



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

September – October 2015

As THE Egg FRIES

September, 2015

Contracts have been signed; work on the leaning wall by the horseshoe pits should begin within days. Although the whole Council has been watching, involved and voting on this project, Abe Stewart has emerged as a leading figure during this stage. His energy and experience have been useful and encouraging.

The Town audit came in clean. It's been clean for several years now. Becky and Peggy and the front office run a tight ship. And, because we do listen when folks offer suggestions, we lowered the rates on the studio rentals in the Civic Center and can report that the three remaining open spaces are about to be rented. On the same theme, we are now working with ADOR to review sales tax payments and —low!—we found at least one Jerome shop whose tax payments were going to Clarkdale. Something went wrong when the shop opened. DOR did not realize where they were located. That's now been straightened out, tax payments reversed and sent to Jerome (along with back amounts), and everybody's happy.

I looked at the area by the Sliding Jail this morning. There is continuing movement. A new crack has appeared on the uphill side of the plastic fencing and is slowly widening. It's still less than an inch wide, but it wasn't there when the fencing went up. I first noticed it two or three weeks ago.

Our new van, our new skid-steer and our newly refurbished back-hoe are all on line. We're moving behind the scenes on the School Street Project, getting drawings and plans finalized. That should become visible soon.

Here comes autumn, when Jerome is really lovely. Enjoy.



Lew Currier

Snakes can be dangerous!

If you've found a snake in your house, yard or business, call the fire station at 928-649-3034 or 911.

Never handle snakes unless you know what you are dealing with and have the proper tools! Do you have a snake proof environment? Control snakes and remove fuel and snake food with yard maintenance.

Snakes like to hide!

- 1) Eliminate any tall stands of vegetation, including tall grass.
- 2) Remove piles of rocks and lumber along with dead paradise trees and other debris as they can harbor rats and mice which are snake food.
- 3) Pet foods and water attract snakes.
- 4) Fill or cover up all entrances to rodent burrows as they may attract snakes. Bugs are also snake food, so bug control is also necessary.
- 5) Sprays, powders, liquid solutions and traps can safely repel a snake and allow you to remove, without killing.
- 6) Use hardware cloth to seal your foundation and install snake proof fencing where possible.
- 7) Snake fencing should be made of a fine mesh 24-36" high and buried several inches in the ground.
- 8) Consult a professional or the fire department with any questions or concerns.



Meeting Dates for September, October, and November 2015

Regular Council Meeting
September 8 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
September 2 Cancelled

Design Review Board
September 14 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
October 13 at 7:00 pm

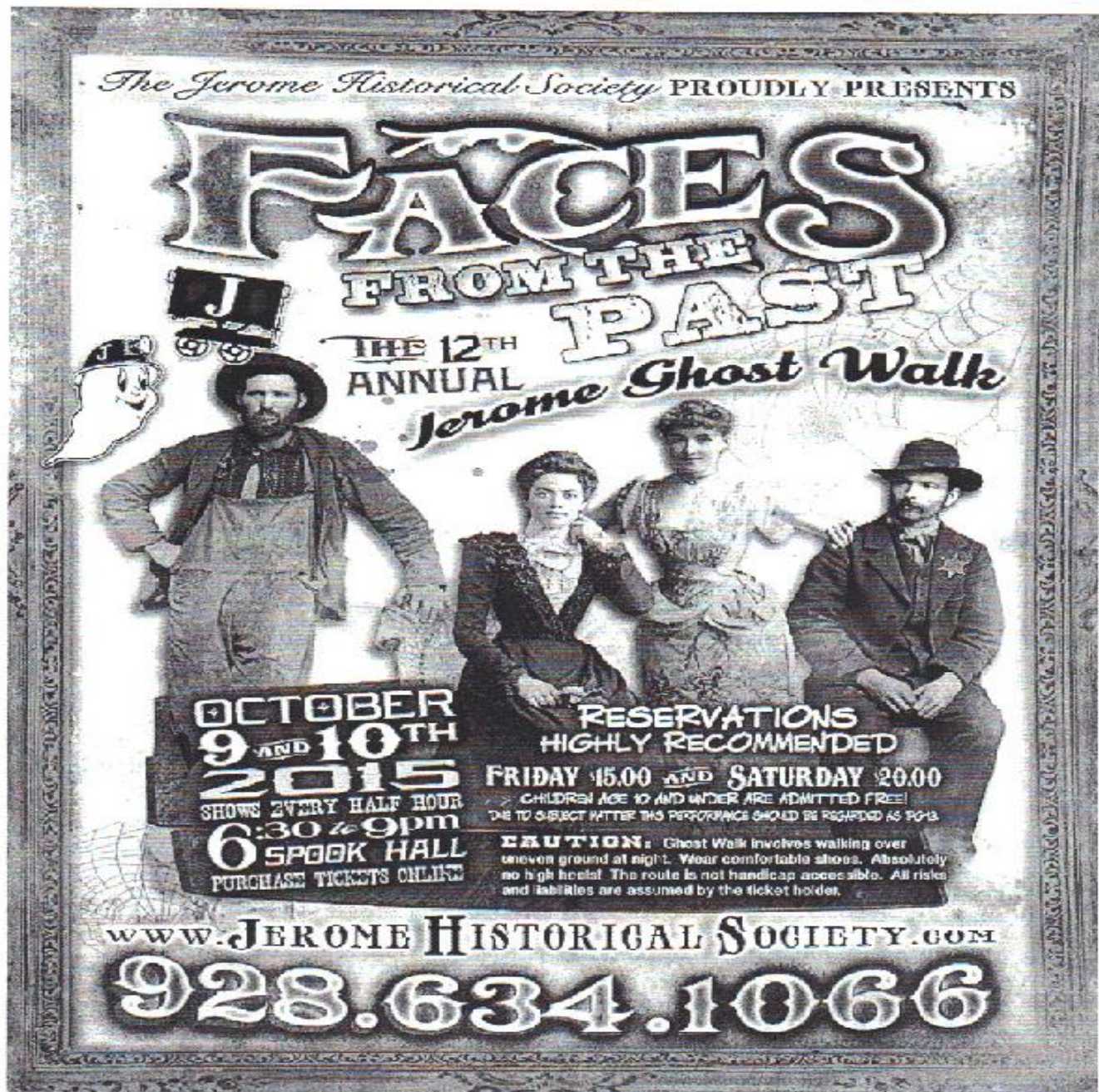
Planning & Zoning
October 7 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
October 12 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
November 10 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
November 4 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
November 9 at 7:00 pm



*Due to the nature of some of the scenes being depicted we've rated this performance as PG-13. Children 10 and under are admitted for free. Note: The show includes walking over uneven ground at night. Wear comfortable shoes. The route is not handicap accessible.

Town Hall will be closed September 7th.
Monday's trash will be picked up on
Tuesday, September 8th!



Police Dispatch Number

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

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



The Jerome Fire Departments Annual Picnic will be held on Thursday, September 24th from 5 – 7 pm at the middle park. The Jerome Fire Department will be providing the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments. You bring yourself along with your favorite side dish, desert, chips, etc. We look forward to sharing a meal with you and all of your neighbors!

The Jerome Fire Auxiliary's biggest fund raiser of the year is happening at the end of October. That's right folks, Halloween occurs on a Saturday this year, so you know all of the spooks and goblins will be out in force. Spook Hall



will be hosting this 41st Annual Halloween Dance with doors opening at 8 pm. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for best costume. If you want to go for first prize, you will need to have a costume that the judges feel is the best representation of this year's theme of "Movie Monsters from the Past". The band is the Eleventh Hour Band, playing danceable rock music with we're sure a few Halloween themed songs thrown in for good measure. The music starts at 9 and continues until 1 a.m. This is a 21 and over dance only! I.D.'s will be required. Don't forget that if we have a capacity crowd and you leave the building, you may be required to wait in line to re-enter.

A big shout out to the wildland fire crew of Bob Bouwman, Johnny Knuckles Braden & Jasper Lanning. These men drove our brush truck to the Lawyer 2 fire in Idaho. After a total of 19 days spent on the fire line, these brave firefighters will be making the trip back to Jerome at the end of the August. Please welcome these brave men back and thank them for the job that they do.

Fuel Abatement will begin with town properties by our wildland crew shortly after their return from fighting the Lawyer 2 fire in Idaho. Our latest budget reflects a line item that will enable us to remove dead and over-grown fuels.

Did you know that there is a soon to be enforced ordinance in the property management code, **302.4** that states:

302.4.1 Property Vegetation. All exterior property areas shall be kept free from dry vegetation, tumbleweeds, weeds, bushes, tall grass and trees which present a visual blight upon the area, which may harbor insects or rodent infestations, or which is or may likely become a fire hazard or otherwise threaten the health and safety or the economic welfare of adjacent property owners or occupants. It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant to cut or remove grass and weeds in excess of eight inches (8") high throughout the property, unless the Community Development Director, in consultation with the Fire code Official or his designee, determines that it is not practical because of the size of the property.

302.4.2 Dangerous trees. All exterior areas shall be kept clear of trees that may cause a danger. The trees shall be removed or trimmed as needed. The following principles shall apply.

1. Tree that is dead or near dead and is likely to fall.
2. Tree that is overhanging onto a public or private way so as to be in the path of vehicles and/or pedestrians.
3. Tree with an infectious disease, parasites or insects.
4. Tree has become a danger to overhead electrical lines.

Monsoon season brings much needed moisture but it also introduces lightning into the mixture. We have many standing piles of dead brush or "fuels" spread throughout Jerome. If an area were to be struck by lightning, depending on the slope, winds, rain and available fuels, the results could be catastrophic. Please keep your property cleared of dead and near dead trees and brush.

The Town slash burn site on UVX/Beale is available for you to dispose your weeds, brush and trees. Give Chief Rusty Blair a call to unlock the brush pile gate at 928-300-8701.

The Jerome Fire Department is pleased to announce we are at 20 members, 2 recruits. We also have several members doing their bi-annual EMT refresher the last weekend in September and the first weekend in October. We have five Jerome Fire members who will be attending the 42nd Annual Arizona State Fire School in Mesa beginning September 9th. We have received a \$500 grant from APS again this year to help with the cost of these training seminars.

We also have one Jerome Fire Recruit, Eamonn Stewart, who is taking the EMT & Hazardous Materials Class at Yavapai Community College this semester. We have also given a five year volunteer pin to Captain Ron Chilston. Congratulations to all of our hardworking volunteer firefighters!

-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

HISTORIC VS DILAPIDATED

Al Sengstock, Zoning Administrator

Jerome prides itself on its designation as a national historic site, which is, in many ways, the reason for its continuing success as one of the top three “must see” destinations in Arizona. However, when it comes to functioning as a Town, its property owners are still obligated to basic safety, occupancy and maintenance regulations and codes. Sometimes it is a fine line between what is old (historic) and what is dilapidated to the point of being an attractive nuisance and a threat to the surrounding neighborhood.



There is no law which requires a homeowner to live in their home, however there is the expectation that all properties must be maintained to a reasonable degree, and that includes rentals. There comes a tipping point when, due to neglect, a property moves into the dilapidated category. Some guidelines which I believe are reasonable for all properties are:

- Roof maintenance; shingles or other roofing materials should be maintained, and replaced if they become so degraded that the roofing materials begin to crumble.
- Decks and balconies; railings should be checked and maintained for safety, and the support structures must be kept in good repair and able to safely support the expected weight load.
- Windows and doors; should be maintained to a functional level, and all broken glass should be replaced.
- Basic property maintenance; overgrowth of weeds and other plant materials should be thinned out regularly, and any other combustible materials should be thinned out or removed, as an effort to minimize fire hazard.

If you are considering any exterior changes to your home or business, please remember to contact me regarding any Design Review Board requirements and Building Inspector Barry Wolstencroft, regarding any building safety requirements.

Our objective is to assist you in achieving your desired improvements as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

*Did you know.....*that while digging in the United Verde Copper Mine open pit on November 23rd, 1926 the Marion Model 300 Steam Shovel hit an unexploded “coyote-hole” and blew up instantaneously?

The force of the explosion shook every building in Jerome and hurled heavy pieces of the machinery as far as a half mile away. Some pieces smashed through buildings and a few of them landed as far away as the Gulch. Of the crew of four who operated the Shovel two were seriously injured, while two were killed instantly. Those killed were the Shovel Operator Shelly and Fireman Cole. The follow up investigation, which leaned largely upon evidence and testimony of United Verde Copper Mine personnel, determined that the accident was “entirely unavoidable” and the deaths of Shelly and Cole were accidental. However, in the JHS files, there is a letter from a relative of a member of a second crew who worked the Shovel the previous shift which casts some doubt as to the safety of operating the Shovel at that specific location on that day.

(Yes sir, some interesting stuff in those JHS files).

(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





Greetings from Haven United Methodist Church

In these hot summer months it may feel best to stay indoors, but the beautiful town of Jerome and the views from the hill still draw us outside. We at Haven are proud to be a part of such a beautiful community. Just a reminder that our church office and our Food Pantry are open every Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. through noon. Please drop by just to say "Hi" as well as to get some food or clothing if you are in need. If you have any questions about our church, our denomination or what we believe, I would love to talk with you. You are also always welcome for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and for snacks and fellowship after the service. We have excellent Sunday school teachers, so please bring your children.

*Blessings on you all,
Pastor Janet Keffer*

Treasures in the Old Book Room

Author Wilkie Collins was born in London in 1824. A lifelong friend of Charles Dickens, the two collaborated on several plays. He wrote stories for London Magazines until his first novel was published in 1852.



An unconventional man, he had two mistresses, sharing his time between them. He died in 1889 and is buried in Kensal Green in London. He is best remembered for "The Woman in White" and "The Moonstone." The Old Book Room at the Jerome Library has a thirty volume set of his work.



Old Book Room Hours

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

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

Jerome Public Library

Old Book Room Seeking Volunteers

"There is a room full of incredible literature that we would like for the public to be able to read."

Many of the over 4000 volumes in the Jerome Old Book room are valuable first editions that need to be properly cared for.

To be able to keep the room open to the public the Library is seeking volunteers who have a passion for old books to serve the community by spending 2 hours per week during library open hours amongst the stacks. Our old book room manager Karen Wood 928-208- 5980 would love to talk to anyone with questions about volunteering.

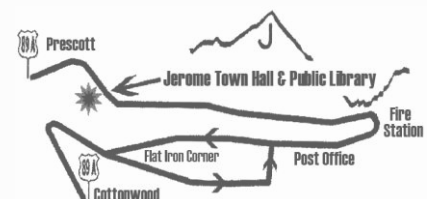
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Sunday	10 am - 12 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm
Monday	10 am - 5 pm	Friday	Noon - 6 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Saturday	CLOSED



Jerome Humane Society

The Humane Society would like to wish everyone in Jerome a great “start of the busy fall season”. We, too, are preparing for fall and some of our most important (and fun!) events of the year.

Save the Date! Steampunk Brunch on Sunday, October 18



Steampunk is a genre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery rather than advanced technology. It's also the super fun theme of the Jerome Humane Society's annual autumn brunch! Come enjoy the fund-raising festivities at the spectacular Honeymoon Cottage on Sunday,

October 18 from 9am – 12 noon. Shuttle service starts at 8:30 am in front of Nellie Bly. Our gratitude goes out to the incomparably gracious Marge Graziano for hosting this event at her beautiful home. We'll be serving fine morning fare including our (in) famous Bloody Mary's and mimosas - a hearty breakfast in advance of some heated auction action! This year we're excited to feature an original piece by Mark Hemleben as one of our crown jewel auction items. Steampunk Brunch tickets are \$20 and are on sale now at Nellie Bly. Hope to see you there!

Fall Humane Society Flea Market: Nov. 14, 15, 16

Our fall flea market is on the horizon! Hunting for treasure has never been so fun, so save the date for some fantastic flea market shopping at Spook Hall. If you've got items to donate, please drop them off at the clinic on Thursdays.

“Like” us on Facebook

Just a reminder that the Jerome Humane Society has a new Facebook page! If you'd like to stay connected with JHS and our animal-loving community, go to www.facebook.com/jeromehumanesociety and “Like” us. We love to see friends post photos and stories about their own pets. We all love a good love story - especially the animal kind – so please share!

“Dog for Dog” and Olsen's Choose JHS for Matching Dog Food Program

This past week, we got some great news! The company “Dog for Dog” – and Olsen's in Clarkdale – have chosen the Jerome Humane Society as the recipient of its matching dogfood program. Here's how it works: You buy a bag of “Dog for Dog” food or treats at Olsen's in

Clarkdale, and they give us a bag for our food bank. “Dog for Dog” products are made of high-quality natural ingredients, and include both dry dog food and dog treats. Their specialty DOGSBUTTER is an all-natural peanut butter free of added sugar, fat, and hydrogenated oils and it's especially yummy!

Desperately Seeking Homes for Foxy, Jack and Jane

A huge thanks goes out to Barbara for fostering the lovely **Foxy** these past several months. The time has come for Foxy to find a forever family, so please help with our “get Foxy adopted” full-court press! If you've been thinking about expanding your feline family, please consider this 2-year old, long-haired beauty who has been waiting so patiently for a loving home.



We'd also like to introduce you to Jack and Jane

– also looking for new families. Jack is an all black, male kitten with what looks to be a Bombay bloodline. (In case you didn't know... Bombays were developed by breeding sable Burmese and black American shorthairs to produce cats with sleek, tight black coats.) Despite a rocky start in life, he's one of the happiest and most affectionate felines we've ever encountered – and that's saying something!



His female friend is Jane, a classic brown-tabby. She's one smart kitten, and oh-so-cute!

Thank you, new pet parents!

Our work to find homes for dogs and cats in need - especially following the springtime “kitten season” – is never-ending, but we've met with heartwarming success these past few months. From Jerome to Sedona, many of you have opened your hearts and homes to animals in need - either as foster parents or forever families. There's no way to be of greater service to the animals we love, and you have our undying gratitude. As always, if you know anyone that might want to join your honorable ranks....please let us know!

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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