



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

March-April 2022

Town staff is pretty excited to have William Blodgett on board as the town's new zoning administrator. Will is not only a super nice guy who loves cats and all things historic, he comes to us with great enthusiasm and appreciation for Jerome and its challenges and has hit the ground running. We asked Will to share a little something about himself for this edition of the Point of View.

I grew up in the Coachella Valley in Southern California and spent much of my formative time in the small mountain art community of Idyllwild. I graduated from La Quinta High School in 2002 and began working in cultural resources management while simultaneously starting college in Los Angeles. During my college years, I acquired a variety of experiences, from working as a planning technician to working at a lumber mill in northern California. The bulk of my career has been spent in the deserts of the Southwest, doing field archaeology primarily for private companies contracted for energy and transportation projects. This work continued to pull me further east into Arizona and dropped me off here in Verde Valley, where after only a few days I was determined to stay.



Archaeology can sometimes be called a lifestyle choice rather than simply a career path, an assessment I agree with wholeheartedly, as hopefully many will. It becomes a lens through which you view not only the landscape, but also human interactions on the landscape. Looking around my new adoptive Town of Jerome, I see a landscape layered with the triumphs and tragedies of the past, the complications of the present, and the hopes of an unwritten future. Mindful of the unique and deeply layered history we share, I hope to help the town realize its future while preserving our history.

—Will Blodgett, Jerome Zoning Administrator

Scheduled Meeting Dates for March, April & May 2022

CANCELLED—DRB: Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m.

P&Z: Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m.

For the last year or two, DRB meetings have been held the first Monday of each month, and P&Z meetings have been held the third Wednesday. This will likely change in the coming months. We will have the revised schedule posted in the next newsletter and also on the town website and social media.

Council will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Starting on March 8, they will return to in-person meetings in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 600 Clark Street.

Town Hall is also open to the public as of the end of February.

JHS ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 4

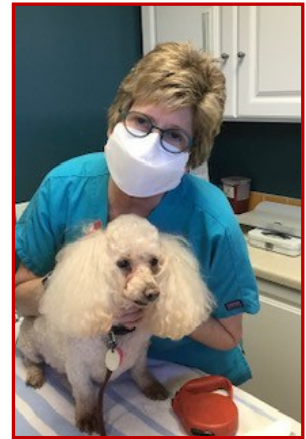
JOIN US at the Jerome Humane Society's Annual Public Meeting/Potluck at 6 pm on Friday, March 4 in the Party Room below Nellie Bly. We'll be voting on new members and officers, so bring a dish and prepare to raise your hand!



GET BETTER, LEW! Our cherished, longtime board member and treasurer, Lew Carrier, will be stepping down to battle health issues. Please send him your best wishes. Meanwhile, Lew's rockin' those pain meds!

ALLERGY SEASON IS UPON US. Your pets may be exhibiting allergic reactions such as runny nose, scratching and coughing. Make an appointment. We can help!

ID CHIPS. The best way to ensure that your lost pet is returned to you is to have your vet insert an ID chip under the skin between the shoulder blades. It's simple. Most veterinarians and rescue groups have chip readers. It's still a good idea to have your pet and contact info on the collar for easy ID.



Ssssssssssnakes! Local rattlers will soon be waking up and soaking up the sun. That's all fine until your dog and the snake intersect. Teach your dog to avoid tangling with a dangerous reptile. Several companies offer snake avoidance training. We've had good results through Vipervoidance, but other options are out there.

Jerome Humane wishes everybody a happy and healthy Spring!

Blessings from Haven, and Happy Spring, everyone!

If you haven't come by the food pantry on Wednesday mornings because you felt others were in greater need, the truth is we hope to distribute our fresh food weekly so that we have little surplus. We invite you to take advantage of what has been delivered. You can check our Haven Facebook page to see what we've received any given week. If you wish to make a financial donation toward food for the lean times, we will use those donations to buy nonperishable items.

Haven currently has an abundance of winter clothing and household goods that need a home to make room for spring and summer items. Please feel free to stop in and shop Wednesday morning as well.

Ann Rees and Randy Boardman continue to research the best option for a conveyor belt to carry food up the steps from the road to the lower-level entrance. If you know anyone who could help with this, please contact Ann Rees @ 480-529-3042.

We are grateful for the volunteers who make the food pantry possible. It's a real team effort, not just on Wednesdays but throughout the week. The conversations shared on Wednesdays are a great joy. I'm especially grateful to those who take time to listen to me as well! So come and enjoy a smile behind the mask and pick up a few special items for yourself or others. You'll be glad you did.

Joy and peace to you all,

Pastor Vicki



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Prescott National Forest Outlook/Conditions

Even with the winter storms that are few and far between, please be aware that Jerome will still be lacking in moisture this year; the light fuels are extremely dry. Be extremely cautious! With conditions the way they are now, we can expect a very active fire season this summer due to that additional growth from recent snow and rainstorms. Last year Arizona had one of the driest, busiest wildland seasons on record and current predictions are for more of the same. Please do what you can to remediate any dead fuels within 100 feet of your property if possible! Give Chief Blair a call if you need access to our brush/slash pile to drop off your trimmings. Also, if you have any hot ash, charcoal briquettes, or partially burned firewood, place into a metal container with water for at least a day before disposal.

Fire extinguishers: Jerome Fire Department would like to thank all of the residents that took advantage of this year's annual fire extinguisher maintenance program with Life, Safety and Property company. For a small fee, we provide this service every February to ensure that your fire extinguishers function properly in the event you might need to use them. Please take advantage of this program each year.

File of Life and "Rescue Pet" Stickers

We have magnetic **Files of Life** cards available at the fire station that help first responders contact the right person(s) in the event of an emergency. These must be placed on the refrigerator so we can easily find the information. *Only the person(s) listed on these cards can be contacted by the Fire Department in case of an emergency.*

We also have "Rescue Pet" stickers used to alert first responders of pets in the house. These stickers should be placed on or near the front door. This alerts firefighters of potential rescues inside the building and lets EMTs know what pets to care for or keep inside if the house is left unattended. If you would like **File of Life** card or a Rescue Pet sticker, please contact us at 928-649-3034.



The Jerome Fire Department is doing everything they need to be doing to protect their first responders and the public. Know that we are here to serve you in the event of any emergency.

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 fire and emergency medical services don't interest you but you would still like to help out, the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary always welcomes new members. Come join us!! Thank you for your continued support.

Rusty Blair, Fire Chief, JVFD



Snow and Tulips (Dreaming of Spring at the Library)

Come by the Jerome Library and check out our huge spring book sale! We were recently given a large donation of gardening books for your spring daydreaming pleasure.

We also have children's books, books about art, quilting, and photography, along with a large section of fiction.

The library is currently welcoming library cardholders only. If you call us, we will make sure you have access. If you are new to the area and need a library card, contact Kathleen at the library: 928-639-0574.

Come by and dream of spring with us!

REST IN PEACE, GREG

The town crew would like to acknowledge the passing of Greg Gardemann.

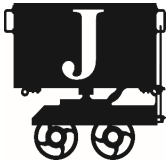
Greg worked for the Town of Jerome for 19 years before leaving and going to work for Clarkdale. After retiring from Clarkdale in 2016, Greg came back up to Jerome and helped the town crew and me learn all we could about the water lines and regulators. He was instrumental in helping me develop the regulator maintenance program and logbook that we have and use today. Greg dedicated two years of his retirement to teaching, answering his phone, or coming up when asked to help with issues that arose.

We will miss Greg, his knowledge, and his willingness to help the town at any time of the day or night.

Marty Boland
Public Works



Jerome Historical Society



To the right are two photos of Main Street. Both go back about 100 years, give or take. One shows a view up the street and the other one down the street. Now, for a perspective that doesn't go back quite *that* far, we have something different to offer.

For the past several years, local resident Michael McDonald has been working on a living history project sponsored by the JHS. This involved video interviews with longtime residents, recording their remembrances on the evolution of our town after the mine closed in 1953. Search for Jerome Historical Society on YouTube to watch and hear some history from the people who lived it. Click on the link below if you're reading this online:

[Jerome Historical Society – Jerome Historical Society YouTube](#)

You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com or stop 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

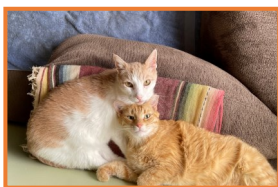
On behalf of the Jerome Historical Society Board of Directors,
Steve Pontious, President



A note from Rosa ...

After nearly five years of service to Jerome, I am now part of the change afoot at Town Hall and am moving on to work for the City of Cottonwood—close to home and in my new community.

Jerome will be in good hands: Kristen Muenz will be the new deputy town clerk, and she'll be excellent! Filling her shoes will be Terri Card, the new utilities clerk.



I'll certainly miss everyone at Town Hall, including Abby, Doc, and Wyatt, but I'll be back to visit for sure, so no goodbyes. I'll only be down the hill and have plenty of reasons to come back up the hill.

So here's to seeing you sometime soon, maybe even on the dance floor at the Spirit Room. *Mmwaah!*

Rosa xoxo

When's the last time YOU walked down Main Street or visited the old high school?

Join in the fun this Saturday, March 5



It's more than an artwalk!

**1st Saturday of every month
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.**

**Enjoy a ride on the shuttle with Scott!
Support our local businesses!**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK

With the approaching retirement of Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher, Jerome is seeking a qualified individual to fill those positions. A combined title may be considered for a qualified applicant, or they may be filled individually.

The Town Manager is responsible for the efficient administration of the Town and implements the policies and directives of the Town Council. He/she attends all Council meetings and serves as the chief administrative officer, directing the delivery of all services through subordinate department heads. The Town Manager makes recommendations to the Council for new or modified services addressing the health, safety, and/or welfare of the Town's residents. The Town Manager is responsible for the preparation of the town budget, along with periodic operational and financial reports for the Town Council, and administration of grants. Successful candidate should be experienced in municipal governance and management, have excellent communication skills (both written and verbal), be well-versed in current technology (including Microsoft Word, Excel and virtual meeting technology), have a knowledge of accounting and municipal finance, and be able to maintain a calm and consistent demeanor.

The Town Clerk is responsible for preparation of meeting agendas and minutes and is expected to attend all Council meetings. The Clerk must assure compliance with all statutory requirements regarding posting and publication of notices as well as with Arizona's Open Meeting Law. The Clerk is responsible for the filing and safekeeping of all town records, and compliance with records retention requirements. He/she serves as a liaison between the governing body, management and public and thus must have excellent communication skills. The Town Clerk also provides administrative support to the Planning and Zoning office and boards as well as to the Manager, serves as Election Official, prepares candidate packets and arranges with the County for ballot preparation. The Clerk also prepares and distributes the Town's bimonthly newsletter. Ideal candidate will have some experience in municipal operations, be well-versed in current technology (including Microsoft Word, Excel and virtual meeting technology), and be able to maintain a calm and consistent demeanor.

These are exempt, salaried positions. Salary will be established based on qualifications. Excellent benefits and working conditions. Jerome is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Submit application and resume to Candace Gallagher, Town Manager/Clerk at c.gallagher@jerome.az.gov or by mail to PO Box 335, Jerome, AZ 86331. Application forms are available on the town website at www.jerome.az.gov.

NEED A RIDE??

The Town of Jerome offers a shuttle ride from Jerome into the Cottonwood area to assist locals with access to grocery stores, banks, doctor appointments, and other needs. Meet the shuttle at Town Hall, 600 Clark Street, at 9 a.m. every Wednesday, or call our shuttle driver, Scott, to arrange a meeting spot along the route: **(928) 821-0133**. He'll also bring you back to Jerome.

For any questions or comments regarding the shuttle, please call (928) 634-7943 or send email to info@jerome.az.gov.



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