



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

September – October 2016

AS THE EGG FRIES

September, 2016

Summer's over. Autumn is here. The light is changing, the hazy glare of summer is switching to the more defined, crisper feel of fall. The school year is starting. Kids with books and backpacks are already standing on the early morning street corners. The night sky will soon be filled with floodlights and cheers of high school football games. The harvest is coming in. Soups and stews are on the menu. (I was going to say pumpkins, but I tried to buy one today only to find them missing. Safeway and Fry's did not even have canned.) Tee-shirts and shorts will soon be less in evidence, sweats and hoodies back in fashion.

Good old Autumn. The colors are different, with more reds and ochers, darker greens and nut browns. The days are shorter, the nights longer. The smells are different, too: a bit of smoke from someone's chimney, the homey bouquet of a baking apple pie, of cinnamon and nutmeg, the damp musky scent you get walking through fallen leaves.

The merchants like Autumn: the carriage trade picks up, buying patterns change, go a bit more up-scale. The party season kicks in...the Humane Society's Sunday Brunch, the Fireman's Ball, Halloween, Thanksgiving. Soon there will be a chill in the evening and you can snuggle up with your significant other. That's always fun.

There's not much to say about the Town. We're wrapping up loose ends: finishing the Main Street wall, finishing the School Street regulator, inspecting and tweaking the water supply lines out on Mingus. So far we still do not know why we suddenly lost that 100 gallons a minute in 2013 and why we never got it back. We've brought in new hydrologists to help us on that and to get a better handle on the system as a whole. We hope to have some meaningful answers in the next few weeks.

The town crew is back to full size. Marty Boland is back as our new Public Works chief, which is good, but two of the team are dealing with short term medical issues, which is not good." We're interviewing for a Zoning Administrator. Al Sengstock is still covering that base long distance, but the Council would rather we had someone in town to handle it. Al knows his stuff, but the present arrangement is a trial system, not necessarily a permanent fix. The ZA slot is remarkably tough to fill.



Low Currier

Meeting Dates for September, October and November 2016

Regular Council Meeting
September 13th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
September 7th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
September 12th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
October 11th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
October 5th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
October 10th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
November 8th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
November 2nd at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
November 14th at 7:00 pm

Manager's Dugout– September/October 2016

Candace Gallagher, Town Manager/Clerk



What's New?

HOUSING REHAB FUNDING APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Town of Jerome is currently accepting applications for its Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Program to address health and safety related issues in the home. This program is federally funded through a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS - Homeowners must be income-qualified and have lived in their home at least 12 months. Homeowner must carry homeowner's insurance.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES - The home must be located within the Town of Jerome. The home and the land must be owner-occupied.

ELIGIBLE REPAIRS - The program addresses health and safety hazards such as roofing, heating, cooling, plumbing, electric, accessibility improvements, foundations, doors and windows, and lateral sewer connections.

FORGIVABLE LOAN TERMS - Program Beneficiaries will receive a non-interest bearing, 5-year forgivable loan for the total amount of construction costs and services, secured by a recorded Deed of Trust and Promissory Note.

APPLICATIONS - Applications and guidelines may be picked up at Jerome Town Hall or by contacting Tracy Bouvier, NACOG, at (928) 213-5240. Applications and guidelines are also available on the Town's website at www.jerome.az.gov. **Applications for the first funding round will be accepted at the Town or NACOG until 9/15/16.**



SALES TAX INCREASES:

The Jerome Town Council has approved a new Transaction Privilege tax on commercial rentals. Although residential rentals have been subject to a 3.5% local tax since 2010, commercial rentals were previously exempted. Beginning on November 1, 2016, commercial rentals will be taxed at the same rate as residential rentals, 3.5%.

Also approved was an increase in the supplemental "bed tax" currently assessed on transient lodging facilities. That added tax will increase to 3% as of November 1, 2016.

NEW DROUGHT PLAN:

Council has adopted a "Drought and Water Shortage Preparedness Plan," which establishes three levels of water shortages: "Water Alert," "Water Emergency" and "Water Crisis," with regulations associated with each, and penalties for violation. The entire plan is available on our website at www.jerome.az.gov, and is also available for review at Town Hall. Current regulations are posted at our usual posting locations.

As always, please feel free to call, email or stop in if you have any questions or concerns.

Dear Jerome Friends:

Just a reminder that you are always invited to attend our worship services on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We have a traditional worship service that includes fun singing and good fellowship.

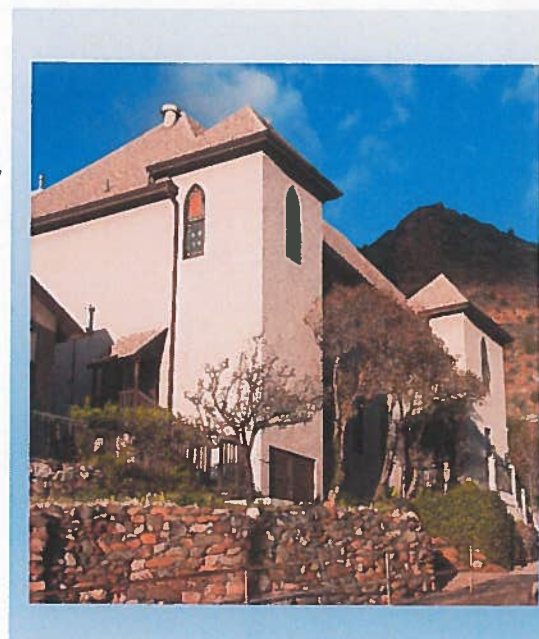
You are also invited to avail yourselves of our food and clothing pantry on Wednesday mornings...good fellowship is also served up here along with coffee and treats if you are so inclined.

We are always thrilled to accept donations to the food pantry and clothing bank, especially items like peanut butter, tuna and canned meat. Jerome is our biggest supporter and we want to express our thanks for that.

We look forward to seeing some of you at church.

Blessings,
Janet Keffer
Pastor

Haven United Methodist Church



Jerome Fire Department

P.O. Box 1025 Jerome, AZ 86331 Tel. (928) 649-3034 Fax (928) 649-3039

E-mail: blair@jeromefire.us



Jerome Town Picnic:

The Annual Jerome Town Picnic will be held in Middle Park on Thursday, September 22, beginning at 5 pm and lasting until 7 pm. The Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chicken, sodas and water. All you need to do is bring a side dish or just show up. It's always a great time to visit with your neighbors and friends. This year we will make Firewise literature available to you and would enjoy speaking with you about the simple things you can do to keep your home or business safer from wildfire. Hope to see you there!

Remember 9-11:

It has been 15 years since the September 11, 2001 attacks. Let's not forget the heroes who lost their lives attempting to save others. Here's a great quote from Sandy Dahl, the wife of Flight 93 Pilot Jason Dahl, "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week:

National Fire Prevention Week is observed in the United States and Canada during the week in which October 9 falls. In the United States, the first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) continues to be the international sponsor of the week.

Grants:

We received a grant from the 100 Club of Arizona in the amount of \$6,848 for the purchase of Wildland gear. We have begun receiving the shirts, pants, gloves, etc. Thank You 100 Club of Arizona! We are still in the running for a FEMA Grant for new SCBA or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. We are hoping to replace our aging SCBA units. These are the air tanks and masks that keep us alive when making entry into a burning structure.

Firewise Activities:

Our Firewise Community fuel abatement work continues this month. We have received 40 Firewise Applications from Jerome homeowners so far this year. 33 properties have already seen work being done. We continue the process of cutting, hauling and burning dead and standing dead trees and brush. This is all done to reduce the amount of fuel up to 200' from an applicant's home or property. It is in your best interest as a home owner to have your neighbors involved in Firewise remediation efforts on their properties as well. The less available fuels to burn, the lower radiant heat that a home or structure will need to endure in order to minimize the possibility of your house igniting.

Here are some tips to help keep your home or business Firewise:

- Clear needles, leaves and other debris from the roof, gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- To prevent ember penetration, replace or repair loose or missing roof shingles or tiles, and caulk any gaps or openings on roof edges.
- Cover exterior attic vents, and enclose under-eave and soffit vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent embers from entering the home.
- Remove stored items and clear out any dead vegetation from under your deck or porch and within 10 feet of the house.
- Replace mulch with hardscaping, including rock, gravel or stone. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Remove flammable materials including firewood stacks, portable propane tanks, and dry vegetation within 30 feet your home's foundation, garages and other buildings.
- Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire so keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, trim it to reduce fire intensity, and don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.

Fire can spread to tree tops. If you have tall trees on your property, prune low hanging branches 6 to 10 feet from the ground and for smaller trees, prune low hanging branches no more than a third of the tree's height. Remove tall grasses, vines and shrubs from under trees.

Talk to your neighbors and create a plan for how to address your wildfire safety challenges together.

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



CIVIC PARTICIPATION IN "THE PROCESS"

Al Sengstock, Zoning Administrator

One of the continuing challenges for Jerome, due to its small population, is finding people who are willing to get involved in the various boards and commissions responsible for assuring that the intent of the various land use codes and ordinances are achieved.

We should all be grateful for those who have rotated through our boards and commissions, often having to face criticism and resentment from various townspeople. Thankfully, these things pass in time, once we get back to caring about each other. Although I am grateful to these unpaid civil servants, it is always healthy and wise to have "new blood" coming onto our boards and commissions. I have been taught, and agree, that if I do not participate in the "Due Process" of my community's government, then I have little standing when I disagree with some decision made by others.

Sowhat are you willing to do to be a positive contributing citizen of Jerome? Do you have experience and skills which qualify you for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Design Review Board, Board of Adjustment? Are you willing to sit on the General Plan Steering Committee?

Please consider being involved.

Thank you!



CIVIC PRIDE

Jerome Ghost Walk

The Jerome Historical Society Proudly Presents

*"Voices from Jerome's Past...
Gone but not Forgotten"*

The 75th Annual **Jerome Ghost Walk**

October 7th & 8th 2016.
Shows start every half hour (6:30 pm-9 pm)
from Spook Hall

Reservations
Highly Recommended

Friday \$15.00. Saturday \$20.00.
Children age 10 and under are admitted free.

Purchase tickets online at
www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com

928-634-1066

Caution: Watch the children walking on the ever ground at night. This is a
trick or treat. Please don't high heels. The road is not paved on the side and
no paid valet services are provided by the Historical Society.

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This year's poster was created by Jason Voss of Cottonwood.

Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

Did you know..... that, between them, sisters Aurelia Gonzales and Santos Contreras, also known as the "Tamale Ladies," spent over 124 years in Jerome? Aurelia arrived in Jerome in 1926 and lived to be 103 whereas her sister Santos got to town in 1944. Santos died at 101 years of age.

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 9am - 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



**TREASURES IN THE OLD BOOKROOM
and the JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**42nd Annual Jerome Fire Auxiliary
Halloween Dance & Fundraiser**

William Makepeace Thackeray is still considered by many to be one of the greatest humorists that England ever produced. He was born in Calcutta, India, the 18th of July in 1811. He was talented but not disciplined. In 1832, he came into his inheritance but in two years it was gone. Some say this was good for the world of literature because he was forced to do what he did best, write. He was a regular contributor to the British humor magazine, "Punch," and wrote for several newspapers. He was married at 26 and realized he had to make a steady income. His first novel was "Vanity Fair," followed by "Pendennis," "Esmond" and "The Newcomers."

Often considered one of the great triumphs of modern fiction is Becky Sharp of "Vanity Fair."

One reviewer wrote "Thackeray has drawn one typical example of such bad women with an anatomical precision that makes us shudder."

On the 24th of December in 1863 he died in the home he shared with his mother and two daughters.



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.

Donations to the Library

The Library wishes to send Thanks to Steve Harris & Kate Roberge for their donation of Books and also to Jamie and Frank Vander Horst for Audiobooks.

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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 CLOSED

**The Library will be closed, Monday
September 5th for Labor Day**

THE JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY'S
42ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE AT SPOOK HALL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2016

The Eleventh Hour Band

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 P.M.
BAND PLAYS FROM AT 9 - 1 A.M.

BEST COSTUME CONTEST!! \$15 PERSON
PRIZES FOR \$25 FOR TWO
1ST 2ND & 3RD PLACE!

FULL BAR • CASH ONLY • BEER PROVIDED BY THAT BREWERY
21 & OVER ONLY • VALID PHOTO ID NEEDED TO ENTER

If you leave the building and Spook Hall is at capacity when you return, you will have to wait to re-enter.

The 42nd Annual Jerome Fire Auxiliary Halloween Dance & Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 29th. The doors will open at 8 pm with music by the Eleventh Hour Band from 9 pm until 1 am. There is no theme to this year's dance, so dress up as any character that you like! First, Second & Third Prizes will be given for best costume. This is a 21 and older event with a photo ID required for admittance. A full bar is available with all of the beer being donated by "That Brewery"! We are very excited to be able to offer such an exceptional lineup of fine hand-crafted beers!

This annual fundraiser is always very well attended with all proceeds going to pay for much needed items for our volunteer firefighters and EMT's. Our annual budget is miniscule compared to comparable fire departments. Without these funds, our firefighters would not have the "Extras" that help to keep them and you safe!

Jerome Humane Society

Save the Date! Annual Brunch and Auction on Sunday, October 16

Please join us for our biggest, most fun and most festive fundraising event of the year – our annual Sunday brunch and auction. This year's gala will be at the Honeymoon Cottage on Sunday, October 16 from 9am – 12 noon. Shuttle service starts at 8:30 am in front of Nellie Bly. We'll be serving our traditional breakfast fare, with bloody Mary's and mimosas flowing. Festivities include a special appearance by the Jerome Ukulele Orchestra, and some heated auction action! Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now at Nellie Bly. Hope to see you there!

Fall Flea Market: Saturday Nov. 12, Sunday Nov. 13 & Monday Nov. 14

It's hard to believe but our fall flea market is coming soon. Save the date if you're interested in some fantastic flea market finds at Spook Hall. If you've got items to donate, please drop them off at the clinic on Thursdays. If you need help with large item pick up, call Mary at 928.301.7797.

Coyotes and Our Cats

There has been an unusually high number of coyote visits to Jerome neighborhoods as of late, and sadly many of our cats have fallen victim to these predators. The BEST protection for your cats (and small dogs) is to keep them inside, especially at dawn and dusk when coyotes are most active. If there's no way to keep your kitties indoors, there are steps you can take – and tools you can provide - to help your feline family members.

- **Build Escape Tunnels & Outdoor Climbing Posts**

A cat's main defense against predators is its ability to climb. In areas without trees, build thick wooden climbing posts with a platform on top that cats can sit on until coyotes leave. The post should be at least 7 feet tall, and covered by a material like carpet or thick twine. Supplement climbing posts with strategically placed "escape tunnels." To make an escape tunnel, PVC tubing works best. Each "tunnel" should be at least 6 feet long, with a 10 to 12-inch opening – wide enough to accommodate the largest kitty, but not so small that they can get stuck. Place the tubes along the paths your cats use, and secure the tubes with concrete blocks so they won't roll. Introduce the "escape tunnels" to your cats by placing wet food inside - and do this frequently until they become familiar with the location of the tubes. Your kitties should be safe inside the tubes until the coyote moves on. Be sure to check tunnels frequently!

- **Remove Food Sources**

Coyotes are attracted by garbage so keep trash locked away in thick containers with secure lids and don't place it out until the morning of pickup. Surround compost piles with strong fencing at least six-feet tall, and clean up other sources of food such as fallen fruit, pet bowls, and barbecue grills. Piles of trash, lumber and other refuse attract rodents which coyotes eat, so keep yards trash free. Last, by encouraging birds (which coyotes eat) to live around your home, you're also encouraging coyotes. Think about taking down bird feeders.

- **Deny Coyotes Access to Your Property**

Try to prevent coyotes from making a den or having access to your property. Close gaps under porches and sheds with strong wire, making sure to bury the wire at least 18 inches underground to prevent them from digging under it. Also, think about installing a coyote-proof fence which should measure at least 6 feet tall, (check with DRB first) and have a roller bar or a 15-inch woven wire extension on top. It must also extend at least 18 inches into the ground to prevent coyotes from digging under. Last, cut back vegetation regularly which will remove places for coyotes to hide. Keeping your yards clear and clean will help keep your kitties safe!



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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