



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

November-December 2020

From the Mayor

I am proud of all the Jerome Town Council has accomplished in the last two years. I look forward to continuing our progress over the next two years.

With COVID cases climbing in Arizona, I ask all of you to please remain vigilant in protecting yourselves through winter.

Happy Holidays, Jeromans.

Mayor Christina "Alex" Barber

A Note from Councilmember Dr. Jack Dillenberg ...

Dear fellow Jeromans:

I wish you all well as we continue through this difficult time on so many levels. The pandemic has affected all of us, and we are getting through despite the terrible effect it has had. I want to thank the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and my Council colleagues for the great job they're all doing and their continued commitment to our town. Thanks to the Jerome Town staff and all the volunteers as well.

We will continue to face pandemic challenges well into 2021 and our mutual obligation to protect our citizens while maintaining our role as a historic site with businesses that rely on tourism. It is important we continue to be mindful of our use of masks, social distancing, and handwashing. The data continues to support mask wearing as a key, preventative measure to the spreading of COVID-19. It is not an imposition of anyone's rights, but a commitment to preventing the spread of a very contagious disease, especially as numbers are increasing in Arizona.

As you all know, the lack of a monsoon season and rain puts us at risk for fires, so we must be especially vigilant in our fire prevention efforts.

I look forward to continuing the great work of this Council and exploring new opportunities to increase our efforts to improve infrastructure and explore affordable housing options while developing some new revenue sources for our community.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

Best wishes and warm regards,

Jack

Scheduled Meeting Dates for November-December 2020 & January 2021

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 10 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 8 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 12 at 7pm

Planning & Zoning

Wednesday, Nov 18 at 6pm

Planning & Zoning

Wednesday, Dec 16 at 6pm

Planning & Zoning

Wednesday, Jan 20 at 6pm

Design Review Board

Monday, Nov 2 at 6pm

Design Review Board

Monday, Dec 7 at 6pm

Design Review Board

Monday, Jan 4 at 6pm



JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
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**Jerome Fire Department would like to wish everybody
Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous holiday season,
and a Happy New Year.**

The 46th Annual Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 31 would have marked the 46th consecutive year that the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary hosted the Halloween Dance and fundraiser. This annual dance is our largest running fundraising event for the year and typically accounts for 60 to 70 percent of our discretionary funding. We were unable to facilitate this year's event due to the COVID-19 virus. However, you can still support us by going to the [Jerome Volunteer Fire Department](#) and [Auxiliary](#) Facebook pages to donate through our [GoFundMe campaign](#) and share with your friends. We hope by next year that life will be back to normal and we will be able to continue with this longtime-running, fun event that draws participants from all over the United States.

New Jerome Fire Employee

We are proud to announce that the duty officer position has been filled by Carl Whiting. He will be replacing Ian Haney who took a position with another agency. Carl has many certifications including FF I & II, EMT, Engine boss, and HAZMAT. We look forward to having his knowledge added to the department.

FIRE DANGER STATUS

- ⇒ The town of Jerome is in extreme fire danger. Any fire in our area would be extremely devastating to our community.
- ⇒ Most of the State of Arizona is in Stage One fire restrictions due to the lack of monsoon moisture and drought conditions this year.
- ⇒ The fire department had to close off the burn pile as it is extremely full. We will not be able to open it until we receive significant moisture to burn what's already in there.
- ⇒ Our brush truck has been deployed to 10 different fires around the state. The brush truck will have made over \$70,000 by the time it returns from this last deployment on 10-16-20.
- ⇒ This year fire season is expected to last well into December as we are into a weather phenomenon called La Niña, calling for a warm, dry, windy winter.
- ⇒ Please be mindful of extreme fire danger—the use of wood or charcoal barbecues is prohibited; use propane grills only.

Please remember that if you need assistance with Firewise activities, you must fill out a Firewise application and submit it to the Fire Department before work can be approved. Applications can be obtained at Town Hall or the fire station and are available on the Town of Jerome website.

FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

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's Chamber of Commerce

Announces End of Year Event!

What a strange year with so many events being cancelled due to the pandemic. If all goes well, there will be some Holiday Lights, although our annual Light Up The Mountain event has been cancelled as it is just too large of a crowd.

Adios 2020 Chili Cook-Off Challenge!

In lieu of our annual evening town dinner at Spook Hall, we are putting together a Day Time – Outdoor event instead. We hope Jerome's Local Business Owners, Employees, Residents and Chamber Members...take a break, leave their stress and politics at home and enjoy some time with your community. Like Old Times!

This is a B.Y.O.B. (bring your own beverage) event!

Utensils and condiments will be provided.

Event Date: Saturday, December 5th / Location: Upper Park / Time: High Noon

Prizes for Best Chili; First Place \$300 / Second Place \$200 / Third Place \$100

We need a minimum of 10 contestants to make this worthwhile. All applicants must register at info@jeromechamber.com to enter. The more applicants the better! Attendees will be the ultimate judge of winners (announced at 2pm-ish)!

Registration Deadline: Friday November 20th

Contestants will receive further instruction / details upon registration.

Social Distancing Practices Will Be Applied at Chili / Serving Table. Certainly, everyone will spread out to eat, drink and be merry!

Looking for heaters...can you help?

Oh...Almost forgot...there will also be a Prize for Best COVID Mask: \$50

Please Note: If minimum number of contestants is not met, then a cancellation notice will be posted at the Post Office. We certainly hope you will consider joining and helping us pick some winners!

Blessings from Haven ...

Happy Fall! The season of autumn. Beautiful colors mix a tapestry together for all to enjoy. However, I also anticipate cold weather coming, which is not my favorite temperature! My point is, change is necessary and should be enjoyed for the good it produces. Its enduring nature produces life, which gives us hope. We live in the season of time, unpredictable days given us, filled with beauty and wonder.

I am in the fall/ winter season of my life. Some days I forget to see the beauty in this miraculous process. I forget to enjoy the moments of living, while waiting for the joy of spring! I have to be intentional in appreciating the moment of now. I am blessed by practicing intentional thankfulness for every breath of life with the joy that has been given to me. I offer this thought to those of you who seek blessing in the harshness of any season.

Haven has been filled with joy each Wednesday as we have gotten to know one another more deeply. Hearing your joys and words of gratitude are so inspiring and humbling to me. Thank you for being such extraordinary blessings!

As you celebrate the seasons of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other family gatherings, I hope you will give one another joy in the moments. Give one another the fullness of your love in the midst of the current seasons of change and struggle. Find joy in one another's presence, no matter life's circumstances or your differences. May you become the beautiful change in this season of life, through love, with hope, sharing joy and living in peace with all people.

With gratitude for all your support,

Pastor Vicki

YE OLDE BOOK ROOM

Recently, I had occasion to visit the Old Book Room for the first time in over seven months. As always, the shelves stood silent, ready to dispense adventure, history, romance, fantasy, mystery, etc. It made me wonder which book of the thousands sitting there was the one that could instantly generate the most reactions just by the mention of its title. Immediately in my mind, I heard the gulls cry, saw the ocean begin to boil, and watched the white whale breach.

Herman Melville was already a successful author when he wrote *MOBY-DICK* or *THE WHALE*, published in 1851. It was a commercial failure, received mixed reviews, and was out of print by the time he died in 1891. It was only in the early 20th century that *Moby Dick* resurfaced and began its climb to become what many believe to be the greatest American novel of them all. There isn't space here (or anywhere really) to list the impact and influence that Captain Ahab and the crew of The Pequod have had on cultures across the globe since then. You'll find universal themes within its pages: fate, free will, race,



madness, religion, fellowship, man vs. nature, and more details about life aboard a 19th-century whaleship than you can shake a harpoon at. There are countless homages, analyses, adaptations, films, sequels, debates, dissertations, punchlines and more ... As endless and deep as the sea itself.

Maybe *Moby Dick* isn't your cup of tea (or rum) and you may never have attempted to read it. Perhaps you tried and quit. The novel's size alone is intimidating—kind of like a whale. It may be that you have another book or books you consider far more influential and worthy of such high praise. However, I'm betting that by hearing the leviathan's name, it brought an image to mind and evoked a response.

In any case, I wish you success on your own voyage, pursuing your goals and dealing with the delights and demons that arise along the way. May I call you Ishmael?

—Michael Gallagher

Jerome Library Welcomes You Back

The Jerome Library has now been open to the public for a few weeks, and we are seeing an increase in the numbers of patrons coming in to use our Chromebooks and check out movies and books. Masks and social distancing are still in effect. A portable restroom has been set up outside the library for our patrons.

The library is now open Monday through Friday, 10 am–5 pm, and noon–4 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The sections of the library open to the public include the library foyer, the DVD & Video section, and New Arrivals in Books. All other areas of the library remain closed to the public until further notice.

Upcoming holidays library will be closed

Wednesday, November 11 - **Veterans Day**

Thursday-Friday, November 26 & 27 - **Thanksgiving**

Thursday-Friday, December 24 & 25 - **Christmas Eve & Day**

Thursday-Friday, December 31 & January 1, 2021 - **New Year's Eve & Day**

We welcome you to call the library at 928-639-0574 if help is needed ordering books or movies. Staff is also available for reference questions.

The Jerome Library wishes you all a warm and safe Holiday Season!

Kathleen and Staff

Jerome Police Tips for Citizens

Recently the town has received several complaints of speeding and loud vehicles in town. I will address noise complaints first.

There have been six calls to police reporting noise complaints so far this year. Of these calls, five were for loud parties or people and one was for a loud generator on a job site. There have been no calls to our dispatch center reporting loud vehicles or noise from vehicles so far this year. This certainly does not mean we haven't taken action. So far this year, officers have issued five citations and 14 warnings to persons with excessive vehicle noise. Keep in mind that these incidents are often hard to enforce with a citation. Often there is a group of motorcycles coming through. The officer can hear someone in the group excessively revving their motor. The officer can't tell which of the bikers is the violator and ends up warning the group.

How can you help us with noise issues? If you hear loud vehicles and can see the offender, please call 911 and report it immediately. This is considered a crime in progress and warrants a 911 call. If possible, give the best description of the motorcycles, riders, or vehicles and last location spotted. We can't always catch violators; however, we frequently are able to locate and stop someone based on a citizen's report.

Speeding and reckless/aggressive driving are also frequent reports of concern. This is also an issue where we are not receiving calls when the violation occurs. If you are witnessing violations, please don't hesitate to call 911 and report the driving behavior. Please remember we need as good a description as you can give and last-known location of the vehicle. Officers have been very diligent in enforcement. We have made 317 stops of motorists so far for speeding this year. Of those, 205 have received citations and 112 have been warned. Additionally, we have hundreds of other stops for violations varying from passing in a no passing zone, stop signs, aggressive driving, reckless driving, and DUI.

We still need your help. Don't hesitate to call. This includes our local side streets. We have had a few complaints of speeding on Dundee Road, Gulch Road, and UVX Road. Often these complaints are about residents. If you are uncomfortable reporting a neighbor, please send or drop off an anonymous note to the police station letting us know who the violator is. Often we can change this behavior by a simple visit and discussion with the violator. See the numbers for reaching the police below:

911 – In-progress event for immediate response.

928-634-8992 – Police Station. Use this for follow-up or reports of past events; usually this will be by leaving a message.

928-634-2245 – Police Dispatch/Non-Emergency. Use this to have an officer dispatched or pass information to an officer right away.

Thanks for your support.

The Jerome Police Department

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* **Community Garden Update** *
* With the help of volunteers and the town crew, we have been making great progress on the community garden. We *
* have completed the raised beds, filled them with soil, and we've started planting. We are getting estimates and hope to *
* have a fence installed soon. We are looking for a small, temporary shed to house garden tools. If you have a small shed *
* that you'd be willing to donate, please get in touch with me. We still have a few beds left, so if you would like one, *
* please let me know ASAP. If you wait until spring, you might be too late. A big THANK YOU to the town crew, volunteers, *
* and everyone that's donated supplies—we could not have done it without you. *
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* *John Knight, Zoning Administrator* *
* j.knight@jerome.az.gov | 928-634-7943 *

JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY

The Jerome Humane Society's **Trap/Neuter/Release** project is ongoing, with over 30 cats trapped and fixed. Most have been returned to their home base to maintain a stable colony. We have found loving homes for all but three of the others, including lovable Fritz who had a broken jaw. JHS sponsored Fritz's surgery and care.



The "Art for Animals" exhibition, featuring primarily pieces donated by the family of late Jerome artist Patrick Lincoln, helped make up for the loss of income from the JHS Annual Brunch and Auction. Thanks to everyone involved including Mary Wills, Lori Riley, and especially Carol Wittner and Marla Quillard who staffed the gallery. A special shoutout goes to Marge Graziano who donated the beautiful space for the duration of the sale.

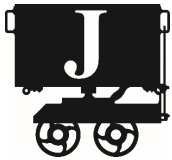


STOP THE DROP - Our final flea market spanned two weekends this year. The event was successful and safely run. A big THANK YOU goes out to our huge army of volunteers too numerous to name! **This was our FINAL FLEA MARKET, so we are asking everyone to please stop dropping off any items for donation.**

We continue to run the JHS Clinic despite the pandemic, with all safety measures in place. Don't neglect your pets' health. Call us for appointments as needed at 928-235-5960.

JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY CLINIC HOURS: THURSDAYS 11am to 5pm
For appointments, call 928-235-5960 ☼ Clinic phone: 928-634-6166

History of the Jerome Historical Society



For more than half a century, Jerome was a virtual ghost town. It wasn't until the formation of the Jerome Historical Society in 1953 and the opening of the Jerome Mine Museum that the town came alive.

When the mines closed in the 1950s, the population of Jerome dwindled to a handful of people. The historical society struggled to keep Jerome alive, trying to achieve their dream of making Jerome the "greatest outdoor museum." In 1956 the society completed negotiations with Phelps Dodge, assuring that no more buildings would be torn down in the main part of Ghost City. In addition, the society succeeded in purchasing most of uptown Jerome, securing Main Street. Today the Jerome Historical Society owns eight commercial buildings.

The balance of the buildings owned by the society were sold back to the community and persons interested in historic restoration.

You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your Omembership by visiting our website at www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com or by stopping by the Mine Museum at 200 Main Street (open 9am-5pm, 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

On behalf of the Jerome Historical Society Board of Directors,

Steve Pontious, President

BUH-BYE, 2020 ... C'MON, 2021!!!

**May You All Have
Healthy, Sane & Happy Holidays!**

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