

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

March – April 2019

From the Mayor

Oh, my what a beautiful view we have covered in snow from Jerome to the Flagstaff peaks! We are the mile-high town with a 50-mile view. Or is it 100 miles?

According to the experts this storm was one for the record books, 1967 was the previous record. Jerome Police Chief Allen Muma measured 20 inches here in Jerome. A huge thanks to the Public Works Department, the JFD and JPD not only with snow removal, as they went above and beyond over the two days of snow and a few more cleaning up the mess.

Marty and Lyle stayed in Jerome, away from their families, in case of emergencies. They faced equipment failures, delivery truck fiascos and Saturday traffic problems along the way. Thank you to all the hardworking people who help this town function day in and day out.

I will remind everyone of the limits the Town faces in side street snow removal. A plow simply cannot fit down our small residential streets. The uneven surfaces, dirt and cobblestone streets are impossible to plow. I know I appreciate the water this snow will add to our aquifer, despite the problems ice and snow incur on this mountainside we call home sweet home.

If you want to join the fun, the Town Council meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers...see you there.

Mayor Christina "Alex" Barber



Meeting Dates for March, April and May 2019

Regular Council Meeting
March 12th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
March 6th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
March 11th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
April 9th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
April 3rd at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
April 8th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
May 14th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
May 1st at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
May 13th at 7:00 pm

It's Clean Up Time Jerome

The Town crew will be doing an extra uncontained pickup starting on Monday, April 1, 2019. This means any one-time, large items **NOT** listed below. If you're unsure, contact Marty in the Public Works department.

If your regular trash is picked up on Fridays, then that's the day to set out your extra pickup. If you are on the Monday route, it will get picked up on Monday. We will run this extra pickup through the end of the April, or until the dumpster is full.

Also, please be mindful of the weight of your regular cans. The crew has a lifting limit of 40 pounds. Please make sure that all garbage is bagged, as required by the Town Code. On average, we are lifting these cans 3-4 feet high when dumping them into the truck, which can be hard on the back if they exceed that weight.

I will implore you once again, please **DO NOT** flush anything down the toilet other than toilet paper and what goes with it!

Thank you,

Marty Boland – Public Works Director

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR PICKUP INCLUDE:

- Hazardous waste
- Tires
- Batteries
- Wet paint
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Icemakers
- Chemicals

CLOG OF WIPES REMOVED FROM 1ST STREET LINE



Dear Jerome Friends:

I find myself reflecting a lot lately on the nature of diversity and what diversity in our world looks like. This is, in part, spurred on by the fact that February is Black History Month and I find myself thinking of friends and family who have taught me what it means to be diverse and see the diversity in our world. Those friends patiently reminded me that when I said, "I don't see color," I was actually saying I didn't see them or their experiences. Friends who have listened as I have tried to understand what discrimination for another person looks like, and friends who have encouraged me in ways to view my disability, and the way I am often treated because of it, as discrimination and how that has shaped my life and world view.

Diversity is something that defines our church and how we approach the world. Because we deliberately seek out different views and different ways of interacting with the world. Our world is incredibly diverse. This type of reminder is critical for all of us to remember how to live in a divided world.

As we come to the season of Easter, I am reminded of the eternal hope that this season brings. Hope that we will overcome the walls of discrimination and see our diversity as the true blessing it was intended to be. Please join us at our Easter service to be held on April 21st at sunrise, 6 a.m. at Haven United Methodist Church. This will be followed by a pot luck breakfast served in our fellowship hall and at 9:30 we will have an Easter Egg hunt. Please join us as we remember our diversity and celebrate spring.

Peace,

Jonathan Hall, Pastor
Haven & Mountainview United Methodist Church





Jerome Fire Department

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Prescott National Forest Outlook/Conditions

Please be aware that Jerome has received 13.5 inches of moisture since August 2018 which will help the growth of tall grasses. Be extremely cautious! With conditions the way they are now, we can expect a very active fire season this summer due to that additional growth. Please do what you can to remediate any dead fuels within 100' of your property if possible! Give Chief Blair a call if you need to get into our brush/slash pile to drop off your trimmings. Also, if you have any hot ash, charcoal briquettes or partially burned firewood, place them into a metal container with water for at least a day before disposal.

Let it Snow

Wow what a week, we got about 24 inches of snow. Great effort by Public works, the Fire Department and Jerome PD in trying to keep up with the snow removal.

Many thanks to Wayne Koller for plowing the 300 level and Mike Le Few from the Gold King for taking care of Perkinsville Road. Many hours were spent over 3 days towards these efforts, much thanks. I would also like to thank all the residents that participated in the snow removal.

Burn in Place Activities

We have been burning piles of dead fuels in several locations including the Gulch, on Mine property and at the burn pile. We will also be working on Douglas Road. Taking advantage of lower temperatures and some moisture, it is a good feeling to get some decades old piled fuels removed in these areas.

Firewise Community Day Saturday, May 6th

The Jerome Fire Department will be hosting the 4th Annual Community Firewise Day on Saturday May 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jerome Fire Department. We are hosting the event 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, thereby creating defensible space. We will have educational literature available as well as some folks from other Firewise Communities in the Verde Valley. The Jerome Fire Department will also be offering hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas and water. We will have music in the morning by Jerome's own Ukulele Orchestra. We hope to see you there!

New SCBAs Have Arrived!

Our FEMA Grant was awarded to us in the amount of \$93,000. This amount was given to us specifically to replace our 13-year-old MSA air-packs. The Fire Department opted to purchase Avon Delta SCBAs, which we have already received. They will be put into service after our "fit testing." The amount purchased will allow another 14 years of continued service to the community.

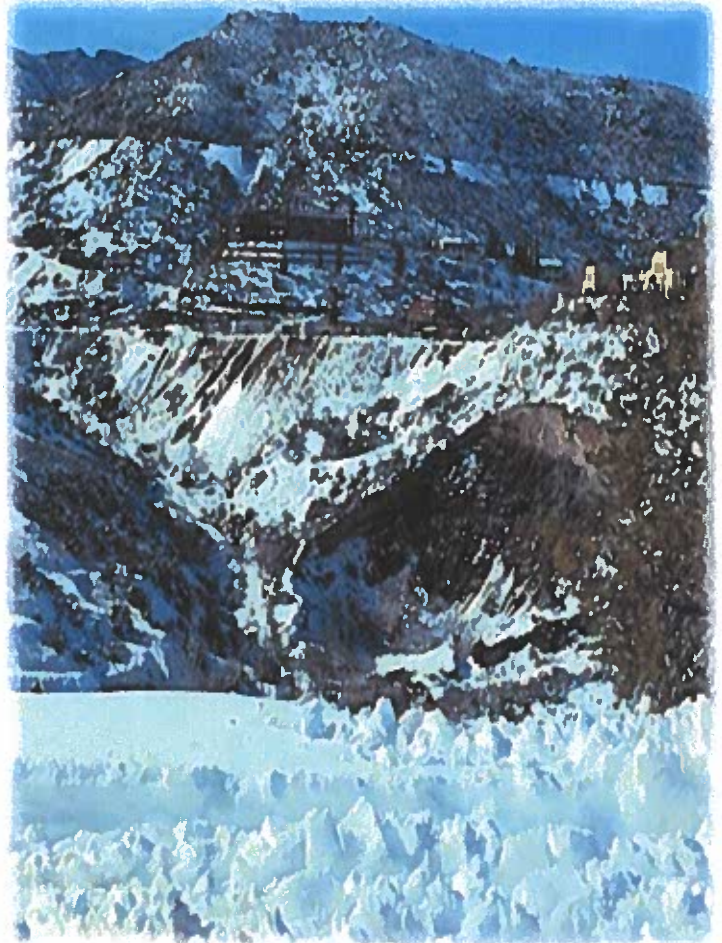
New Fire Engine

Due to certain unforeseen circumstances and inclement weather the Housing Ceremony had to be postponed. We apologize for the inconvenience that this may have caused. We are expecting the engine to be delivered shortly, most likely before March begins. Stay tuned for an updated Housing Ceremony.

-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!!

-Rusty Blair, Fire Chief JVFD



Hello Jerome!

The Planning & Zoning Department survived the snow storm in style.

Spring brings housecleaning. Working together with the P&Z Commission we plan to do some housekeeping for our Zoning Ordinance this year. This will be one focus of the Department over the next few months.

The large projects in this mix are a review of the entire business sign section and an update to the specific residential zones to resolve concerns revealed in a proposed rezoning petition.

We welcome your input on projects, and if you are working on any projects that need board reviews or building permits, we are available to help you!

Charlotte Page, Zoning Administrator



Chamber of Commerce "BIG" News

- **54th Home & Building Tour (May 18 & 19)** is in the works and we are working hard to solidify final site locations. We understand it's not always convenient, so therefore we are now offering a **\$300 Cash Incentive** for each home on the tour! This could help with house cleaning before or after the tour or just a fun weekend getaway!
- The Home Tour is the Chamber's only fundraiser of the year and the **longest running home tour in Arizona**. So, **please email us if you can help out by volunteering for this year's Special Event!** We provide a very nice **Appreciation Dinner** following the tour for all of your great efforts!

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.

(info@jeromechamber.com)



Hello Fellow Jeromians:

First, I want to do a shout out to the most amazing, committed employees and citizens a Town could have to be available and help us during this historic winter storm. Specifically, I want to acknowledge the work of:

EMPLOYEES: Public Works Director Marty Boland and Crew Chief Lyle Keith brought cots and stayed onsite through the storm. Other members of the Town crew: Gary Allen, Troy Marsh and Dwain Dement. Fire Chief Rusty Blair, Fire Dept. Duty Officers Ian Haney and Jasper Lanning. Police Chief Allen Muma, Lt. Rusty San Felice, Officer Kerry Lee and Officer Brandon Warren.

CIVILIANS/VOLUNTEERS:

Jay Kinsella, Matt Poe, Steve Pontious, Mike Le Few (owner of the Gold King Mine), who cleared Perkinsville Road and near the Methodist Church and Wayne Koller who cleared the 300 Level parking lot. And everyone who came out to shovel their sidewalks or lend a hand. **THANK YOU!**

Second, I want to thank those of you that attended the last Town Council meeting and contributed to the discussion of "Kiosk Parking". Those of you that have not yet made your opinions known - please get engaged! We all agree that our infrastructure needs attention and that takes money. The most logical source of new funds without burdening our residents is to generate income from our visitors. A fair and well thought out plan that maintains Jerome's special culture can be developed and implemented when our business community and residents work together! Please let us know your thoughts. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Dr. Jack

Ye Old Bookroom

A Tibetan monk was once asked to describe Buddhism in two words. He replied, "Everything changes." And so, it is in the Old Book Room, where we are making some changes in an effort to entice more visitors and residents up to our unique location on the third floor of Town Hall. Of course, the OBR still houses its astonishing collection of vintage books from the late 19th and 20th centuries, including classic literature, poetry, plays, fiction and nonfiction from a long list of the world's best-known authors, many with illustrations by equally famous artists. There are shelves of biographies, mystery, zoology, art, world & national history, reference material, pop culture, children's books and much more.

The OBR's current project is "The Southwest Wall" where we've gathered all of our material relating to Arizona, including Native Americans, the evolution of the 48th state, dazzling photographic journals, fictionalized tales of the Wild West and most of all, Jerome. While our local display can't match the size and scope of the State Historic Park or the depth of the Historical Society's archives, our Jerome collection contains items you won't see elsewhere. The Old Book Room is a "destination" for people to examine books, pamphlets, mining manuals, photographs, geologic surveys, residents' artwork, "Mucker" yearbooks, maps, newspaper articles and other Jerome ephemera. Come take a look.

-Michael Gallagher

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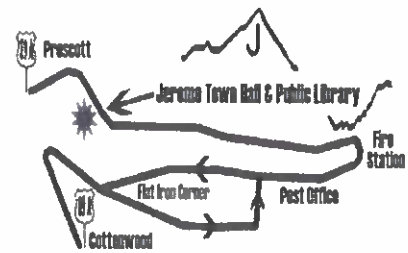
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Sunday	10 am - 2 pm	Wednesday	10 am - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 5 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 5 pm
		Saturday	Noon - 2 pm



Old Book Room Hours

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

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

Get Alerts, Stay Informed

The Town of Jerome has a fresh new website, and now residents can receive alerts about important, local information. Kudos to Candace Gallagher for getting the site up and running.

Enhanced with a new slideshow of stunning Ron Chilston photos of Jerome and the Verde Valley, the improved layout and easier access to information makes for a friendlier experience. Links and drop-down menus are clearly defined, and more forms from the different municipal departments are conveniently available for download.

One especially exciting feature on the upgraded site is the new "subscription" option. Jerome residents can sign up to receive town news and alerts by email or text message—or both. The service was in place just in time for the recent snowstorm and alerted subscribers to Town Hall closing and the change in schedule for trash collection due to road hazards.

The new website is a work in progress, so please visit www.jerome.az.gov and let us know what you think! As it says on the homepage, your input and suggestions are most welcome. Anyone interested in subscribing to the news alert service who can use a little assistance in doing so can call Rosa at Town Hall: 928-634-7943.



Happy Winter, Jerome!

This year's snowfall has been a gift to us all but it's not without challenges – especially for our pets. Did you know that dogs are just as sensitive as people to a drop in the temperature? When the outside temperature falls below 50 °F, small to medium-sized dogs begin to feel chilly. For larger dogs, it's below 40 °F. On the feline side - cats need a warm place to retreat when temperatures drop below 45°F. Put simply, if it's too cold outside for you, it's probably too cold outside for your pet. When temperatures fall, keep your animals inside as much as you can, and make sure they're protected from the harsh elements. Below are some tips to help:

- Protect paw pads by massaging them with petroleum jelly before going outside.
- Towel dry your pet – especially their paws – after every walk to remove ice and chemicals.
- Get your dog a coat or sweater with a high collar and coverage from tail-base to belly. (Need a coat, sweater, bed or food for your pets? Text Teri at 928.261.5401. We've got a great collection of vintage pet outerwear and accessories that we'd love to share!)
- Bathe pets as little as possible during the cold to maintain their fur's essential oils.
- Use pet-friendly ice melts and clean up antifreeze spills.
- Give pets that spend significant time outdoors about 10% more food than usual to help them generate the energy they need to stay warm.
- Provide a cozy pet bed in a warm place to sleep, away from drafts.
- Don't leave pets in a car during cold weather. Cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and cause animals to freeze to death.

Remember, the best way to monitor pets when it's cold is to keep a close eye on their behavior. If you notice shivering, anxiety, whining, slowing down, searching out warm locations or holding up one or more paws; it's time to head inside and get warm!



Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Clinic Phone: 634-6166 *(during clinic hours only)*
 Appt. Phone: 235-5960

March 8th

Lost Paint Jewelry with Pam 1 - 2 pm \$10.00

March 13th & 27th

Aromatherapy with Kathleen 1 - 3 pm \$20.00

March 15th

Spring Break Science Activities for Jerome Kids All Ages
 1 - 3 pm Free

March 21st

Creating Cartoons with Michael 2 - 4 pm \$10.00

March 30th

Aromatherapy with Kathleen 11 am - 1 pm \$20.00
Glass Mosaic with Kathleen 1 - 3 pm \$35.00

Space is limited, please signup ASAP
 Online: Jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com
 Phone: 928-639-0574 or In Person: At the Library



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

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**MARCH 30, 2019
4:00 TO 7:30 PM**

NEW FIRE TRUCK HOUSING CEREMONY

Jerome Fire is formally requesting that Jerome residents and other dignitaries come participate in the Housing of our new Type 1 Fire Engine.

**T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR A \$10.00 DONATION TO
COMMEMORATE THIS EVENT.**



Jerome Volunteer Fire Department celebrating 120 Years of Tradition and Service to Jerome Residents.

We will have the proper dignitaries, the Honor Guard and the Jerome Ukulele Orchestra.

Free hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be available.

Jerome Fire will also be showcasing the progression of apparatus from hose carts to the latest cutting-edge fire equipment available.

Due to the height of our new engine any vegetation hanging in Town easement will be trimmed.

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