



# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

July-August 2021

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

It is raining as I write this, and of course I can't help but think about the firefighters working so hard to keep our communities safe. May the rains work in their favor. The immense appreciation and gratitude I feel for these folks risking their lives for ours is beyond measure. Thank you. I hope some of you are reading this.

Chief Rusty Blair spells it out in this edition of the *Point of View* that we must all remain diligent and be mindful of our surroundings—of fire hazards, our neighbors in need, our precarious place on this mountain—and be prepared for what hopefully will never be. Please read pages 3 and 4 and be informed about what to do should Jerome face a "Ready, Set, Go!" situation. The fire season has only just begun, so please be careful out there.

On a lighter note ... I hope to see all of you at the Fourth of July Parade on Sunday morning! Have a happy and safe holiday.

All the best,  
*Mayor Jack*



**TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, JULY 5.  
HAVE A SAFE & FUN  
FOURTH OF JULY!!**



### **Scheduled Meeting Dates for July, August & September 2021**

**TOWN HALL IS OPEN AGAIN AND MEETINGS ARE BACK IN PERSON!**

**Please keep in mind that masks and social distancing are currently optional.**

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 13 at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Wednesday, July 21 at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, July 6 at 6pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 10 at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Wednesday, August 18 at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Monday, August 2 at 6pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 14 at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Wednesday, September 15 at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Monday, September 7 at 6pm

**HOLY BLAZES, JEROME!** Suffocating summer temperatures mean we all need to be extra vigilant with our pets, especially around hot cars and pavement. **If you see a pet in distress, call the Jerome PD at 928-634-8992.** If the animal needs medical assistance, the police will contact us.



Follow “The Hot Cars Act” recently introduced in the House of Representatives by Tim Ryan (D-OH) and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), which requires car manufacturers to add a sensing device that will sound an alert when someone (or a pet) is left in the vehicle. Contact your senators and urge them to support this bill.



**PROTECT THOSE PAWS.** Summer sidewalks are sizzling. To avoid injury from hot surfaces:

- \* Walk when it’s cool or stick to the grass. If you feel the heat, so will your companions.
- \* Use paw wax or moisturizers. You can find plenty of great, pet-safe recipes online.
- \* If your pet will put up with it, try shoes, socks, or peel-and-stick pad protectors.

Check pads carefully, especially if there’s a chance they’ve gotten burned. Pets will show you by limping and chewing or licking their feet—or they will avoid going for a walk. Paw pads may appear redder or darker than usual, blistered, or otherwise damaged.

**SAVE THE DATE / BRING A DATE.** We’re thrilled to announce that we’re bringing back our flagship event, the JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY FALL BRUNCH AND AUCTION! Add this to your calendar: **Sunday October 17.** More details to come. We’re looking forward to collectible treasures and those Bloody Marys and mimosas!

**SWEET LYNNE ...** As our last crop of clinic cats, Lily and Shirley, are going to their forever homes, we’d like to send a special thanks to our friend and dedicated volunteer Lynne Chamball, who has just ended a nine-month stint as our clinic cat caregiver. That’s a long stretch of daily visits, tending to the needs of our beloved clinic cats and kittens who thank you, Lynne, from the bottom of their kitty-cat hearts.

Wishing you all a happy summer. Be safe and be cool.

### **Jerome’s Chamber of Commerce New Chamber Board Announcement!**

Please allow me to introduce our new board members:

- Nancy Crosby** – President (Hillside House)
- Ginger Mackenzie** – Vice President (Vino Zona)
- Jessie Pfeiffer** – Treasurer (House on the Edge of Time)
- Annie Rabago** – Secretary (Dillenberg and Friends)
- Marybeth Barr** – Director (JHS + JFD + Visitor Center Coordinator)
- Ingrid Sarris** – Director (Ghost City Inn)
- Jay Pastula** – Director (Jerome Ghost Pepper)

I have enjoyed serving on the Chamber and will continue to serve and assist the new board. Thank you to the previous boards whom I have worked with over the years...we accomplished a lot! This new board is coming up with several fresh and exciting ideas to help our wonderful community!

We have also gained several new members!

Unlike the past, our monthly meetings will likely be changing times and locations. As always, if you have an interest in joining the Chamber, please email [info@jeromechamber.com](mailto:info@jeromechamber.com) to discuss the benefits and process.

Thanks Again!

Kevin Savage



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**THE PARADE IS ON!** The annual Fourth of July Parade is on for Sunday morning, July 4. We will meet at the fire station at 9:30 a.m. and begin the parade around 10:30 a.m. Please be there no later than 10:00. If you are interested in being in the parade, please contact Chief Blair. All are welcome to participate in the parade or wave from the streets! The JFD hopes everyone has a great and safe holiday.



**Fire danger is extreme.** Please be extra cautious of possible fire activities. Create a defensible space of 30 feet around your home. The devastating Cornville fire that started on June 13 spread over 1000 acres in about three hours. If any resident needs help from our fuel abatement crew, pick up Firewise applications at the fire station or town hall.

**Jerome is in Stage 3 (and Stage 2) fire restrictions.** This essentially means Stage 2 fire restrictions are in still in effect, plus the Prescott National Forest is closed until further notice.

**FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN JEROME AT ALL TIMES!**  
**This means sparklers too! This is per town code section 10-2-2.**

**Ready, Set, Go!** is a nationwide program that educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency and actions to follow when communities are threatened. The three steps encourage citizens to get **READY** by preparing now for what threatens their community, be **SET** by maintaining awareness of significant danger and to **GO**, evacuate immediately when the danger is current and life-threatening.

**READY – Prepare Now:** Be aware of the hazards that can threaten your community.

- Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.
- Register with your county/tribal emergency notification system.
- Connect with your local emergency management office, sheriff's office, and public health department on social media.
- Make a family evacuation and communication plan that includes family phone numbers, out-of-town contacts, and family meeting locations.
- Build an emergency go kit with enough food, water, and necessary supplies for at least 72 hours. Include items to help keep you and your family healthy, such as face coverings, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes. Start with the five P's: people and pet supplies, prescriptions, papers, personal needs, and priceless items (see page 4 for more info).
- Check with your neighbors, family, friends, and elders through video chats or phone calls to ensure they are **READY**.
- Keep up to date on local news, weather watches, weather warnings, and public health recommendations.

**SET – Be Alert:** Know there is significant danger in your area.

- Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or with family/friends outside the affected area. Residents should avoid close contact with those who are sick and should practice public health recommendations when relocating.
- Grab your emergency go kit.
- Keep in mind unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.
- Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety and public health officials.

This might be the only notice you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee they will be able to notify everyone if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Be **SET** to **GO**.

**GO! – Evacuate:** Danger in your area is imminent and life threatening.

- Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area. Residents should avoid close contact with those who are sick and should practice public health recommendations when relocating.
- If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand emergency services may not be able to assist you further.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on designated evacuation routes, and avoid closed areas.

### 5 P's of Evacuation

**People and Pets** and other animals/livestock and supplies.

**Prescriptions** with dosages, medicines, medical equipment, vision and hearing aids, batteries and power cords, face coverings, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.

**Papers** including important documents (hard copies and/or electronic copies saved on external hard drives or thumb drives), insurance papers, contacts.

**Personal Needs** including clothing, water, baby supplies, food, cash, credit cards, first aid kits, phones, and chargers. Items for people with access and/or functional needs, such as older adults and children.

**Priceless** items including photos, irreplaceable mementos and other valuables.

# STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

ARE NOW IN EFFECT IN JEROME

## THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:



**1. Fires, campfires, charcoal, coal and wood stoves** (except using a device that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned immediately on and off with no remaining burning material).



**2. Smoking** (except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material).



**3. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine from the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (except generators with an approved spark-arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within at least 3 feet of the generator).



**4. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.**



**5. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun,** except while engaged in a lawful hunt.



**6. Using an explosive.**



**7. Using fireworks.**

Blessings from Haven,

The food bank is now open from 9 a.m. to noon. We are once again inside the hall and self-serve area. These changes will definitely help during the heat! We are currently asking that you still wear a mask and keep a distance for safety.

We want to thank Earth Citizens Organization (ECO) for the generous contributions of eggs and farm fresh veggies. ECO Farm has been providing Jerome's food bank for several months now, and you all have been enjoying their support.

If you wish to support them as well, ECO has a farm stand and educational programs to help Verde Valley residents become more food secure and self-sufficient. So tell your friends! ECO Farm is located at 3080 E. Hwy 89A, in Cottonwood. Learn more at [www.farm.earthcitizens.org](http://www.farm.earthcitizens.org).

Remember to take a look in the clothes closet while you are at the food pantry. We have a full array of clothing in a variety of sizes, as well as household items, personal items, and decorations.

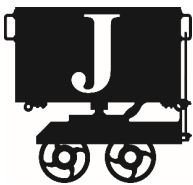
Randy Boardman can always use a hand—or two or three!—to unload his truck and carry food up the steps. Recently this has been on Tuesday evenings, but that can change with the donations he is given. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please provide your contact information to Randy, Ann Rees, or me. This is an ongoing need and we are extremely grateful to those who provide their muscles for the food service to Jerome!

Stay cool, safe, and grateful,

Pastor Vicki

(928) 713-1991

### History From the Jerome Historical Society



**Please meet Marie Juanita (Sammie) Dean.**

She was born on February 22, 1901, and murdered in Jerome on July 7, 1931, sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

She was divorced from a gambler named George Dean and while in Jerome she worked in the "world's oldest profession." From all accounts, she was very popular. At the

time of her death, she was 30 years, 4 months, and 15 days of age. Sammie was buried in Dallas, Texas, on July 13, 1931.

Thomas Miller was the mayor of Jerome at the time of the murder, and Sammie was dating his son Jack. She was also friendly with Wes Owens Jr., the son of the town's deputy, Wes Owens Sr. Both men were considered suspects at the time, but the crime went unsolved and remains so to this day.



You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at [www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com](http://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*

**Visit us at the Jerome Library**

The Jerome Library staff welcomes everyone to stop in for a look around. The computers and printers have been updated, and we have new books and movies for you to check out.

The Old Book Room is now open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4pm. Come see what Michael has done with the space! It is now a veritable Jerome museum with wonderful old books.

The Community Art Workshop has several classes scheduled for July and August. Our classes include Japanese resist dyeing, branch weaving, and felted bowl making. We currently have a lovely Shibori exhibit created by the art room staff on display in the library.

If you have ever considered volunteering for the library, old book room, or art room, now is a good time. If you are interested, contact Kathleen at 928-639-0574 or via email at [jeromelibrary.jarvis@gmail.com](mailto:jeromelibrary.jarvis@gmail.com).

**Library Hours**

Sunday	10am–noon
Monday	9am–3pm
Tuesday	9am–3pm
Wednesday	10am–5pm
Thursday	10am–5pm
Friday	10am–5pm

*Kathleen Jarvis, Librarian*



Innumerable worlds await you in the OLD BOOKROOM, now open again on Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment (928-639-0574).

*-Michael Gallagher*

Matt Meierbachtol, Supervisor of Construction and Maintenance in the Verde Valley for Arizona Public Service (APS), recently spoke to Council about fire mitigation. He talked about defensible space around poles (DSAP) to protect against wildfire ignitions. He said customers with public safety concerns around fire can call 602-371-7171, and to keep in mind that APS has a slower response during high fire risk season and will not turn power back on until lines are checked for integrity.

To report an outage, go to [aps.com](http://aps.com) or call 855-688-2437. Customers can also sign up for outage alerts at [aps.com/alerts](http://aps.com/alerts).



*Rest in  
peace,  
Denise.  
xoxo*



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