

# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

May – June 2019

### ***Happy Spring Fellow Jeromies,***

I just want to ask you all to be patient with Council. It has taken a few meetings for us to settle in and get the hang of things, but we are balancing out nicely. We are all doing this because we love this town as much as you. There are a handful of issues that we are dealing with, some very old and some very new that are going to take time and sacrifices.

Some of the new,

- The R-2 rezoning...We have never rezoned in this town. It will more than likely be a long process, we want to do it right.
- Parking Kiosks.....This seems like a huge change and sacrifice for many, but it is a fairly cheap and manageable way to raise funds. We are trying our best to find compromises and to make this transition as painless as possible.

The very old,

- Infrastructure.....Our infrastructure is over 100 years old and failing. The prior Council stated many times, "It's not if our infrastructure fails, it's when!" That was not a misstatement or a scare tactic. I know most residents are aware that we have water/sewer issues, but I'm pretty sure most do not understand how extensive they are. The amount of funds needed far exceeds what we bring in. We could raise taxes again as has been suggested to me by some, but 1% or 2% will not come close to funding our infrastructure needs.

I've heard people say, "Use the utility money we pay on the utilities!" or "Use the property and sales tax for that," We do! Monies are being spent correctly we just don't have enough. Yes, we all pay property, vehicle and sales tax, but understand that the Town of Jerome only gets a very small portion of those taxes and it takes a lot to run this little town. The County and State get the majority of that money.

I've had people say to me "This should have been taken care of years ago!" and I hear a lot of, "I shouldn't have to pay/sacrifice for what wasn't taken care of!" Well, we are all here now and I for one am not willing to keep kicking the can down the road. If we do, none of us will be able to turn on our water or flush a toilet one day. If we can't serve a customer a glass of water or allow them to use a restroom they will stop coming and then there will be no hope for any revenue. Being angry at and blaming past Councils and staff is not a solution. It is what it is and all we can do is take the progress that has been made by prior Councils and do our very best to push forward to find solutions.

So, I'm asking that we all be kind and patient with each other. That we all look forward for solutions rather than dwell on the past. That you remember, Council is all volunteers, it is a full-time gig and we are all working in the town's best interest. We want and need your input, but please give it with open-mindedness and kindness.

Thank you,

Vice Mayor Harvey



### Meeting Dates for May, June and July 2019

**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

**Regular Council Meeting**  
June 11th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
June 5th at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
June 10th at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
July 9th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
July 3rd at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
July 8th at 7:00 pm



## Jerome Fire Department

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### Prescott National Forest Outlook/Conditions

Key Points from the National Weather Service in Flagstaff;

- Current drought status: Wet Winter in most areas has relieved drought conditions statewide.
- Fuel Conditions: Energy Release Component (ERC): With the dry weather over the past month, ERCs are increasing to above normal values for this time of year. Fine fuel loading has generally been above normal (especially in the lower terrain) which could lead to a higher low-elevation fire threat.
- Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks: Active weather pattern may lean toward wetter and cooler than normal, with several episodes of high winds, unsettled weather.

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook: Current weather outlooks and ground conditions indicate a trend toward near normal fire potential this season across most of northern Arizona. Above normal fire threats at lower elevations due to abundance of fine fuels. At high elevations - possible delayed threat due to wet Winter.

**\*\* ARIZONA WILL STILL HAVE A FIRE SEASON \*\***

**\*\*RATTLESNAKE SEASON IS IN FULL SWING WITH TWO BEING CAPTURED AND RELOCATED ON APRIL 24, 2019\*\***

### Firewise Community Day Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>



The Jerome Fire Department will be hosting the 5th annual Community Firewise Day on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 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 FD will also be offering hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas and water. We will have music in the morning by Jerome's own Ukulele Group. We hope to see you there!

### New Fire Engine Housing Ceremony

Citizens of the Town of Jerome, local dignitaries and Emergency Agency heads participated in the very moving Housing Ceremony at the Jerome Fire Department station on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Jerome Ukulele Orchestra provided the entertainment with renditions of Fire on the Mountain and other "Fire" inspired tunes. Opening up the ceremony, a Boy Scout Troop Honor Guard from Cottonwood did a wonderful presentation of the colors. Chief Rusty Blair introduced former Jerome Fire Chief Dave Hall after a few opening remarks. The Fire Chief noted that Dave was very instrumental in building up the Jerome Fire Department as well as former Jerome Fire Chief Phil Tovrea, who was also in attendance. He also recognized all the Fire Chiefs that served before him. A

representative of Congressman Paul Gosar's office presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Rusty Blair and his Assistant Chief Tim Irwin. The certificate reads;

"Certificate of Appreciation is hereby awarded to the Jerome Fire Department for outstanding service, dedication and lasting contribution to the community of Jerome." Signed by Congressman Paul Gosar. Many of the attendees were more than happy to lend a hand in pushing the new 4WD HME Extreme RAT Fire Engine into the bay at the fire station. The Boy Scouts were very helpful in setting up chairs and tables for the event, helping at the BBQ, cooking for many very hungry folks. Thank you to all of Jerome Citizens, Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager for your support in this endeavor.



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## Jerome Fire Department -continued

In closing, we have been quite busy as Spring Break has come and gone. Here is a short list of some of the more significant emergency responses that we have made in the month of April as of 4-17-19: two motor vehicle accidents, three EMS responses, one wildland response, smell of gas inside the Grand Hotel and a fire at the Mile High Grill with 10 people being evacuated at 4:00 am.

Jerome Fire Department was dispatched about 8:35 a.m. on 4-9-19 for a Maverick gasoline truck versus natural gas meter at 662 Main Street. The Truck's rear wheels were off the retaining wall, destroying the sidewalk handrail, hitting the front porch deck of a structure and a natural gas meter. The fuel truck spilled gasoline for about a thousand feet. Fire units (Engine 111 and Attack 111) and crews were able to secure the natural gas meter. Fire crews used foam to clean up the gasoline spill. Fire crews also set up traffic control and stayed on scene until Unisource gas company crews could install a new natural gas service. This incident could have been devastating to our community with potential for explosion from the gasoline and natural gas. Our fire crews did a great job. Thank you team and I would also extend thanks to Jerome PD for all their assistance on the scene.

Fire Chief Rusty Blair

**-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.**



### ***Jerome Chamber News***

- **Verde Valley Wine Festival (Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>)**  
in Old Town Clarkdale – Town Park.  
11am-5pm Local wine, food & music.  
Visit [www.verdevalleywinefestival.com](http://www.verdevalleywinefestival.com) for complete details!
- **The 54th Home & Building Tour (May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>)**  
is scheduled with six sites, not including Haven Church or Spook Hall. Jerome Residents = 50% Discount! Visit [www.jeromechamber.com](http://www.jeromechamber.com) for complete details!

Again, this is the JCC's only real fundraiser of the year and we do appreciate our citizen's understanding. Thank you to everyone involved for their volunteerism, in advance! 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.

You can contact us by email at [info@jeromechamber.com](mailto:info@jeromechamber.com)

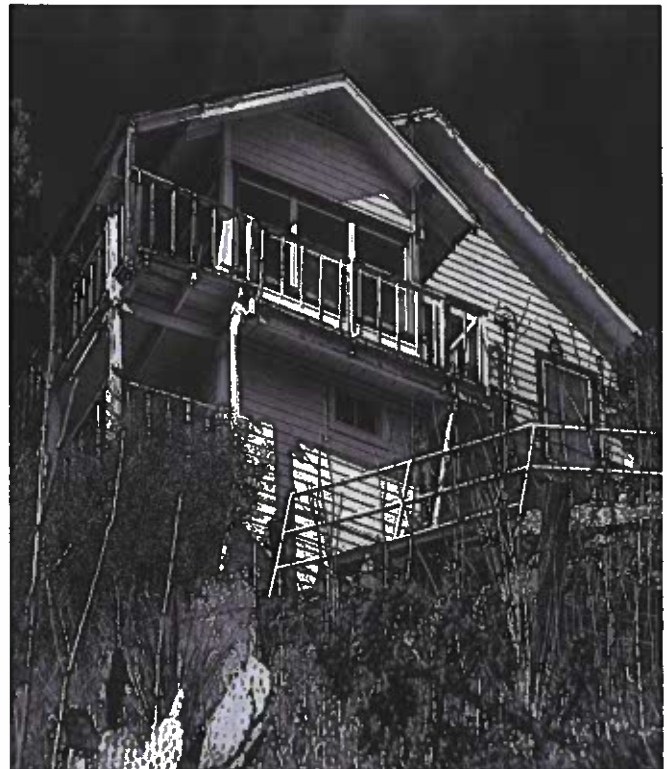


Photo by Michael Thompson

Hello Neighbors!

If you are thinking of painting your house this spring, this news is for you. Working with input from the public and the Design Review Board members, we are simplifying the Town's review process for painting and will have a one-page application available soon. The new application for painting will have very few requirements. A submission will include a picture of the front of your house, a description of the color scheme and color samples. **Review for new paint colors has always been free.**



Design Review Board will see the NEW FORM on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and it should be final soon after this review.

**Paint touch-ups or repainting with the same colors does not require review!**

**This change is coming soon.**

The new 'Paint Application' will be posted on the Town website before the end of May.

Charlotte Page, Zoning Administrator

**A Request from the Jerome Historical Society.**

I am asking for your patience and understanding as I remind everyone that the five (5) parking spots next to our main office at 407 Clark Street and across from the Haunted Hamburger are reserved for JHS usage only. We realize that these spots are convenient for some of you who live in that area and are *very* tempting. However, we have employees, board members, volunteers, and JHS guests who need those spaces to be available when needed. If these spots are not available then these people are forced to park down below and walk up to the office, which is not fair, especially for those who may be senior citizens and who may have difficulty navigating up those steep steps from Main Street. But more importantly we absolutely, positively do not want to be put in the unenviable position of having anyone's vehicle towed. That is a lose/lose situation for everyone involved and it is not a path we desire to go down if it can be avoided. So, we are asking for everyone's cooperation in leaving those parking spaces open for us. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.



Thank you in advance for your understanding.

-Steve Pontious, President - Jerome Historical Society

**Welcome Spring!**

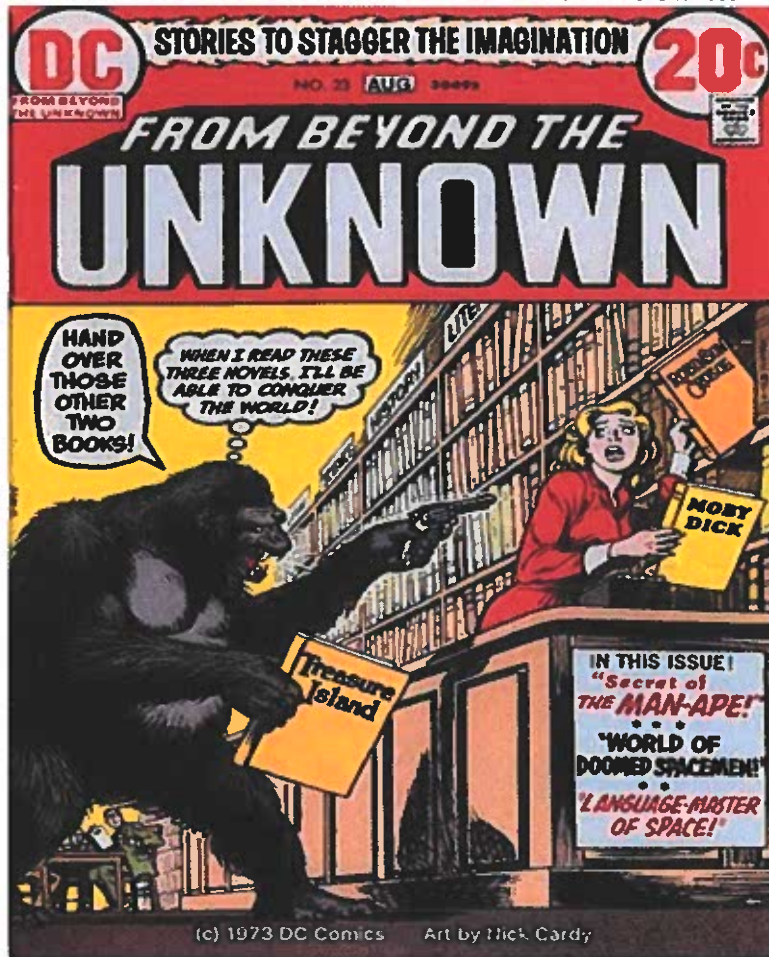
The Council is working together and making hard decisions for the betterment of our community. We were recently given a tour of our sewer plant and an explanation from Henry MacVittie about where we are now and where we need to be. Honestly, this will cost a lot of money. I do not want to see the people of this Town, that we all love, have to pay for it. The Council is discussing ways to come up with a revenue stream that will have minimum impact on our residents.

Once again, I want to say thank you to our Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department. You do so much for our little community, and I couldn't be more thankful.

Mayor Barber



IT WAS A ROUGH DAY IN THE OLD BOOK ROOM ...



-Michael Gallagher

JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

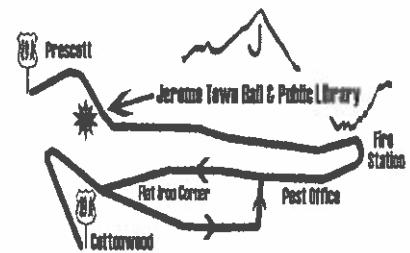
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Monday	10 am - 5 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 5 pm
		Saturday	Noon - 2 pm



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.

**Are You a Jerome Landlord?**

Did you know that if you're a residential rental property owner, you're supposed to have an Arizona transaction privilege tax (TPT) license? If you already do, splendid. If not, you need one.

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) requires a TPT license for each location where residential rental income is taxable. This applies if you rent the property yourself or if you employ a property management company.

For those of you who may not know what a TPT license is, a transaction privilege tax refers to a gross receipts tax levied by the state of Arizona on certain persons for the privilege of conducting business in the state. TPT differs from the "true" sales tax imposed by many other U.S. states as it is the responsibility of the seller—landlord in this case—rather than the purchaser or tenant.

ADOR has a dedicated hotline and email address for residential rental taxpayers with questions about TPT filing and payment:

- Phone: 602-716-RENT (7368)
- Email: [ResidentialRental@azdor.gov](mailto:ResidentialRental@azdor.gov)

For more information on residential rental guidelines, please visit [www.azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/residential-rental-guidelines](http://www.azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/residential-rental-guidelines).

ADOR also offers residential rental education and training workshops on how to file and pay taxes in Arizona. For a list of upcoming workshops, visit [www.azdor.gov/taxpayer-education](http://www.azdor.gov/taxpayer-education).



**Happy Spring, Jerome!**

Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying Let's Party!" The Jerome Humane Society says "Yes, let's!" Mark your calendars for two fantastically fun events coming soon:

**WoofStock - May 8 at the Spirit Room from 4 – 8pm**

Join us on May 8 at the Spirit Room for our second annual WoofStock music festival fundraiser! WoofStock features a spectacular musical line up, a Jerome style potluck dinner a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Come eat, shop and dance to the music of The Jerome Ukulele Orchestra, Cattywampus, Don Cheek, Tommy Rocks, Darryl Icard, Llory McDonald, Frizzy & Edgy & Nick and Jerome legend John Ziegler. Thank you, Tommy Anderson, for organizing this rock-star line up in support our cause. WOOF!

**Memorial Day Flea Market - May 25, 26, 27 at Spook Hall**

After WoofStock, get ready to shop! The JHS Memorial Day flea market takes place this year on May 25, 26 and 27. Want to lend a hand? Come to Spook hall Friday, May 24 at 9am for load-in or 2pm Monday, May 27 for load-out. We especially need people with trucks! If you have items to donate, leave them outside the clinic or call Mary at 928.301.7797 for help.

**Remember that real fleas love spring too!**

Fleas flourish in spring and summer, so please take steps soon to protect your pets with a flea prevention treatment. We keep plenty on hand for Jerome residents, so contact us if you need a supply. And remember! Extremely high heat will destroy fleas and ticks, as well as their eggs. Washing and drying your pet's bedding on high heat is a good way to help get rid of unwanted critters.

Happy Springtime, Jerome! Here's to a sunshine season filled with great friends, great music, delicious food, epic shopping, and... no fleas! WOOF!



**JEROME Community ART WORKSHOP**

Art for Everyone at the Jerome Community Art Workshop will be offering some NEW classes in May and June.

Be on the lookout for Iphone Photography, Wool Felting, Essential Oil Diffusers and Encaustic Painting along with old favorites such as glass mosaic and pour paint.

The workshop will soon be offering classes in stained glass and ceramics

We have a complete stained-glass studio, stocked with stained-glass from the studios of Sally Dryer and Linda Stanley and are now gathering equipment for a ceramic studio as well.

The Workshop is a beautiful Art Space and Gallery thanks to the capable skills of Leo Shakespeare. Come by the Library and ask for a tour.

To receive notification of classes, times, and dates sign up for our email student list by emailing Kathleen at [jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com) or by calling the Library at 928-639-0574



**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 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 235-5960

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