



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January - February 2023



Here's to Twenty Twenty-Three!

Wishing you a year full of health & happiness from Jerome's Mayor, Council, and staff.



From the Police Department:

Just a friendly reminder if you need to report a violation:

Please feel free to call JPD directly @ 928-634-8992, but the on-duty officer may not be at the station to take your call.

For non-emergencies, please contact dispatch @ 928-634-2245. An officer will be notified so your call can be addressed. You may remain anonymous as the reporting party if desired.

For emergencies – always dial 911.

**Thank you!
Chief Muma**

Scheduled Meeting Dates for November, December 2022 & January 2023

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, January 10 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14 at 7 pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 14 at 7 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, January 17 at 6pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, February 21 at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, March 21 at 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, January 24 at 6pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, February 28 at 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, March 28 at 6 pm



Jerome Humane Society

Jerome is a town that loves cats! And though cats can be very self-sufficient for the most part, as our pets, they do need care. Here are **Sixteen things you should never do to your cat**, adapted from PetsKB.

1. Fail to provide for its basic welfare. If you take in a cat, be a responsible owner.
2. Feed inappropriate food such as snacks and cheap kibble. JHS can advise you on the best food for your pets, and we provide help if needed.
3. Deprive your cat of attention. Even though they can seem aloof at times, cats are family and need to feel secure.
4. Correct by punishing. Like all sentient creatures, cats thrive and learn with positive reinforcement.
5. Skip the vet. Our pets need regular check ups and vaccinations to keep healthy and spot illnesses and conditions before the become big health problems.



6. **Ignore warnings and boundaries.** Cats need their space and they let you know it. Respect their wishes and co-exist in peace.
7. Assume you can't educate them. Cats are intelligent and they appreciate learning.
8. Neglect their grooming. Cats are great at grooming themselves but keep an eye out for mats, mites and too-long nails. Older cats, especially, can become matted if arthritis and pain keep them from reaching their nether regions.
9. Smoke. Never smoke around any living creature.
10. **Scare them with loud noises.** Cats don't appreciate being startled any more than we do. **Don't leave balloons around like Sally did!**



It was at that point Santa realized he had less than ten seconds to live



11. **Shave for effect.** Sure, cute cuts can get attention but it can also make your cat feel weird. If your cat needs to cool off, find a good groomer to do the deed.
12. Ridicule your cat for amusement. Don't tease your cat for a laugh. It's not funny.
13. Declaw your cat. Declawing is basically amputation the nail and first joint of the paw. It's cruel and many vets rightly refuse to do it. Provide your cat with fun toys to scratch on.
14. Abandon your cat if it's not the right fit. Take the time to make your new pet comfy in your home. There are lots of websites dedicated to ensuring you're both happy. If you must rehome your cat, do it through networking and rescue organizations.
15. Treat your cat like a human. Cats are unique creatures who enjoy being felines.

Admire their characteristics and don't inhibit them.

16. Allow others to mistreat your cat. Children and people who don't know cats may inadvertently harm them. Protect your pets by setting ground rules for interacting with them.

Jerome Humane Society exists to support and help care for your pets. Let's enjoy them all!

Join us in the Nellie Bly party room on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30 pm. It's a potluck Annual Meeting so bring something scrumptious if you can!

Blessings from Haven,

As 2022 closes we want to take a moment to extend our appreciation and thanks to all who support the Haven Food Pantry.

Thank you to Karen Sakala and others who had the patience to teach us how to create beautiful Christmas ornaments to give to those who visited the food pantry.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Movie Night at Nelly Bly! We appreciate the sponsors and their willingness to support the Haven Food Pantry. You are awesome!!

Thanks to the Haunted Group and the donation of hams, many people benefited from your generosity.

Thanks to Christ Lutheran Church in Sedona for the wonderful donation of socks and scarves to keep everyone warm and toasty.

Thanks to Andrea and her wonderful team who weekly cook meals! You are culinary geniuses!!

Thanks to all our volunteers who help to carry all of the food into the church; and set up our Food Pantry, so that we are ready for Wednesday morning. It is a 5-day-a-week task to provide all the different products from different sources!

Many, others participate that are not listed here. To those dedicated givers, we thank you also. Haven couldn't do it without everyone's help and support.

No words could express the depth of our gratitude for all your thanks for this wonderful food pantry. Not only does that encourage us, but we also pass on that gratitude to those who devote their resources to bring this food pantry to Jerome.

Know that you are blessed to be a blessing to as many as 190 people a week!

Well done my friends,
Pastor Vicki and Ann Rees

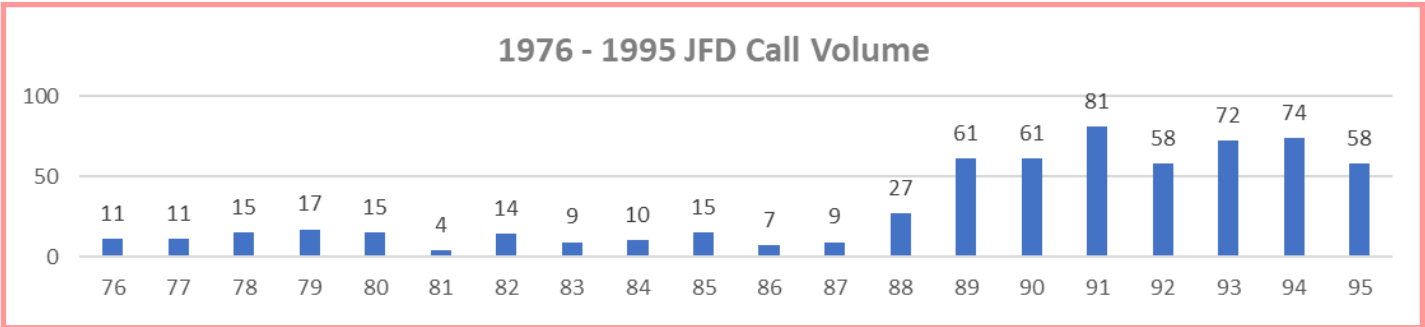


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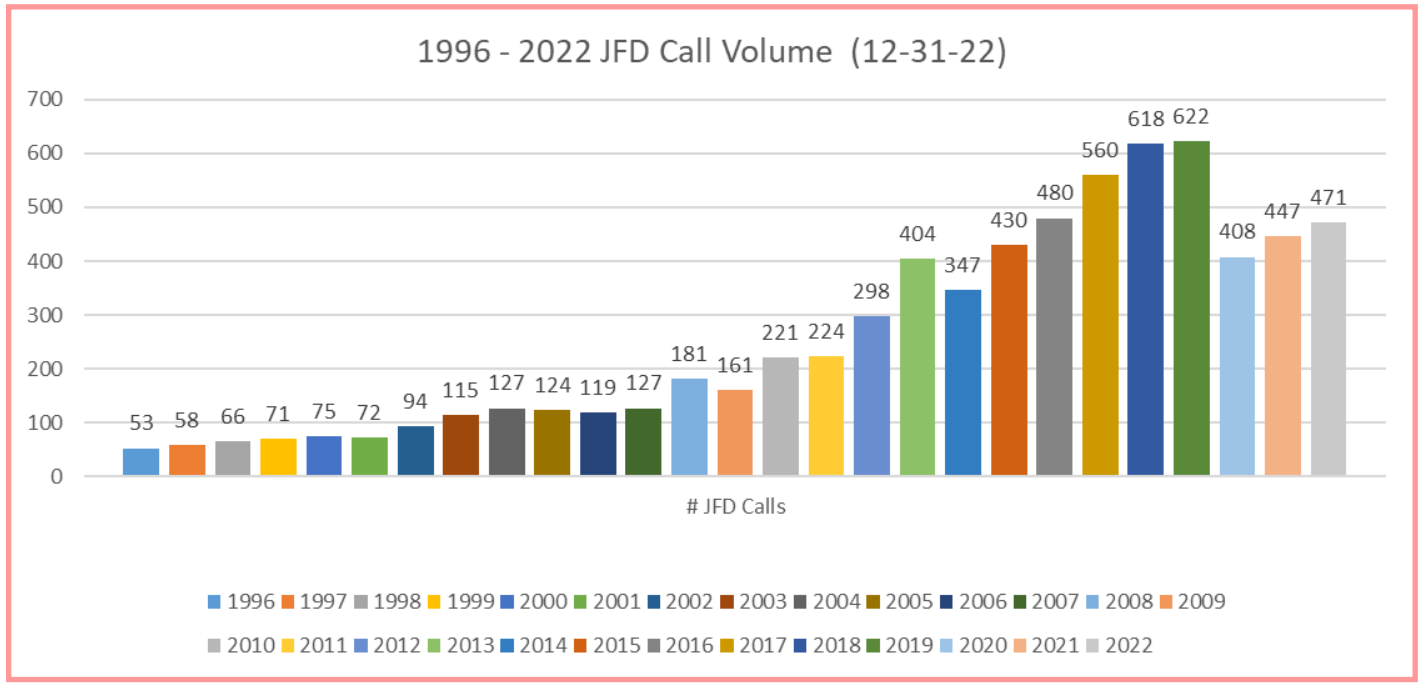
Jerome Fire Department would like wish all of you a Happy New Year!

We are coming to the end of another year with Jerome fire Department reaching 471 calls as of December 31, 2022, and about 80 other events such as Meetings, Trainings, Rope Rescue Trainings and Work Sessions. Jerome Fire Department has progressively become busier each year, demanding more and more from its personnel. Some of these calls can be very stressful and dangerous for personnel. More so these past few years than any other years with the chance of exposure to the virus. I would like to take this time to thank all the Jerome Fire Department's personnel, who have taken the time out of their lives, to go to College for EMT, Firefighter certifications and those who attended other trainings such Rope Rescue, Wildland and many more trainings, so they can help you on your worst day. I would also like to thank all those who show up to our regular training and those who respond to calls day or night 24/7.

1976 to 1996 - Number of Calls



1996 through 2022 - Number of Calls



Jerome Fire Station—Continued

In addition, Jerome Fire has been maintaining a 3-man fuel abatement team, reducing fuel loads throughout Jerome. This program is vital, and we have made great progress. This program has been funded thanks to grants provided by Yavapai County Firewise, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Town of Jerome, and Wildland money earned by sending our Brush Truck out to fires in Texas and New Mexico which netted \$75,000 this year.

Jerome Fire would like to thank all the residents who have also participated in fuel reduction on their properties, this helps us maintain the town's national recognition of being a Firewise community. The Jerome Fire Department offers free Firewise home assessments to all residents, this assessment will provide you with the necessary information to help us protect your home 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 Rd. and Beale Street. If you do need assistance with fuel removal, or access to the burn pile, please contact Jerome Fire Department at 649-3034.

If you are or know of anyone interested in becoming a firefighter please contact us, we are always in need of volunteers as well as paid fuels crew members. We offer many in-house trainings as well as assistance with many other different educational opportunities.



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 \$5.00 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 February 8th and 9th 2023, beginning at 8am until 4 pm.**

For the businesses around town just know that you need to now bring your fire extinguishers up to the fire station to receive the 5 dollar per extinguisher price. Otherwise, if the company must come to you there will be an additional cost per fire extinguisher.

Public Service & Public Works

Please remember if you have a water or sewer leak, contact Public Works **928-634-7943**
Or 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**

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 Department.



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.
Fire Chief, Rusty Blair

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS!

Council will be making appointments to each of the Town boards at the February, 2023, regular Council Meeting. If you are interested in serving on our Planning & Zoning Commission, Design Review Board or Board of Adjustment, **please contact Zoning Administrator Will Blodgett at (928) 634-7943, or by email to w.blodgett@jerome.az.gov.**

For descriptions of the boards, see: www.jerome.az.gov/recent-news. If you have any questions about a board and / or are interested in serving, **please contact Town Manager Brett Klein at (928) 634-7943 or b.klein@jerome.az.gov**

Jerome Historical Society



A New General Manager

Jerome Historical Society has hired Scott Hudson as General Manager. Scott has been a Jerome resident for more than ten years, serving on the JHS board for four years, and is a licensed building contractor. Scott's experience will serve the JHS well because much of his responsibility will be historic building maintenance and conservation of exhibits. Scott will follow Jay Kinsella who was manager for sixteen years.

We want to acknowledge the commitment and dedication from Jay and thank him for the many years he served the Society. Jay is a man of many talents and a great amount of energy, helping with the production of the annual "Ghost Walk", and developing many of the JHS historical sites such as the Audrey Headframe exhibit, the renovation of the New State Motor Company building, and many other historical projects.

Don Feher
Director
Jerome Historical Society



Scott Hudson at the Jerome Historical Society building on Clark Street.
Image courtesy of Don Feher

JEROME COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOP—SPRING 2023

ART FOR EVERYONE

Art for Everyone is dedicated to the enjoyment of having Art in one's life and making art education a priority.

February classes

Snow Moon Craft Brooms

This class is dedicated to the Full Moon in February 2023

A class for beginning broom makers

Learn about broom fibers and spindles.

You will take home a whisk type broom to sweep in the New Year. February 4, 1 - 4 pm

45.00 Donation to the Art Workshop

New Moon Craft Brooms

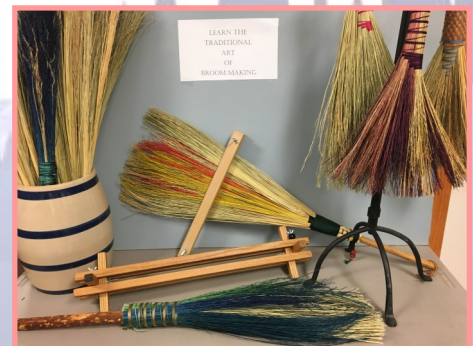
Dedicated to the New Moon, a class for intermediate or advanced broom makers,

Learn to dye your own fibers and twine.

Take home a craft broom with a wood handle,

February 18, 1 - 4 pm

55.00 Donation to the Art Workshop



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

In Memoriam

The Town of Jerome mourns the passing on Christmas Day of former Mayor and Councilmember Lew Currier. Lew was an exemplary citizen of Jerome, and will be deeply missed. Our flags were at half mast in memoriam.



Photo: Verde Independent.



HOW TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

If you are concerned about freezing pipes, you can take this advice from the American Red Cross:

When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.

For more information, you can visit the website at:

www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes.html



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

- * Sunday, January 1st:
New Year's Day
Town Hall closed January 2nd
 - * Monday, January 16th:
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Town Hall closed January 16th
 - * Thursday, February 2nd:
Groundhog's Day
 - * Tuesday, February 14th:
Valentine's Day
 - * Monday, February 20th:
Presidents' Day
Town Hall closed February 20th
- Note: For Monday Holidays, Cardboard, Dumpsters & trash on Main street will be collected that day. All other trash on the regular Monday route will be picked up on Tuesday.*

HAPPY 2023!

NEED A RIDE???

Meet the shuttle at Town Hall, 600 Clark Street, at 9 a.m. every Wednesday for a ride into Cottonwood to run errands. Have questions? Call the shuttle driver at: **(928) 821-0133.**



Jerome Chamber of Commerce's

Special Event celebrating local businesses

Join us every first Saturday of the Month
from 5 to 8 PM

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