

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

November – December 2017

From the Mayor

Early Morning in Jerome!

Last week I was up early as I am apt to do. It was a beautiful morning and I decided to take a walk around town. As I reflected on the vistas, waved good morning to other Jeromans, it once again reminded me how much I love this place. I used to travel a great deal, and I have seen a lot of places and things, but there is simply no place I'd rather wake up every day than in Jerome.

Later that day I was once again taking a stroll and I noticed that the re-opened Blair Horse Shoe Pits were being enjoyed after 13 years of being closed. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard and the gracious donations from Yavapai – Apache Nation and Freeport McMoRan Foundation that made this happen.

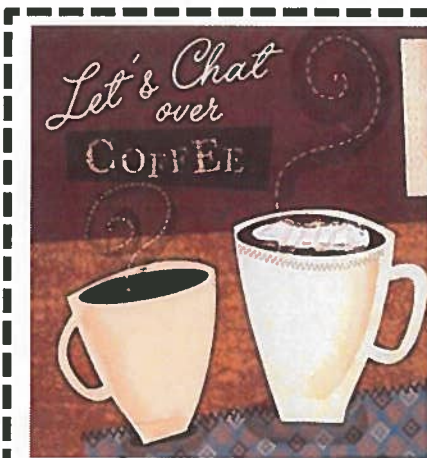
You also may have noticed some activity on the roof of the Hotel Jerome. Thanks to the hard work of Council Member Hunter, we have started the roof repairs that are so desperately needed to save this historical treasure.

I hope you will join me on November 11th from 11:00 am until 1:00 p.m. for the next coffee and expectations. I bring the coffee and you bring your expectations. We will share both with each other. This will take place in the Middle Park.

However, if you want to chat about something before then, please call me at 928-499-8421 or email me at coppertownusa@outlook.com.

-Home Sweet Jerome-

Frank Vander Horst



COFFEE & EXPECTATIONS WITH THE MAYOR

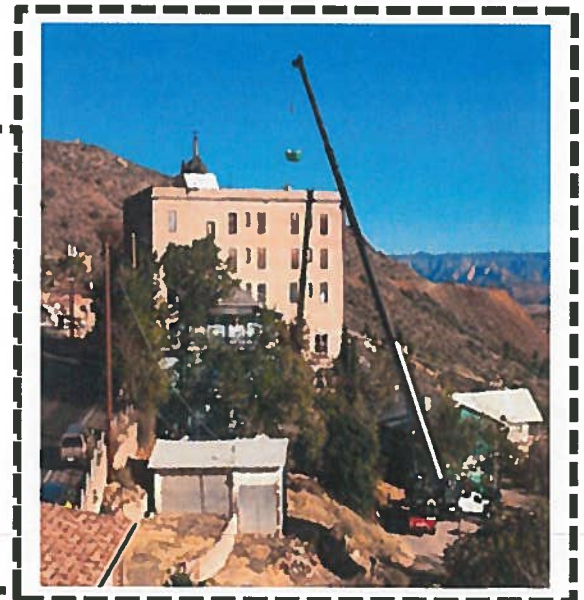
Saturday, November 11th

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In Middle Park

*(Inclement weather, I'll see
you at the Mine Café!)*

Hope to see you there!



Meeting Dates for November and December, 2017 and January 2018

Regular Council Meeting
November 14th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
November 1st at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
November 13th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
December 12th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
December 6th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
December 11th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
January 9th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
January 3rd at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
January 8th at 7:00 pm

The Hotel Jerome Roof Renovation Begins!

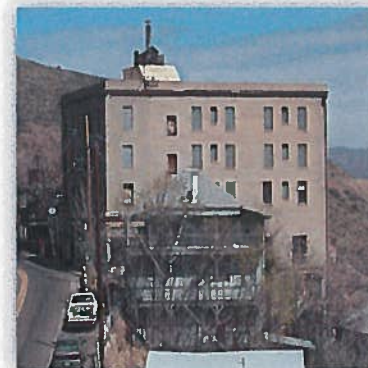
By the time you read this, the tear-off of the old roof on the Hotel Jerome will have begun and perhaps, be completed! I have been working on getting this moving for a while. Thanks to hard work by the Town Manager, a very generous volunteer who assisted with the grant application; and letters written by the members of the Jerome Artist's Co-op. The Town was awarded a USDA grant for \$60,000 for the replacement of the roof. There should also be some money left to put towards clean-up of the building's top three floors.

The roof has been leaking for some time, perhaps 25 years or more. The concrete under the old roof will have to dry for a week or two before the new roof goes on. While they are tearing off the roof, parking and traffic on Rich St. will be limited, due to the crane that will be there to lift the old material down and off of the roof. Once the new roof is installed, professional clean-up of each floor will commence.

The 2nd floor, the one above the Jerome Artist's Co-op, is in reasonably good condition. As one climbs the stairs, the extent of the water intrusion becomes much more evident. The 3rd floor is rough and the 4th floor is real rough. The Town of Jerome used to have offices on the second floor and later, some studios were made available for day use rentals. All the floors above the Co-op have been empty for years now, but there is still a lot of "stuff" on the 2nd floor. If you, or anyone you know, still has "stuff" stored on the 2nd floor, we ask that you make arrangements with the Town to remove it. As stated, once the roof is completed, we will be paying a contractor to go floor by floor, emptying every room of its contents and cleaning up the dirt and debris. Anything left in the building after the 2017 holiday season that can't be associated with the folks who own it, will be removed and disposed of.

Today, a gorgeous and warm autumn day, I was up on the roof, doing the electrical work necessary to allow the tear-off of the roof. What a VIEW up there! Later, a group of involved folks were inspecting the Town "noonish" whistle (fire siren) and its protective "dog" house. What a fascinating piece of equipment. Just a giant motor and a series of fan blades arranged to make that siren howl when it spins. Simple and effective. We were considering moving the whistle to get to the roof under it (that needs replacing as well), but decided (because it likely weighs close to a thousand pounds) to leave it right where it is and flash and roof around it.

Did you ever wonder why the "noonish" whistle goes off at 11:47 every day instead of right at noon? Well, I'd heard that it was because of the ancient and mystical timer that no one knew how to adjust. I envisioned a pulley and motor-driven gear clockwork, built and installed by some mine engineer from parts scavenged, maybe it dropped ball-bearings into a pan that finally tripped the mechanism every twenty four hours, kind of a Rube Goldberg device. Well, I investigated and it turns out that it's not quite that romantic or mystical at all. The timer is a simple Grainger, Dayton brand device. It's a modern, 120-volt electrical 7-day timer, set up with one automatic program to actuate a big relay that provides power to the motor that spins the siren. And there, in the bottom of the electrical panel, lay the instruction manual for the timer. The reason it goes off at 11:47 instead of 12:00 is that the timer's time of day setting is off by 13 minutes. I was going to reset it to the correct time and I thought HEAVENS! How could I even think of doing that?!? Perish the thought! It would no longer be a noonish whistle, but simply a boring old straight-up noon whistle, much like thousands that may still exist across the land. I knew that the entire Town probably feels the same way and left it alone. We all had a good chuckle at that; what a great fun and funny town we live in. I'm very happy to be working to help preserve a(nother) piece of Jerome History. The Hotel Jerome, 100 years old this year.



Hunter Bachrach – Council Member

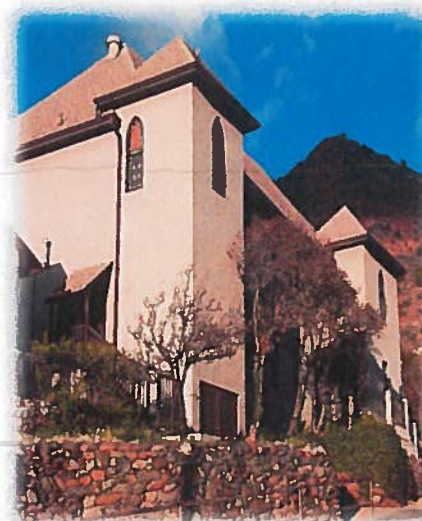
Dear Jerome Friends:

Some people when they get ready for the holidays, whether Christmas or Thanksgiving, have a massive burden of expectation. They are looking for some type of Norman Rockwell painting for Thanksgiving or a "dreaming of a white Christmas" ideal. Every year they build themselves up looking for this experience and every year the expectation doesn't match with the reality. The turkey burns, it's raining outside, Uncle Robert came to dinner already drinking, and your niece just broke up with her boyfriend of three years and is tearfully sitting in the corner trying desperately to talk with anyone about it while everyone else is desperately trying to avoid both Uncle Robert and the niece as well as grandma in the kitchen as she spouts political nonsense. It's no wonder that people have holiday related health problems.

I encourage you to join us for our Sunday Services at 8:30 am and our Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 5:30 pm, as we explore what the holidays can mean together.

Peace,

Pastor Jonathan Hall - Haven United Methodist Church





Jerome Fire Department

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Wildland Fires:

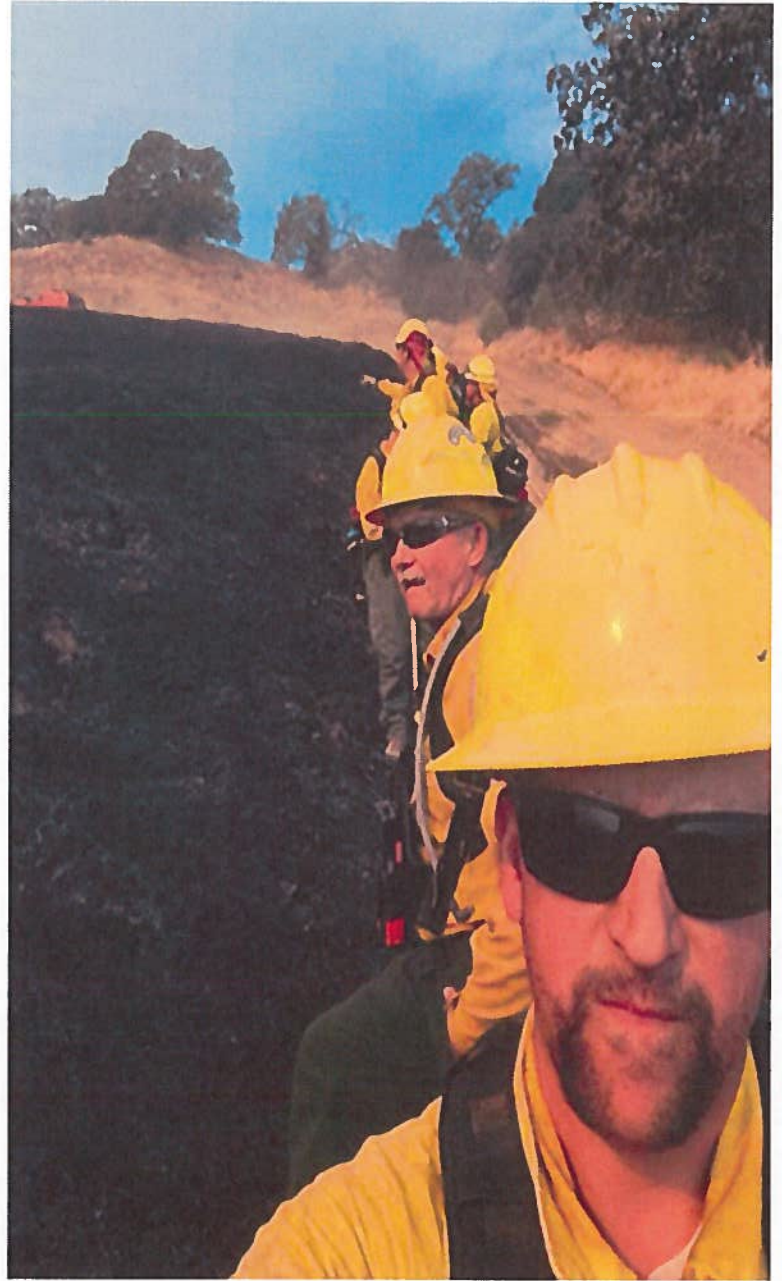
The Jerome FD is happy to have Bob Bouwman and Andrew Peterson back from California. Jasper Lanning has been doing wildland service with us and also Mayer FD. This year, our Brush 111 Truck brought in \$80,823 fighting four wildland fires; The Boundary Fire, The Salmon-August Complex Fire, The Orleans Complex Fire and finally, The 2017 October Statewide Fires California. No injuries to our wildland crews occurred and we thank them for their service to others in time of need.

Moreover, the Jerome FD has billed a total of \$120,000 for all four wildfires this season.

Well Done Men!

Firewise:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every home and business owner in Jerome who has taken the time to ensure that their properties are as ready for fire as possible by removing dead fuels from around their property. This can be as simple as removing debris from your gutters and roof, or simply making sure that trees aren't "holding hands." If you would like us to do a fire assessment at your property, please give us a call! Through the end of September, we had 482 loads of slash and brush taken to the burn pile. Jerome citizens have expended 645 hours of labor. The Adult Probation Department has contributed 373 hours of labor with 17 burn permits being issued and 14 burns in place. We will do everything we can to remove fuels and transport to the burn pile, but there are times when we must rely on burning in place. Look for us to be doing just that in the coming months as the temperatures tumble and the humidity rises. It's a good time to get rid of dangerous fuels. Jerome Fire would like to wish everyone a Safe and



Happy Holiday Season.

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



Greetings everyone,

Well, the town certainly knows I'm here now. The workload here in the office and around town has more than doubled for me, but that's not a bad thing. I love the work and love working with the people. If any of you have been in my office, you will have noticed that the entire chalkboard is a to-do-list and is constantly changing. I have brought on some of this workload myself by implementing a GIS program in town so that we don't have to rely on others. Through all this work getting GIS setup, I have found that the need here is great and that there are some errors that need to be corrected and data to be updated. This mainly helps the fire and police department with addressing and 911 calls. There is a lot that goes into creating these new maps, not unlike the cartoon, but certainly a different kind of effort. In short, don't let my getting busy deter you from asking questions or getting help with projects around town. I'm happy to help, so if you need approval for a project, just remember that there is a process and I'm usually available to help out. If I'm not here, leave a message with Town Hall and I will get back with you.



Kyle Dabney

Greetings from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Volunteerism is one of the things that makes Jerome so special. We have lots of holiday opportunities to help out in the next two months. On **November 25th, Jerome Lights up the Mountain** with the arrival of Santa in the antique fire truck. We will also set up luminaria throughout the town early on that day. Mingus Union High School Choir will again perform throughout town. Visit our website for details, prior to the event. Please send us an email if you are able to help us facilitate these events. We will be sponsoring a **Holiday Lights Contest**. Prizes will be \$100 for the best residential display and \$100 for the best commercial display. Please have your lights up by **November 25th** so our visitors can see the town at its most brilliant! **The Town Dinner** follows two weeks later. Everyone is invited to the dinner on **December 9th**. Doors open at 5:30pm and the meal starts at 6pm. There will be a wine and beer cash bar and meat provided by The Chamber, the Town of Jerome and the Jerome Historical Society. As always, bring a dish to share. After our meal we will announce the winners of the Holiday Lights Contest!

We hope to see you all for all of these holiday events and especially hope to see you at the dinner.
Happy Holidays!

Kevin Savage - President - Jerome Chamber of Commerce
info@jeromechamber.com

Photo credit Ron Chilston



While pondering this article about The Old Book Room, someone suggested I mention my favorite books and authors. I liked the idea, not because I'm an especially literate person, but I'm hoping that doing so will lead to some healthy discussions with fellow Jeromans. So, I came up with four names, the first being William Shakespeare. As an amateur actor, I've performed in many of his plays and it is a sublime experience. I have copies of "Hamlet" stashed all over the house in case I need quick enlightenment. Next is J.R.R. Tolkien. My first copies of "The Hobbit" and "Lord of the Rings" came from a bookmobile in the mid-60s. Tolkien's ongoing global impact is staggering. After that comes Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. who's piercing wit and unique voice are right up my alley. I consider "Slaughterhouse Five" to be his masterpiece. More recently, Jeffrey Ford is my author of choice. Seek out his amazing variety of novels and short stories like "The Well-Built City Trilogy" and "The Empire of Ice Cream." Honorable mentions must go to Herman Melville, "Moby Dick," John Gardner, "Grendel," and Joseph Campbell for books I often return to. I invite you stop by The Old Book Room on the 3rd floor of Town Hall on Wednesdays between 12:00 and 2:00 PM (or by appointment) and tell me (or Karen, who is there on Tuesdays and Thursdays) who your favorites are and why. We may have copies of his or her books on the shelves.



-Michael Gallagher

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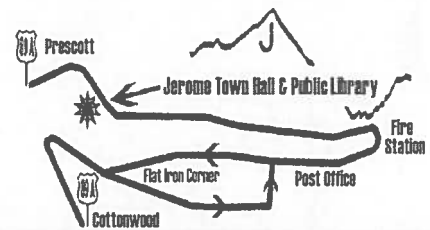
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Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 6 pm
		Saturday	Noon - 3 pm



Old Book Room Hours

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

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

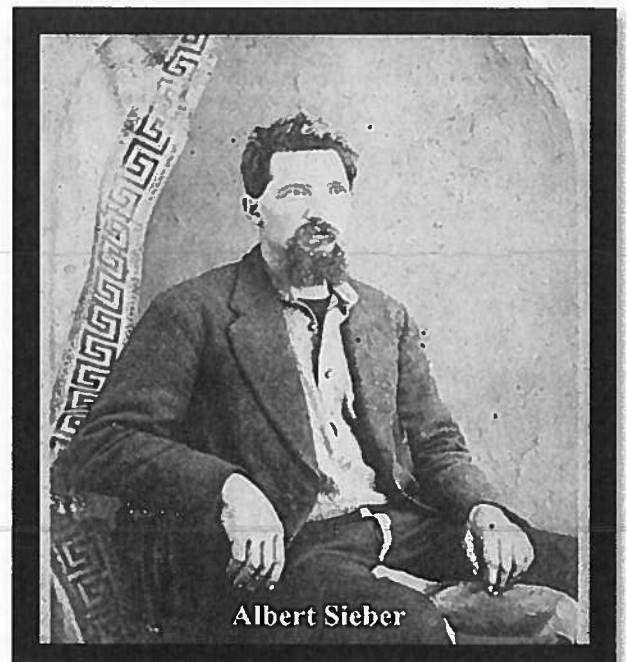
Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

Did you know..... it is rumored that legendary Indian Scout Al Sieber (of hunting Geronimo fame) staked the area's first copper mining claim in 1865? Now if only he had actually recorded his claim this would be more fact and less rumor. What is a fact though is that Al Sieber received a stunning 28 battle wounds during his life. But it took a boulder rolling down on top of him during a road construction project in 1907 to end his life eight days shy of his 64th birthday. He was certainly one tough hombre.

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



Albert Sieber

Jerome Humane Society

JHS Annual Fall Brunch - A Truly Grand Gala!

We couldn't be more grateful to the many guests and volunteers who made our annual brunch and auction such a success. Thanks to everyone's generous support, the JHS raised over \$20k to help take care of the animals we love. A heartfelt thanks to Marge Graziano for once again hosting the event at The Honeymoon Cottage - her spectacularly lovely home. You can see fun event photos at www.facebook.com/jeromehumanesociety. Next year's brunch will be held on Sunday, Oct. 21 2018 so save the date!



Fall Flea Market – Dec 2 & 3 / 9am – 4pm

Our fall flea market is just around the corner and we've got a cornucopia in the works! Mark your calendars for some great holiday treasure hunting on December 2 and 3. If you have items to donate, please leave them on the steps outside of the clinic (NOT in the Town Hall stairwell, please!)

Momma Milagro and Cali Need a Home

The JHS is fostering two lovely young female cats in need of a family. Momma Milagro is a confident, super-affectionate brown tabby. Cali is a shy, but oh-so-sweet calico. Cali will need a patient parent, but long-term love will easily pay off. If you'd like to meet our "cats in residence" please call or text Sally at 928.301.5079.



JHS Annual Meeting Friday Dec 1

The Jerome Humane Society will hold its Annual Meeting and pot luck dinner on Friday, December 1 at 6:30pm in the Nellie Bly event space (behind the store.) You don't have to be a member to join us. The meeting is short, but the great food and great company last the evening!

Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon – 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

The Window Girl Report



One of the best parts of this job is getting to know the residents. Jerome attracts the full spectrum—from eremites and activists to retirees and rock stars, all fascinating in their own unique way. This got me thinking: since utilities, business licenses, and building permits aren't the most exciting of topics, I think it'd be more

fun to introduce a fellow Jeroman in each newsletter ... in a fun and mysterious fashion. See if you can guess who I'm talking about in this edition of *Point of View*. If you want to play along, call Town Hall at 634-7943 or email your guess to Rosa at r.cays@jerome.az.gov. Let's have fun getting to know each other, if you dare. 😊

-She came to Jerome in 2014 by way of Santa Fe, New Mexico, after a glamorous art gallery job turned out ... not so glamorous. Originally from Arizona, she moved to Hollywood in the early '80s at the age of 19 and worked retail by day and immersed herself in the punk rockabilly scene by night. She's a restaurant brat, but has also worked in the film business, for the Scottsdale Unified School District, for the Philip Curtis Trust, and as a freelance writer and copy editor. Her parents are from Mexico, and her aunt and uncle opened the first Mexican food restaurant in Scottsdale in the late 1940s. Her favorite thing about Jerome? The relaxed, open-minded atmosphere that makes it okay to just *be*.



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

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