



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January-February 2021

A Note from "Dr. Mayor" Jack Dillenberg ...

We've all experienced difficult and unpredictable times in 2020. Between the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the many traditional gatherings during this usually festive season, our town continues to endure and even thrive. For this, we can all be very grateful to be living in this special place during these unusual times.

I believe, in spite of all the difficulties facing us, we are also fortunate to have a team of extraordinary Town employees. Our administrative staff and town manager have shown commitment to provide guidance and leadership, even with limited in-person access. Under Marty's leadership, our town crew has done tremendous work—even when shorthanded, they have juggled a variety of tasks, many quite difficult and challenging. Our police and fire departments continue to provide critically important services to protect us and our visitors. In addition, it has been an honor and privilege for me to be associated with our truly committed Town Council.

Hopefully, with the emergence of the various COVID-19 vaccines, along with a commitment to maintain safe distancing and mask wearing, we will eventually return to a more "normal" life. As a town, we have had citizens, family members, and friends affected by COVID-19. We mourn those who have passed and send healing energy to those who have been infected. We have to continue our efforts to mitigate its spread. I am glad to see an increase in our visitors wearing masks and keeping a social distance. The disease is real and the number of cases in Yavapai County continues to rise. Even as the vaccines begin to be distributed, the next few months will be very dangerous for our citizens. Please stay safe!

Our town's revenue, while a little lower than last year, is doing better than we might have predicted. People are still coming to visit, to get away, and to enjoy the beauty and "small town" atmosphere of this place we call home.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy. Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mayor Jack

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE AND HEALTHY 2021!!

Scheduled Meeting Dates for January, February & March 2021

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, Jan 12 at 7pm

Planning & Zoning
Wednesday, Jan 20 at 6pm

Design Review Board
Monday, Jan 4 at 6pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 9 at 7pm

Planning & Zoning
Wednesday, Feb 17 at 6pm

Design Review Board
Monday, Feb 1 at 6pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, Mar 9 at 7pm

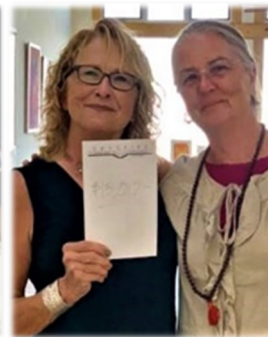
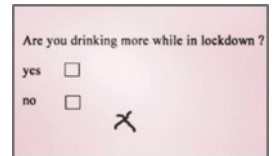
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Happy New Year from the Jerome Humane Society!

When COVID hit, the JHS established a text group to connect our extended clinic team. This crisis communication tool rapidly evolved into a type of support group for navigating the profound challenges of 2020. Humor was our therapy, and the JHS text group soon became THE JEROME FUNNIES, which fortified us with a little laughter every day as we continued to care for a record number of animals. We know that everyone could use a little laughter these days, so we'd like to share some of the photos and funnies that kept our hearts a little lighter this year. For a full (and not silly) review of JHS operations in 2020, please join us at our Annual Meeting in February (details TBD!) Until then, here's to a wonderful new year, and (we hope) the start of an enlightened new era for all the world.



Haven's heartfelt thank-you!

We are so grateful for your support of Haven UMC Jerome food ministry! Without it we would not be able to do so much for so many. Thank you all.

At the end of each year, we at Haven review our work with the community, starting with celebrating the people involved, all that has been accomplished, and what we have learned, so that we continue to meet the needs of others in the coming year. We are listening and encourage your input.

Obstacles to our increased needs melted away as we kept going in 2020. Funding came from many caring people. Volunteers from Jerome and surrounding towns stepped in to help in numerous ways. Anu and her son came to serve the community every Wednesday, just when we thought we may not have enough hands to provide for so many during the COVID crisis. Many people, unnamed here, have been part of this miraculous ministry, and we know each of them has been vital to the collective blessings. Only together, in the spirit of love, can life-giving work for others be provided. Only through the loving hearts of so many like **you!**

May you be blessed with the gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace in the new year and always.

Sincerely Grateful,

Pastor Vicki Lerdahl

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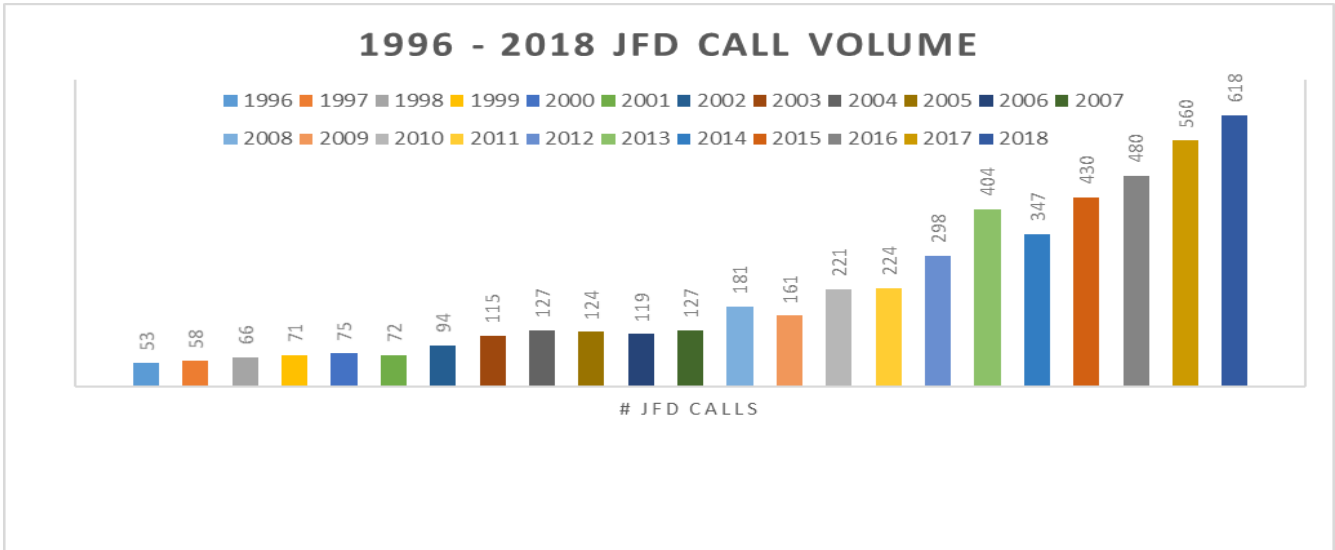
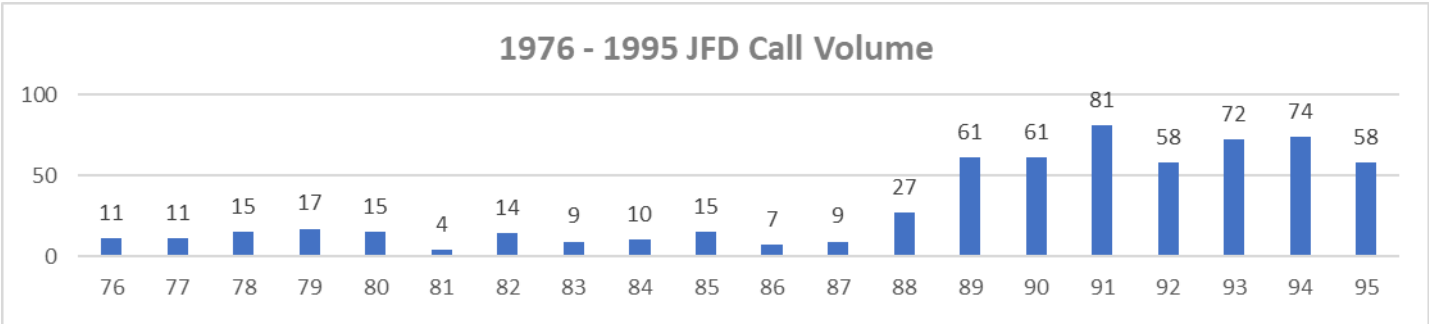


JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The Jerome Fire Department would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year!

We are coming to the end of another year with Jerome Fire Department reaching over 405 calls as of December 22, 2020, and about 80 other events such as meetings, work sessions, and trainings, including rope rescue. The fire department will most likely run on a few more calls before the end of the year. Jerome Fire Department has progressively become busier each year, demanding more and more from its personnel. However, the call volume was down from previous years due to COVID-19 (**we had 622 calls in 2019**). Some of these calls can be very stressful and dangerous for personnel, more so this year with the chance of exposure to the virus. I would like to thank all of the Jerome Fire Department personnel who have taken the time out of their lives to go to college for EMT and firefighter certifications and those who attended rope rescue, wildland, and many more trainings, so they can help you on your worst day. I would also like to thank those who show up to our regular training and those who respond to calls day or night 24/7.

**For residents in need of masks, the Jerome Fire Department has some available.
 Please contact us at 928-649-3034.**



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In addition, Jerome Fire has been maintaining a three-man fuel abatement team, reducing fuel loads throughout Jerome. This program is in its fourth year, and we have made great progress. It has been funded thanks to grants provided by Yavapai County, State Forestry, Town of Jerome, and Wildland monies earned by sending our brush truck out to fires around Arizona and California, which netted almost \$90,000 this year.

Jerome Fire would like to thank all the residents who have also participated in fuel reduction on their properties. This helps us to be able to protect their homes and our personnel in the event of a fire. Please remember not to throw your unwanted fuels onto someone else's property—we have the burn pile available to residents at UVX Road and Beale Street. If you do need assistance with fuel removal or access to the burn pile, please contact Jerome Fire Department at 928-649-3034.

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 Jerome Fire Department.

Annual Fire Extinguisher Service

The Jerome Fire Department in conjunction with Life & Property Safety are again offering an inexpensive option for your annual fire extinguisher service. For a nominal fee of \$4.25 per fire extinguisher, a business or Jerome resident can have their fire extinguisher serviced. The service will be offered at the Jerome Fire Department on Wednesday–Thursday, February 10-11, 2021, from 8am to 5pm.



Public Service & Public Works

Please remember if you have a water or sewer leak, contact Public Works at 928-634-7943. If you have a traffic-related event, please call Jerome PD at 928-634-8992. For all other matters, contact us at the Jerome Fire Department: 928-649-3034.

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.

Rusty Blair, Fire Chief, JVFD

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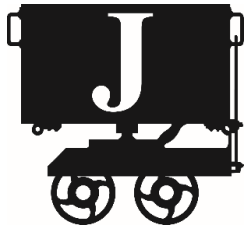
Did you know you can receive Jerome news and alerts directly to your email or via text? Be informed about holiday garbage collection, fire restrictions, upcoming roadwork, and other news of note. We won't bombard you with messages or sell your information, promise.

Sign up at the town website: <https://www.jerome.az.gov/subscribe>

It's easy. Takes seconds. Can't be bothered?

Call Rosa at 928-634-7943 and she'll be happy to sign you up. :)

History of the Jerome Historical Society



The New State Motor Company Building was built in 1917. It is a three-story, reinforced concrete building with the capacity for 650 cars. This historic building housed the first Chrysler dealership and the first

Moreland dealership in Arizona. In 1956 the Society purchased this building, and in the 1970s the U.S. Postal Service moved into a portion on the Main Street level. There are also two retail shops on the Main Street level. In 2008 the Society received funding from Arizona State Parks Historical Preservation Heritage Funds to revitalize the floor directly below Main Street. A museum and public restrooms were added along with seven unique retail spaces.

In 2010 the Jerome Historical Society was awarded Project of the Year for the New State project by Arizona State Parks based on the end use of the project and short time span it took to complete it.

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–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

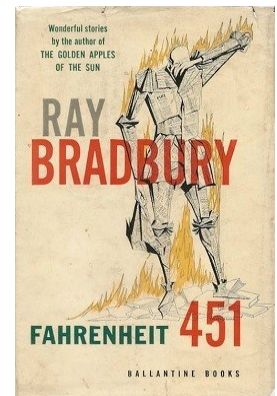
YE OLDE BOOK ROOM

As the worldwide pandemic drags on, many of us have chosen to read a book or two (or fifty!) It is a familiar, comforting, and most often, a satisfying experience. But, let's take a few minutes to reflect on an uncomfortable aspect of reading—or rather the inability to do so: the long and distressing history of book burning. For many of us, those ugly words bring to mind an image of Nazi soldiers standing around a bonfire. But the despicable practice goes back almost as far as “civilization” itself. The ancient cities of Ebla (2240 BC), Mari (1765 BC), Alalakh (1200 BC) and Ugarit (1180 BC) are early examples of cultural genocide by enemy forces. The Library of Ashurbanipal in 612 BC is unique because while the many texts written on leather, wax, and papyrus burned, the clay cuneiform tablets simply baked and were rediscovered in the 19th century. From 213 to 210 BC, China's Qin Dynasty burned books and buried alive the scholars who wrote or promoted them. The destruction of the vast library of Alexandria is one of the most famous examples of the mindset of a conquerer attempting to virtually eliminate history.

While the invention of the printing press in 1440 by Johannes Gutenberg changed literature and literacy forever, the inevitable downside was an increase in this kind of suppression. Unfortunately and disturbingly, the list of book burnings goes on and on, encompassing the globe and all time periods from Ebla to right now. In the 1950s, there was a furious crusade against comic books that were purported to create juvenile delinquents. Of course this kind of zealous destruction can extend beyond books, such as the attempted eradication of Beatles records and memorabilia after John Lennon's off-the-cuff remark that the band was more popular than Jesus. Current electronic storage and availability is not immune to such controversy. In 2006 President George W. Bush threatened to close EPA libraries, and the Stephen Harper government in Canada locked away or destroyed scientific documents in 2014.

What compels people to embark on such ominous (and usually public) behavior? Most often this blatant form of censorship is motivated by cultural, religious, and/or political opposition to the material in question. Perhaps the most celebrated book on this subject in recent memory is Ray Bradbury's classic, **FAHRENHEIT 451** (the temperature at which paper burns). “*A book is a loaded gun in the house next door,*” a character warns. “*Who knows who might be the target of the well-read man?*” Stay vigilant, fellow book lovers.

—Michael Gallagher



NEWS & REMINDERS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

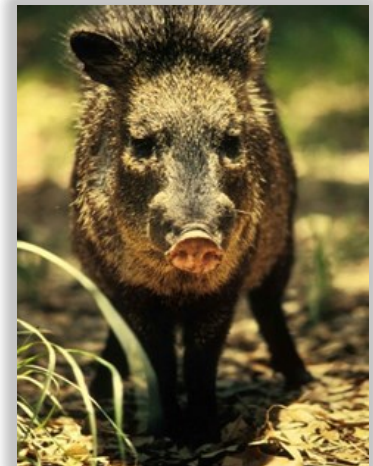
As many of you may know, the town crew has been shorthanded for several months. But as of December, we're now a crew of six. When you get the chance, please welcome Jeremy, Ben, and Aaron to Jerome Public Works. Here are just a few reminders from the Jerome Town Code about garbage collection. The town crew would greatly appreciate it if you would please follow these guidelines:

- **No more than three 30-gallon containers** or bags will be collected from any one household on the day specified for collection.
- **The maximum capacity of each container shall not exceed 30 gallons and loaded for collection shall not exceed 40 pounds in weight.** No bundle, container, or bag shall exceed 40 pounds, and the total weight of garbage placed for collection shall not exceed 120 pounds. Any garbage placed for collection in excess of that limit may not be collected, and the resident will need to arrange with the utility clerk for an unscheduled (special) garbage pickup.

JAVELINA. Some folks in Jerome think they're helping javelina by feeding them, which is not the case. Please read important information below from AZ Game and Fish (<https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/livingwith/javelina/>):

Contain garbage and compost. Secure garbage cans with locking lids or by attaching to a fence or wall. Put garbage cans at the curb on the morning of pickup rather than the night before. Clean out cans with a bleach solution to reduce attractive odors.

People should NEVER feed javelina. This can cause them to become regular visitors and lose their fear of people, creating problems for the neighborhood and often leading to the death of the javelina. Javelina occasionally bite humans, but incidents of bites are almost always associated with people providing the javelina with food. Javelina can inflict a serious wound. Defensive javelina behavior may include charging, teeth clacking, or a barking, growling sound. Javelina may act defensively when cornered, to protect their young, or when they hear or smell a dog. Dogs and coyotes are natural predators of javelina, and they can seriously hurt or kill each other. Javelina around your home may also inadvertently attract mountain lions, because mountain lions prey on javelina.



Thanks again for your support, and Happy New Year from the town crew.

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 * **The Jerome Library wishes everyone a Safe & Happy New Year.** *
 * **I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing Jerome Library Staff.** *
 * **Richard, Leo, Nancy and Wendy, I couldn't do it without you.** *
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 * **Thank you and warm wishes,** *
 * **Kathleen** *

Has the occupancy in your household changed? Are you paying too much for utilities (or not enough)? Please contact Kristen at Town Hall, 928-634-7943, and verify that we've got the correct rates set for your account. Your honesty is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

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