

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

September-October 2022

Jerome Public Transportation Pilot Program

**Information provided by CAT*



In conjunction with Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) and the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) the Town of Jerome has been considering ways to provide its residents with bus services to expand access with connecting neighborhoods.

The City of Cottonwood operates the regional transit system known as CAT, which operates four local fixed routes within Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and Verde Village. NACOG, with FTA Section 5311 funding, offered to support development of a plan to assess the potential for connecting Jerome with the CAT system. The Jerome Transit Pilot Plan is expected to operate as a pilot program for a two-year period.

Current Services

The Town of Jerome currently operates a door-to-door transportation service, the Jerome Shuttle, to residents with transportation needs. The service operates on Wednesday mornings, taking riders down the mountain into Cottonwood. The shuttle also provides a high level of service such as helping with shopping or other errands to residents with greater needs. The Town of Jerome is very proud of the current transportation service, but Jerome leadership also recognizes that the service is limited in volume, given that the small shuttle is only able to accommodate a handful of riders per week. Town Council expressed that any new service would not replace the existing door-to-door service but would work in coordination with the Jerome Shuttle to expand access to all Jerome residents.

The Survey

In October 2021, NACOG developed a brief 10-question survey. The survey had strong participation and survey takers were able

to explain some of the reasons why they or someone they know had difficulty with travel. Common reasons were: unreliable or unavailable vehicles, aging and health-related issues, and lack of family support.

NACOG and CAT staff met with the Jerome Town Council to discuss the results of the survey, service considerations, and financial commitments. Council expressed excitement for the progress towards transit service for Jerome and reaffirmed a commitment of \$4,500 to fund service operations.

Service Viability and Options

CAT staff have been considering several ways to provide transit to Jerome. An alteration of the current Red Route, which runs between Cottonwood and Clarkdale along Highway 89A, was suggested as an efficient use of staff and resources. The proposed modification would have the route follow Highway 89A to Jerome, then head back to the Cottonwood Library for the morning, mid-day, and evening runs on Thursdays.

This service would take approximately 35 to 40 minutes, allowing for timely transfers to other CAT routes. Three locations in Jerome have been considered for stops: the scenic lookout near Douglas Road, the large parking lot above the Fire Station on Perkinsville Road, and on Main Street near the Central Steps leading to the Upper Park.

The service is set to begin this October 2022, with nominal fees for service between \$0.50 to \$1.00 per use. Please watch for further information to come, including signage, in the weeks and days leading up to implementation.



Scheduled Meeting Dates for September, October & December 2022

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 has been changed so that all of the regularly scheduled meetings will take place on Tuesdays.

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 11 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 8 at 7pm

Planning & Zoning

Tuesday, September 20 at 6pm

Planning & Zoning

Tuesday, October 18 at 6pm

Planning & Zoning

Tuesday, November 15 at 6pm

Design Review Board

Tuesday, September 27 at 6pm

Design Review Board

Tuesday, October 25 at 6 pm

Design Review Board

Tuesday, November 22 at 6pm

Bird is the Word



It's the most magical fundraiser ever! Join our Jerome Humane Society friends and family for our world-famous Brunch & Auction at Jerome's beautiful Honeymoon Cottage on

Sunday, October 16th from 9 a.m. to noon.

We'll be rocking' out with **Tommy Rocks** as we sip our Bloody Marys and chow down on yummy food. New this year - **Randall's Restaurant** will be contributing their festive food flair to the terrific delectable lineup.

Shuttle down from Nellie Bly - the earlier the better. Along with fabulous collectible and local artist contributions, we'll be auctioning off fantastic adventure and experience gift baskets!

This year's theme is ***Bird is the Word***. Though you probably won't make an amazing entrance as Mary Wills' paternal grandmother did in her 1920s Ziegfeld headdress (pictured), we encourage you to don something Birdy and snazzy and come on down ready to open your hearts and wallets for area animals in need.

Our goal is to have fun, bid on beautiful artwork and experiences, and raise money for our cause. Tickets are \$25 and available from Nellie Bly or one of the many JHS elves.

Don't miss it!

Blessings from Haven,

This past month our Haven Food Pantry was blessed with the addition of another food cooler. Randy worked his magic and was able to find a newer cooler and after talking to Suzy Q market they sold it to us for a great price.

Our second blessing came from D and O Crane who picked up the cooler and hoisted it up to the landing of the church. Thanks to Bob, Allen, and Randy who moved the cooler inside to its new home. We are so very thankful!

Our continued thanks to *all* the people who participate in the tremendous task of serving this community food pantry. Anyone is welcome to volunteer their help on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

For more information, you can contact Ann Rees, Randy Boardman, or myself at **928 713-1991**.

Peace to you my friends,

Pastor Vicki



JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Jerome Fire Department Picnic/Firewise community day on Thursday, 9-22-22

It's time once again for our annual Town of Jerome Fire Department's Picnic. We are looking forward to seeing as many of our townsfolk as possible at this gathering on:

Thursday, September 22nd, at the Fire Station, beginning at 5 pm to 7PM.

The Jerome FD Auxiliary will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, water & soda. This is also a great time to thank all of our volunteer firefighters for all their hard work throughout the year. It is always wonderful to talk with your neighbors while enjoying a great meal cooked by firefighters! Once, again the fire department will be providing all the side dishes, so all you need to bring is you. **Everyone is welcome!**

THE 47TH ANNUAL JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY HALLOWEEN DANCE

Saturday, October 29th, 2022, marks the 47th annual year that the Jerome FD Auxiliary has hosted the Halloween Dance and fundraiser. The band will be the **Naughty Bits**, there will be a costume contest and lots of fun to be had.

Doors will open at **8:00 PM** with the band starting at **9:00 PM** and playing until **12:00AM**.

Please remember that this is an all-cash event and please drink responsibly (21 and older).

This year's event will be held at the basketball courts near the sliding jail, as it was last year.



This annual dance is our largest fund-raising event for the year and typically accounts for 60 – 70% of our discretionary spending funds.

Firewise Activities



Firewise USA Community in conjunction with the fire department annual picnic 9-22-22

We are marking our seventh year as a Nationally recognized Firewise Community. We just wanted to remind you that if you would like us to do a Firewise evaluation of your home, just give us a call. Also, if you have some fuel remediation needs and are unable to do the work yourself, give us a call and we will do what we can to assist you to make your home more fire safe.

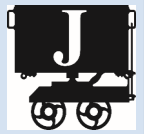
FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

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



Jerome Historical Society



The Jerome Historical Society wishes to pay tribute and express their appreciation to board director Mike Parry for his service to the Jerome Historical Society Board of Directors. He served on the Board from 2016 to 2022.



Consider becoming a member of the Jerome Historical Society. As a resident of Jerome, you are part of the ongoing history of our town.

Don Feher
Board Member, Jerome Historical Society

Upcoming Holidays

- ★ SEPTEMBER 5th: LABOR DAY - **TOWN HALL CLOSED**;
- ★ SEPTEMBER 22nd: 1st DAY OF AUTUMN
- ★ OCTOBER 10th: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY;
- ★ OCTOBER 31st: HALLOWEEN





Memorial for Jeanne Moss

A memorial for Jerome resident, Jeanne Moss, will be held at SPOOK HALL on Sunday, September 18th from 1-4 p.m.

We are having a potluck. We would love for everyone to show up with stories and good memories of Jeanne.



Library Art Workshop- Fall 2022 Broom Making Workshops at the Library

* Learn the nearly lost art of Broom Making. Using a foot operated spindle, students will create a hand-crafted broom with traditional broom corn.



Intro to Broom Making— a whisk type broom

*September 10, Noon-3 PM \$40

*October 15, Noon-3 PM \$40

Intermediate— a round broom with broomstick

*September 24, Noon-4 PM \$45

*October 29, Noon-4 PM \$45



Advanced— a kitchen broom using African Broom Grass, a dense grass from South Africa, in assorted colors

*November 12, Noon-4 PM \$45



Call the Library at 928-639-0574 to sign up for classes

Don't forget that October is officially Black Cat Awareness Month.

We at Town Hall get to appreciate the awesomeness of Black Cats on a daily basis. Here are some interesting Black Cat facts from www.animalrescueprofessionals.org:

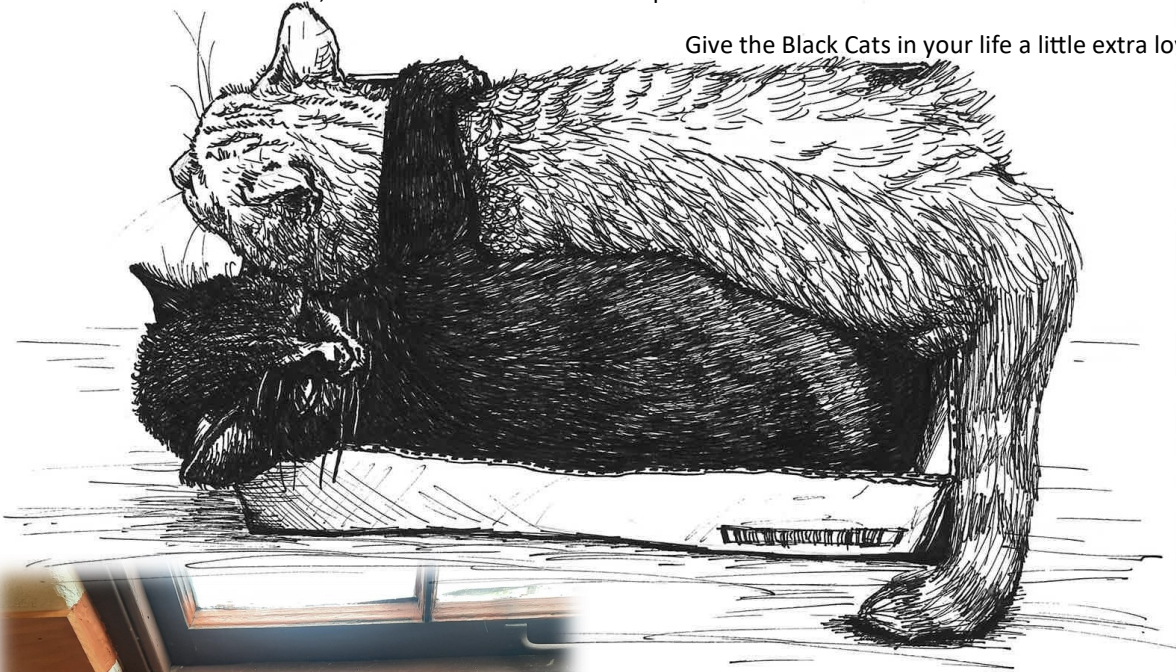
They make you more attractive

In Japan, single women who own black cats are believed to attract more suitors. In Great Britain's English Midlands, a black cat is the ideal wedding gift—they're believed to bring good luck and happiness to the bride.

They can resist diseases

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health discovered that the genetic mutations that cause cats to have black coats may offer them some protection from diseases. In fact, the mutations affect the same genes that offer HIV resistance to humans. Surprisingly enough, cats can experience many of the same health issues as we do—cancer, HIV and Alzheimer's for example. So by figuring out how cats have evolved to resist diseases, researchers can learn how to prevent disease in humans as well.

Give the Black Cats in your life a little extra love this month!



Abracadabra giving Wyatt a hug.

Photo courtesy of Terri C.



 **Jerome Chamber of Commerce's**
Special Event celebrating local businesses
Join us every first Saturday
of the Month from 5—8 PM

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