

#### Regular Council Meeting

August 8th at 7:00 pm

#### Planning & Zoning

August 2nd at 7:00 pm

#### Design Review Board

August 7th at 7:00 pm

#### Regular Council Meeting

September 12th at 7:00 pm

#### Planning & Zoning

September 6th at 7:00 pm

#### Design Review Board

September 11th at 7:00 pm

## Accountability

It is another beautiful morning in Jerome – **no place I'd rather be!**

Lots of things have happened since our last conversation:

- **Rosa Cays and Charlotte Page** are a welcome addition to our dedicated town hall staff.
- Our auditors presented the results of last year's financials and not a single item, minor or major, was found. It was a completely clean audit, which is about as rare in government as the sighting of the legendary unicorn. **GREAT JOB Candace and Joni!**
- Water restrictions are currently not in place as our water flows continue to be strong, with lots of overflow. **Tyler Christensen** continues to make excellent progress in managing and cleaning up issues with our springs. He also made a great presentation to the Town Council on the status of our upstream water system.
- Speaking of our water system, Candace and I were contacted by a reporter from a national magazine that covers governmental funding. It seems that Governor Ducey has submitted a list of 11 Arizona infrastructure projects to the President, and the Jerome water system is one of the eleven. Based on the presentation given by Tyler, our water system certainly needs a lot of help. What is so strange is that no one from the Governor's office ever contacted anyone at town hall about this. If any of you know how we got on this list, please let us know.
- The ugly plastic fencing around the Sliding Jail area is gone! Thank you Jerome Historical Society.
- The Town of Jerome has a new "Plumber's Truck" donated to us by Yavapai County. This sorely needed 2003 Chevrolet is replacing a 1970s vintage Dodge. Many thanks to **Yavapai County Supervisor Randy Garrison** for his help in getting this done.
- Thanks to all of you who have joined me for "Coffee & Expectations." The next one will be announced shortly.

**Now onto the subject of accountability:** Your council has now completed the first third of our current term. Normally, the only time you have the opportunity to give anonymous feedback to the council is at election time. I believe it is important for your council to know how you think we are doing. Therefore, in the next 30 days I will be implementing a 360/degree evaluation of your town council. The purpose of this evaluation is to determine whether or not we are meeting your needs and expectations, and if we are not, what do we need to change.

The individuals that I will be requesting evaluations from are:

- All Jeromans
- Department heads
- Business owners
- Other local governmental agencies
- The Town Council will also be completing a self-evaluation

The factors in this evaluation will focus on the following areas:

- Fiscal responsibility
- Transparency and openness
- Communication
- Relationships
- Priority setting
- Ability to make things happen and get things done
- There will also be an area on the survey where you can tell about anything else you want us to know

Three things I would like to emphasize:

1. This is an evaluation of the entire Town Council, not any individual member.
2. The survey will be completely anonymous. Tell us what you really think.
3. The results of the evaluation will be a public document and will be published in an upcoming edition of this newsletter.

If you have ideas on what you think should be specifically addressed in this evaluation, please let me know. My number is 928-499-8421 and my email address is [coppertownusa@outlook.com](mailto:coppertownusa@outlook.com).

**HOME SWEET JEROME – No place I'd rather be.**

Frank Vander Horst

Mayor

## Jerome Fire Department

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E-mail: [blair@jeromefire.us](mailto:blair@jeromefire.us)

### July 2017 Newsletter



#### Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Please note the restrictions as follows:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove other than in a developed campsite or picnic area is prohibited. Exemptions include persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
- Smoking is prohibited unless it is within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site/improved site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- The discharge or use of any kind of fireworks or incendiary devices is prohibited.
- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch devices with an open flame is prohibited.

#### Please remember No Fireworks!

This should go without saying, but Jerome Town Code 10-2-2 bans the use of fireworks. Remember, this includes sparklers, bottle rockets, glow worms, etc. Bottle rockets are outlawed in the state of Arizona.



Fourth of July Parade The Jerome FD and the Kids Art Workshop will once again be putting on a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Please take some time and come out to support our children!



#### Wildland Firefighting

Bob Bouwman and Jasper Lanning were dispatched to the Boundary Fire in the Flagstaff area on June 13<sup>th</sup> and are expected to be there for at least 21 days.

Johnny Braden was dispatched with another crew to the Highline Fire on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Record Heat

Jerome residents are no strangers to hot temperatures in June and July. We just wanted to remind you that the Jerome Fire Station is considered a "Cooling Station." Contact Chief Blair at 928-300-8701 if you are needing a break from the heat.

-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 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 JVF

Greetings everyone,

In 1967 Jerome was designated as a National Landmark among approximately 2500 others. We are unique and it is rare that an entire town get that designation. Protecting our character is essential in order to keep our status. We have rules and regulations in place for a reason and there are times when those rules need to be reviewed. Specifically speaking, losing dilapidated structures to collapse or demolition because of health and safety hazards can severely impact our designation and the town can't afford to lose that status. I have reviewed our dangerous buildings code extensively and find that the reason nothing has been done in the past relates to a "reasonable amount of time" to correct situations. I believe that "a reasonable amount of time" is too subjective and leads us into a decision process that may seem unfair or unjust to others.

I have drafted an amendment to help structure that ordinance for "dangerous buildings," giving us an exact, reasonable amount of time to correct situations. My suggestion is to simply "save" these structures from collapse. The drafted amendment will be reviewed by Council. This should be a user-friendly approach and violations are a last resort as well as demolition. I want you to feel comfortable making an appointment with me to discuss your options. I am not asking you to break the bank as dictated in the cartoon, but to abate the nuisance, clean up the yard, repair windows, keep the water out, etc. The inside of a home is not nearly as important as the outside, particularly if it is vacant.

Kyle Dabney



**Jerome Chamber of Commerce News**

- **Free Tourist Shuttle** – Signs are up and Lenny is on the move! Businesses are encouraged to use the service to help free up downtown parking when possible.
- **Visitor's Center** – The improvements are showing and are getting close to completion! We are still looking for volunteer help Tues – Thurs from 11am-3pm.
- **The 52<sup>nd</sup> Home & Building Tour** – The event went very well with no snake bites!
- **Special (Tour) Thankyou Notes to:**
  1. Citizens and business Owners, Town of Jerome, Jerome Historical Society, Police and Fire Departments for helping make another year successful.
  2. Gold King Mine, Freeport McMoRan and Eric Lerette for helping us make the boardwalk a little safer for the event.
  3. Home and building owners on tour and all volunteers – You are the Best!!!

Please let us know if you have an interest in volunteering or joining and becoming more involved. The JCC meets the first Friday of each month – upstairs at the Jerome Fire Station @ 8:30am.

Kevin Savage – JCC President  
(info@jeromechamber.com)

Keep the kiddos creative and out of the heat this summer at the JEROME KIDS ART WORKSHOP!

Summer Sessions Schedule: Monday through Thursday, From 10 AM to 12 PM on June 26<sup>th</sup> thru June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> thru July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> thru August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Workshop is located below Town Hall, above the Humane Society.

Ages 6 and up. Free for children and relatives of Jerome residents and for those employed in Jerome. \$10 a day for out of towners.

For more information, feel free to contact workshop coordinator Penelope at (928)708-9674.

Big thankyou to all who have donated time, energy, and \$ to keep this workshop open for over 30 years!

**Jerome's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July PARADE!**

**Parade kicks off at 10am.**

Find a spot on the steps early or join the parade! Everyone is welcome to march!

- Own a local business? Make a banner and pass out coupons or samples.
- Hey Locals: Decorate your car, bike, golf cart, donkey, Grampas wheelchair. Put on your old Halloween Costume, whatever you wish... use your imagination. It's Jerome! Feel Free to let your freak flag fly!

Meet up behind Jerome Fire Station promptly at 9:30 am to participate. See ya there!

Art is everywhere in Jerome; musicians, painters, photographers, sculptors, furniture, glass and jewelry designers, Ghost Walk performers, Halloween costume creators, kaleidoscope engineers, etc. There's also a treasure trove of vintage artwork waiting to be discovered at The Old Book Room on the third floor in Town Hall. I'm volunteering there on Wednesdays from 12-2 (or by appointment) and in less than a month, I've been spellbound by the illustrations inside randomly selected classics such as *The Three Musketeers*, *Rob Roy*, *The Yearling*, *The Jungle Book* and a February, 1882 issue of *Harper's New Magazine*.

These inspirational artists not only enhance the written word and draw you into the books, but they can tempt you to learn more about their careers. Edward Shenton (1895-1977), who "decorated" Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Yearling*, with his evocative woodcuts, was also an author, poet, editor and teacher. He illustrated over a hundred juvenile fiction books as well as works by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Thomas Wolfe and William Faulkner. Shenton wrote articles and poems for *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Colliers*, *The New Yorker* and *Atlantic Monthly*. In addition, he produced two enormous murals in Brittany, France commemorating D-Day.

Of course, there's more than just literature in The Old Book Room. There are magazine collections, reference material, indigenous culture, plays, historic Jerome photos, biographies, maps, poetry, periodicals, children's books and much more. The atmosphere is meditative and slightly tinged with that nostalgic aroma of ink on paper. - Michael Gallagher

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Sunday	10 am - 2 pm	Wednesday	10 am - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 7 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 6 pm
		Saturday	Noon - 3 pm

**Old Book Room Hours**

Tuesday & Thursday      Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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

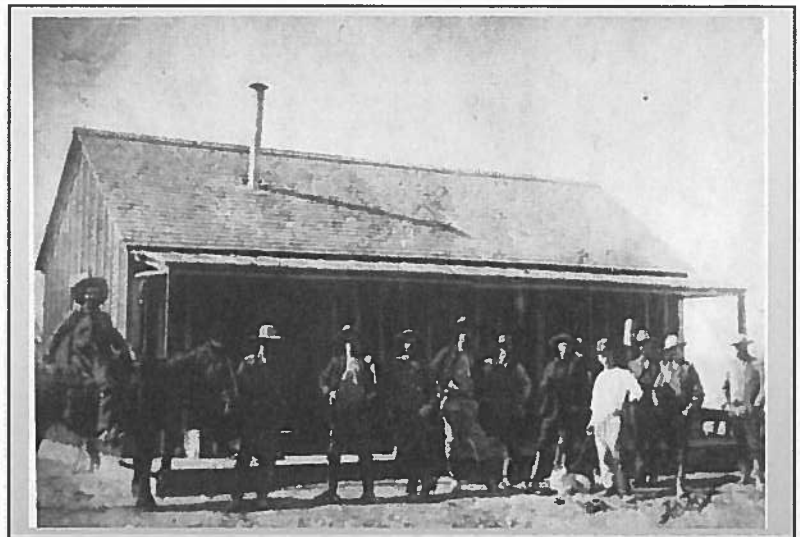
**Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society**

*Did you know*.....that Jim Roberts was an active participant in the infamous Pleasant Valley War between the Graham and Tewksbury clans in what is now Young, Arizona? So before he became *Marshall Jim Roberts* in Jerome he was a gun hand siding with the Tewksbury faction and suspected in more than a few killings. He was known for being tough, deadly, and not a person to be taken lightly.

You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at [www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com](http://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

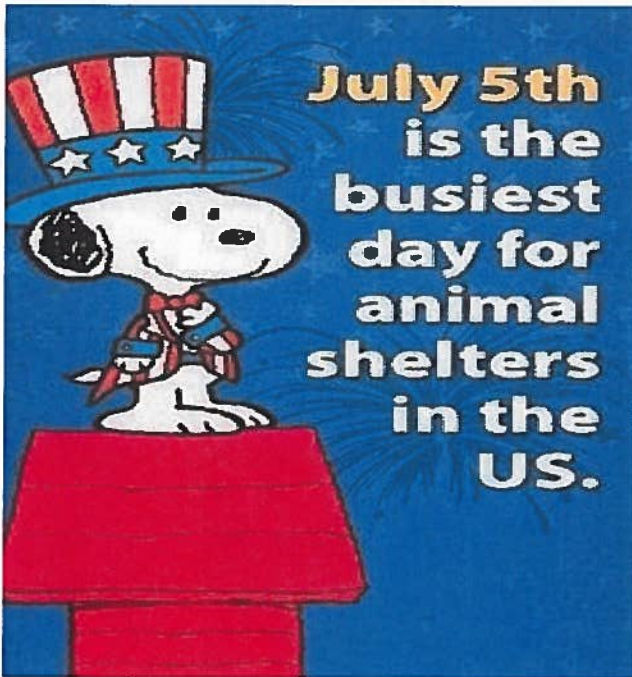
THANK YOU JEROME! The World's Greatest Flea Market brought in over \$10,000! Thanks to your donations and buying power we will be able to continue providing Jerome pets with a world-class vet clinic. A huge THANK YOU to the army of volunteers who make it all possible. Our next Flea Market will be in November - perfect timing for Christmas!

JEROME "WILD THINGS" seeking a home: Two cats, originally trapped as kittens in Jerome are now three years old, fixed and looking for a nice home. Boogie and Boo are quite shy. They enjoy cat encounters and have not been tested with dogs or kids. Boogie is a tri-colored boy who enjoys sunny windowsills. Boo, a sweet girl, is black with silky-soft fur. If you know of a home for these darling siblings, give JHS a call.

A NEW LAW (HB2494) says you can now smash a window and rescue a child or animal locked in a car. We are fortunate in Jerome to have a very responsive and caring Police Department. They will quickly rescue pets and bring them to JHS for treatment. Call them at 928-634-8992.

IF YOU ACT: Make sure the vehicle is locked and the animal is suffering. Use no more force than necessary. Remain with the child or animal until the police arrive.

Are you leaving pets home in a too-hot house? If so, please call the JHS for assistance: 928-235-5960.



Fourth of July is no fun for pets. Please check your fencing, pet identification and keep them indoors during fireworks.

### Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon – 5:00 p.m.  
Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (during clinic hours only)  
Appt. Phone: 928-235-5960 (New Number)

# Raise the Roof!

Many thanks to so many members of the community who have already donated to the Jerome Artists' Cooperative Gallery's fundraiser to save the roof of the Hotel Jerome! We are so encouraged by your support and invite all Jerome residents and friends to join us on:

**Saturday, July 29 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Jerome Artists Cooperative Gallery**

for food, beverages, music by the Jerome Ukulele Orchestra, and fun as we have a silent auction and raffle to raise money for this worthy cause. Our building, celebrating 100 years this year, is desperately in need of a new roof. With your help, we are sure to be able to preserve this Jerome landmark. This is a great opportunity to get some wonderful artwork and other goodies donated by our local artists and businesses. Come early and get your bids in!

If you have a donation and haven't been contacted yet, please call Janet at 602-290-7760.



### Police Dispatch Number

For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.

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

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