

# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

March – April 2017

*From the Mayor*

### Coffee and Expectations

Good Morning Jerome! It is once again early in the morning and with my first cup of coffee I am looking forward with great expectations to the sunrise, and the rest of the day that will follow it. Many of you have a big day ahead of you, and I do as well. Today I leave early to visit clients in Tucson and Bisbee, and then home to Jerome for a council meeting tonight.

Thanks to all of you for your comments, both positive and not so positive, on my article in the last issue titled "This Time Next Year." Most of your comments were positive. Unfortunately, the comments that were not so positive were all received secondhand, not giving me the opportunity to address them. Most of those not so positive comments were of the same general genre, so I'd like to address them here.

"Yes, I know this is Jerome, and yes, it is my expectation that we will have clean, crystal clear water 365 days a year."

If you read "This Time Next Year," you know some of my expectations, but I still don't know yours. Hence, the title of this article – "Coffee and Expectations." A couple of times a month I will be sitting down at one of our fine dining establishments waiting for you to join me for a cup of coffee (tea, soft drink) to let me know what is on your mind. The agenda is yours, and the tab is mine.

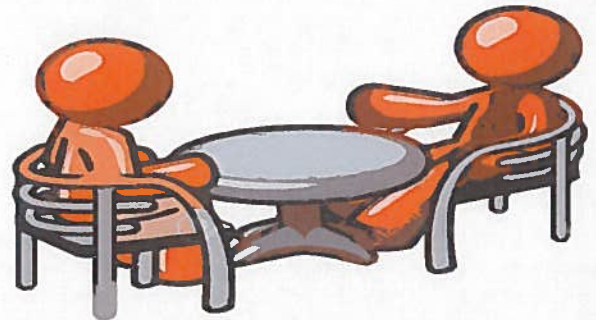
The time and location of these will be posted on our town web site and Facebook page (thank you Candace). The first "Coffee and Expectations" will be Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Mine Café. This is your town, and it is your ideas, your expectations, your hopes, and your dreams that get you up and going every morning.

Yo tambien.

I really hope you won't leave me sitting alone.

-Home Sweet Jerome-

*Frank Vander Horst*



#### Meeting Dates for March, April and May 2017

**Regular Council Meeting**  
March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
March – Cancelled

**Design Review Board**  
March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## From the Police Chief:

Lately there seems to be some confusion concerning contacting the police, and I would like to clarify the process again.

1. If it is an emergency, call 911, if you are unsure, call 911. I would rather you call 911 and err on the side of caution than delay potential critical resources from the scene.
2. If it is not an EMERGENCY but you need a police car to respond, or need to speak to an officer within a short period of time, call dispatch at 928-634-2245, that number is manned 24/7, and in the event we don't have an officer on duty, they will call the "on call" officer or me so we can deal with the problem. Please remember, we are not billed for each call to dispatch, we pay a single lump annual sum.
3. If you want to leave us a message, want to talk to somebody but time is not critical (remember we can have a day when nobody goes to the office) or provide us with a complaint that is not time sensitive, call our office and if somebody doesn't answer, leave a message. Again, remember the office is not staffed 24/7, and there are periods when it may be a day before somebody checks the answering machine.
4. While I do not mind people calling my cell phone (the Town does not pay for my phone), remember if you call me with an emergency, and I am not on duty or in town, I then just have to do what I have stated above in items #1 or #2, this causes significant delays in response. It is not that I personally mind the call, it is just that it interferes with a timely response in an emergency. Please, if the matter is time sensitive, follow the procedure! Any other times you want to call me, please feel free to do so, just understand that I too may be out of town, off duty, or out of cell range.
5. Do not call Chief Blair for police matters, because he then has to call me, and I may have to call somebody else, significantly slowing response times.

REMEMBER, if it is a POLICE, FIRE, or MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 911! If you are unsure, call 911!

All of our numbers are in the regular phone book, the Jerome phone book, the monthly town newsletter and on the office answering machine.



Respectfully,

**ALLEN L. MUMA, CHIEF**

Dear Jerome Friends:

March 1<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday...the beginning of the season of Lent. This is a time when those of us at Haven UMC experience a time of introspection and renewal.

As the weather warms and the trees and flowers start to bloom I hope that you too will experience a time of growth and new hope.

Haven will celebrate Lent with an Ash Wednesday service at noon on March 1<sup>st</sup> and then we begin our preparations for Easter. Our Easter Sunrise Service this year will be on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. Our traditional Easter service will be at 9:00 a.m. and we will serve brunch between the services, and following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at the home of Joan E., across the street from the Church.

Please know that you are welcome at any or all of our worship services during this special season.

Blessings on all of you,

Janet Keffer, Pastor  
Haven United Methodist Church





## Jerome Fire Department

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



### March 2017 Newsletter

### Firewise Community Day, Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>

The Jerome Fire Department will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Firewise Day on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm at the Jerome Fire Department station. We have decided to host it in conjunction with the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. This is a dedicated day where folks in the community can focus their efforts on creating defensible space around their home or business by eliminating dried fuels like leaves, twigs and branches. Also, any dead growth including some live paradise trees that may need to be thinned in order to create defensible space.

We will have educational literature available as well as some folks from other Firewise Communities in the Verde Valley. The Jerome FD will also be offering hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas and water. Also, we will have music in the morning by Jerome's own Ukulele Orchestra as well as entertainment for the kids from 11 am until 2 pm by Bobo the clown. Bobo will be offering face painting and balloon animals. We hope to see you there!

#### Burn Pile

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.

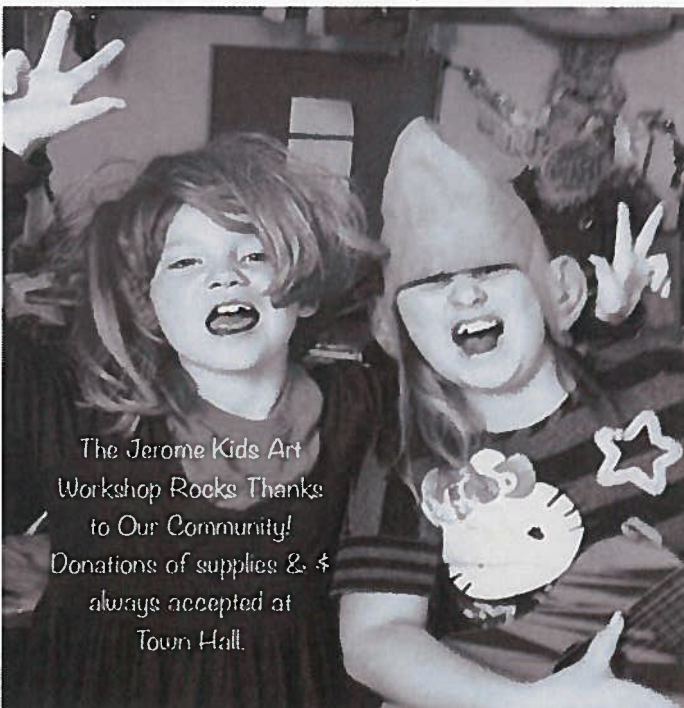
#### Public Service & Public Works

Please remember if you have a water or sewer leak, contact **public works at 928-634-7943.**

Or if you have a traffic related event, please call **Jerome Police Department at 928-634-8992.**

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, 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 JVFD



The Jerome Kids Art Workshop Rocks Thanks to Our Community! Donations of supplies & \$ always accepted at Town Hall.



### Public Works

We are continually dealing with clogged sewer lines. Please do not flush any items other than toilet paper and human waste.

Please remember garbage cans should not weigh more than 40 pounds when full. Also, it is helpful to have your address on your cans.



Greetings everyone,

I would like to thank everyone who has been supportive of my role here as your new Zoning Administrator. I am enjoying my time with you and the town - I would also like to include my new representation of the town for both Transportation and Hazard Mitigation planning. I am currently working with government entities which will give the Town opportunity for Federal Transportation Grants and other funding as well.

Concerning our wonderful town, please be sure to stop by or call and ask me about any renovations or construction that you deem necessary for your personal projects. If I can help you reach your personal goals in town, I will, of course, through due process and the law. As I mentioned, I have been adapting to the town quite well and will be walking around frequently to get the best picture I can for the town. This helps me understand what fits in well with Jerome and also gives me an idea of what not to do. Awareness of our historic image is very important and we should all be concerned with the decisions we make for changes on that image. Concerning historic homes, it is important for me to review each project based not only on historic design standards, but also by blending your individual right to protect and maintain your property. There are times when design may have to give way to safety requirements. Such might apply to replacing railings, stairways, porches or decks as an example. Always remember to consider and discuss building safety requirements with the building inspector.

Finally, I will be making trips around town dealing with business licensing - if you have a new business, of course you will need to apply for a license and just as well, if your license is up for renewal you will need to apply for that. I work closely with the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector signing off on a business license. I look for change of use, sign changes or other display issues and for new licensing, I look for things like a change in floor plans, a change in use from the previous business, parking, and obviously signage for the new business, which will require a separate application for sign approval through the Design Review Board. They are for your benefit to ensure that all businesses are in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

As always, my door is open and I welcome your stopping in to say hi or to help you with your needs.

*Kyle Dabney*

### **Jerome Chamber of Commerce News**

- Jerome now has **Free Shuttle Service**, Thanks to our Town Council & Manager! Jerome's own driver, Lenny Bloch, is transporting tourists from the 300 level parking, with **eight designated stops**, strategic to Jerome, from one end of town to the other. **Saturdays & Sundays + Holidays from 11am-6pm**. Businesses are encouraged to use the service to help free up downtown parking when possible. Looking for **Volunteer Driver(s)** for other days during the busier season.
- **Local First** organization conducted a **Social Media Workshop** for the JCC. It was held at Spook Hall and was well attended and most informative!
- **The 52<sup>nd</sup> Home & Building Tour** is in the works and we need your help solidifying buildings and homes to put on the tour. Once again, it is in jeopardy of not happening. This fundraiser provides our annual budget. Please help us help not break this 50+ year tradition! 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](mailto:info@jeromechamber.com))



## TREASURES IN THE OLD BOOKROOM

## Jerome Public Library

If you grew up in the 1950's like I did, one of the treats was a new copy of *Life* or *Look* magazine. I was thrilled to see all the bound volumes of magazines in The Old Book Room. The first magazine was published in Germany in 1663. The British published *The Gentleman's Magazine* in 1731. In 1850 *Harpers* was first published in the U.S. Today it is the second oldest magazine in the America. In 1862, the English published *London Society*, light and amusing literature for the hours of relaxation, and it was richly illustrated. We have 15 beautiful volumes of *London Society* from 1862 till 1880. Their leather bindings are a bit worn, their gold leaf a little faded, but they are treasures!



### Jerome Library Spring Book Sale

Entire Month of April

We are currently accepting book donations for the sale!

### JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

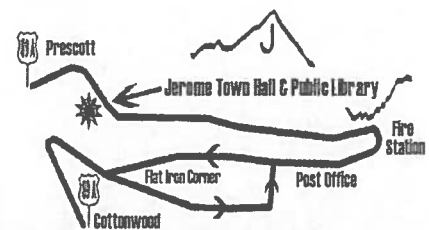
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Sunday 10 am - 2 pm    Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm  
Monday 10 am - 7 pm    Thursday 10 am - 7 pm  
Tuesday 10 am - 7 pm    Friday Noon - 6 pm  
Saturday Noon - 3 pm



### 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 the first Chinese child ever born in Jerome was a New Year's Day baby? That's right, little Miss Doo Fook was born on New Year's Day in 1920. A real "first" on the First. Life was certainly not easy for the Chinese in the early days of Jerome, but hopefully, Miss Fook's good fortune of being born on New Year's Day brought her and her family good luck. The attached photograph is of some other Chinese citizens of Jerome during the same period.

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



**SAVE THE DATE:** The Jerome Humane Society's AMAZING FLEA MARKET will be unleashed on Memorial Day Weekend. So mark your calendars and remember, we are accepting donations of good stuff.

**Marge Update:** Marge is recovering well from her broken hip and will be back with us soon. Thanks to all the well-wishers.

**Money Matters:** We are coming of age technologically! Donations are now accepted on both our Facebook and Web pages via Pay Pal (Facebook Jerome Humane Society/ Jerome Humane Society.org) We are also receiving FREE MONEY from Amazon Smile. If you shop online, please check out this opportunity. We are now able to accept credit cards at the clinic through the Square. Aren't we something?

**Medical Tip:** if your pet is suffering from severe diarrhea, get them to a vet right away. However, if she just got into something she shouldn't (like our own Cricket dog) and has loose bowels, there's a terrific recipe for that. Combine white rice, broth and pumpkin (from a can is fine) and/or green beans for fiber. A few days on the rice diet should make them good as new. Plus, it tastes great! Right Cricket?

Hi friends, I'm Pippy and I'm looking for the perfect home. I'm a young Staffie-Dalmatian mix about 3-4 years old. I'm a super-active dog and if you throw me a ball I will bring it right back and love you forever. My dream is a big, active family with a nice fenced yard. Would you please be my family? I'm waiting for you at the Verde Valley Humane Society. 928-634-7387.



You know you're having a bad day when you look in the mirror and see those flashing red lights. That is what many call an "Oh Crap" moment. The Officer approaches the vehicle and you keep your hands on the steering wheel or in plain sight. "License, registration and insurance," he/she says.

You look for your registration and insurance card. You can't find it. Why? Because there's too much stuff in there. The Officer will give you a minute to locate it, but if you cannot, you will be cited with No Proof of Insurance (ARS 28-4135) and No Proof of Registration (ARS 28-2158).

But now you think....no big deal. I know I'm insured and my plates have the proper sticker on it. Not a problem!!! THINK AGAIN!!! The law requires you to have evidence within the motor vehicle of current financial responsibility. Failure to do so results in a violation. And the penalty is a fine of no less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) PLUS fees and surcharges of \$450 on top of that! AND Arizona Motor Vehicle Department will suspend the driver's license of the person driving and the registration and license plates of the motor vehicle involved for THREE (3) months. If this happens again within a 36 month period, the fine goes up and so does the suspension of license and registration.

If you have proof of insurance, honor your promise to appear in Court for the date cited and show the Court your proof. If you have proof of coverage on the date of the violation, the Court can dismiss that charge.

If someone else was driving your vehicle and they got the ticket for No Proof of Insurance, your license plates will still be suspended for no less than three months if that person fails to show up for their court date.

The registration, however, is another matter. The law requires the registration card to be carried in the "driver's compartment of the vehicle." Upon presentation of registration to the Court, the Court can reduce the fine.

And if you are borrowing someone else's car, make sure the proof of insurance is in the vehicle and their registration tag on the license plate is current. That's your responsibility as the driver!

**Joan Dwyer, Magistrate and  
Ronda Brockman, Court Clerk**

**Police Dispatch Number**  
For emergencies, always call **9-1-1**.  
For all other situations, call police dispatch at **634-2245**.

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

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