

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January-February 2024

Home Sweet Jerome: from the Mayor's Desk

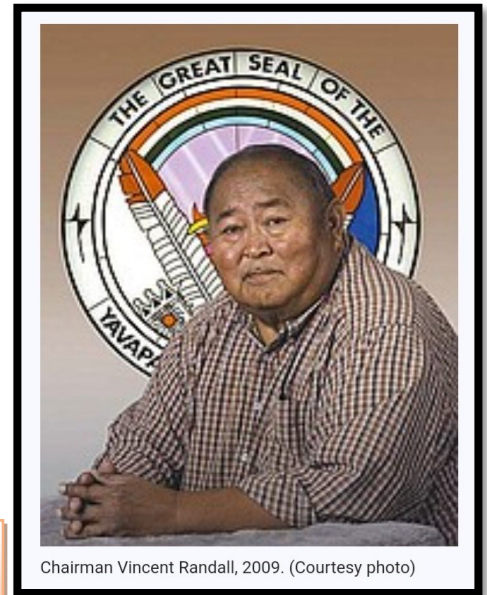
With a heavy heart, I would like to inform you that we lost Yavapai Apache Elder Vincent Randall on Saturday, December 16th, 2023.

Vincent Everett Randall was born on March 29, 1940, and was interred at a private ceremony at the Valley View Cemetery after his funeral service on Saturday, December 23rd at the Clarkdale Club House.

It is with sincere regret that a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Town of Jerome was not able to be completed in time to be given to Mr. Randall. I appreciate his service to Jerome's children as a teacher at the Clarkdale-Jerome school as well as his service to the entire Verde Valley. His stories live on in recorded videos, able to view on the Town of Clarkdale Historical Society's website. The link is: <https://clarkdalemuseum.org/videos.html>

Mayor Alex Barber

I would like to wish everyone in Jerome & the Verde Valley, and all your friends & loved ones a Happy New Year and hopes for a prosperous & peaceful 2024!



Chairman Vincent Randall, 2009. (Courtesy photo)

Candidate Packets available for the 2024 Primary Election as of 12/28/2023

The five (5) member seats of the Jerome Town Council, which includes the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, will be open for the upcoming primary election being held on August 6, 2024. All seats are elected to a two-year term. Candidate Packets are available at the Jerome Town Hall beginning Thursday, December 28th, 2023, during normal business hours. Interested candidates must sign for a packet. Please also note the legal requirement for completing and filing a Statement of Interest with the Town clerk prior to obtaining any signatures on the Nomination Petition Paperwork.

Brett Klein, Jerome Town Manager/Clerk

Scheduled Meeting Dates for January-March of 2024*

All of the regularly scheduled meetings will take place on Tuesdays; Council on the 2nd, P&Z on the 3rd, & DRB on the 4th.

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th at 7 pm

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th at 7 pm

Planning & Zoning

Tuesday, January 16th at 6pm

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Tuesday, February 20th at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning

Tuesday, March 19th at 6 pm

Design Review Board

Tuesday, January 23rd at 6pm

Design Review Board

Tuesday, February 27th at 6 pm

Design Review Board

Tuesday, March 26th at 6 pm

* Dates may be subject to date/time change due to holidays

+Special Council Meeting-CDBG Project Input: Tuesday, January 9th at 6 pm

Blessings from Haven,

I am hoping that 2024 will be the Year that keeps the Spirit of Christmas alive and spreading into every day. When we participate in being love and hope to others the world finds joy and peace. Even if we celebrate different holidays. The people of the Jerome area share the spirit of love I'm talking about.

The spirit that grows the Grinch's heart three times bigger can do the same in us. The spirit that rejoices in Rudolf's uniquely different nose can show us the way to rejoice in others' differences too. The spirit that saves Frosty and tells Charlie Brown what Christmas is all about brings hope to the child in us all. We are at our best wishing the very merry best to others.

The spirit that moves us to give more generously to others brings joy that is life-giving all year. That spirit is what keeps us going at the food pantry together. The world needs us to be the spirit of love and hope all year long so that we can live in peace with one another.

So this new year may we seek ways to reach out and help others, put conflict aside, and strive for understanding. Forget the differences and realize that we all need the spirit of love and acceptance. If we each bring joy to the world one day at a time imagine what the new year could bring.

I respectfully, wish you a Happy New Year!

Pastor Vicki

Jerome Haven United Methodist Church Food Bank Summary

January 1 2023-December 27 2023

Category	Annual	Weekly Average
Total In-Person Visitors & Deliveries	4,291	83
Jerome Visitors & Deliveries	3,019	58
Non-Jerome Visitors	1272	24
Percentage Jerome residents	70.36%	
Average Collection Ratio per visitor (how many people each visitor collects for)	2.7	
People Served by Category		
Adults	8,851	170
Kids 0-5	315	6
Kids 6-18	1,291	25
Jerome Adult Food Boxes Delivered	290	6
Total Served	10,747	207
Prepared Meals Distributed	4,680	90
Food Basket value		\$70
Value of food distributed	\$300,370	\$5,776



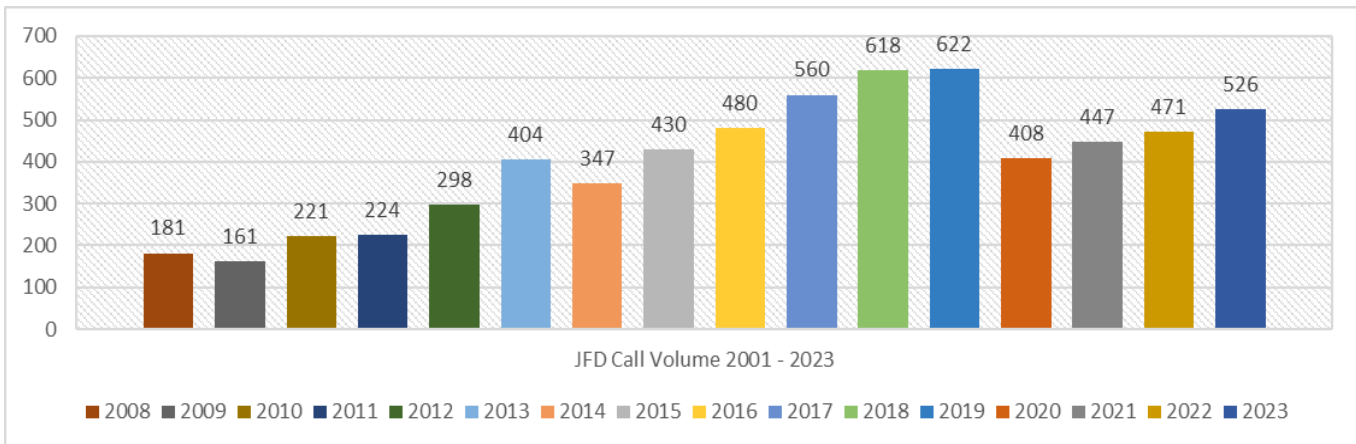
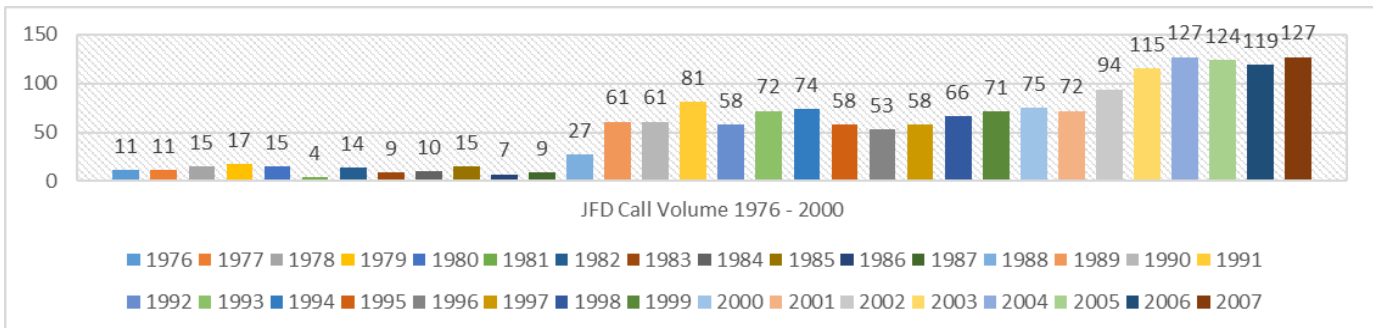
JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Jerome Fire Department would like wish all of you a Happy New Year!

We are coming to the end of another year with Jerome fire Department reaching 526 calls as of December 31, 2023, and about 88 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.

December 2023 Calls

Call Volume from 1976 to 2023



In addition, Jerome Fire has been maintaining a 2-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 which netted \$48,000 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 7th, and 8th 2024 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 dollars per extinguisher price. Otherwise, if the company must come to you there will be an additional cost per fire extinguisher.

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 EMS doesn't interest you, but you would still like to help your fire department, 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**

SNOW CLEARING!!!

Remember, it is the responsibility of the property owner, either residential or business, to clear your sidewalks of snow & ice. Let's prevent accidents!

Thank you,
your hard-working Fire Department



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.

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**





Jerome Humane Society



YOUR HEARTS AND DOLLARS AT WORK FOR THE JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY:



Recently our Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program trapped a beautiful cat in a dangerous situation. She was cold, hungry and missing her rear left foot. We decided to call her Braveheart in recognition of her exemplary courage and resilience. We realized we could never release her with her handicap and decided Braveheart needed a safe place to live out her days. We posted and networked her and a plan was made.

Braveheart was safe and snug in her condo at JHS clinic during the holidays with a rotation of volunteers including Ann and Liz Rees, Sally Dryer and Karima Botterweg gently helping her to trust humans. After the holidays Braveheart will take her place with Lori and George Riley and their menagerie of pets. Thank you to everyone who has networked to find happy endings for animals, and thanks to each of you who has donated to JHS - you help us give new life to those who, like Braveheart, need and deserve a safe and happy life.



JEROME COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOP JANUARY & FEBRUARY

The Jerome Community Art Workshop will be offering classes:

- ◆ January 27, and February 9, 10 am to 1,2 \$40 donation.
Gel Plate Printing
- ◆ February 10, Noon - 3 pm \$40 donation
Handmade Paper (New Techniques)
- ◆ February 24, 10 am to Noon \$40 donation
Hand carved rubber stamps

**Sign-up by calling the Library, 928-639-0574
or e-mail: jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com**



Now that winter is officially here, our Public Works department would like to remind you to avoid frozen pipes by leaving a tap dripping whenever temperatures dip below freezing.

When it's bitter cold outside, start a drip of water from all faucets served by exposed pipes. Leaving a few faucets running slightly will also relieve pressure inside the pipes and help prevent a rupture in the event that the water inside freezes.

Coming in the March-April Newsletter:

Keep an eye out for an announcement for the celebration of Jerome's 125th Anniversary!

(March 9th, 1899-March 9th, 2024)

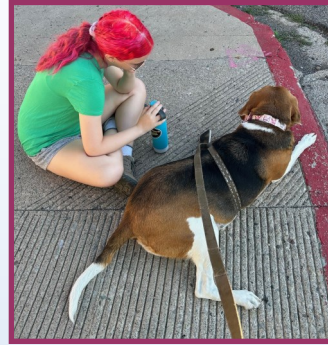
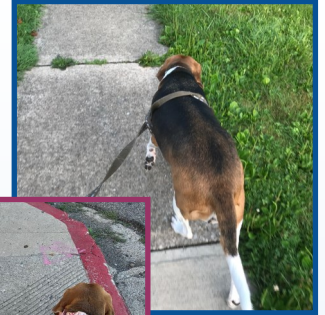
Plans are being formed for town events.
More news upcoming!



JEROME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dogs without leashes

Recently we have encountered incidents that involve complaints of dogs without leashes. Please remember, regardless of whether you are in town, or in the County, dogs are required to be on a leash. This includes trails and forest roads. There are a very few exceptions to this involving service animals, hunting animals and obedience training. Even then, the animal must be in control at all times and the owner must have a 6' leash in their possession, as well as proof the animal falls under an exception. To avoid a confrontation because your dog ran off, just use a leash as required by law. If you have any questions or concerns regarding leash laws, feel free to reach out to the Jerome Police Department. Additionally, You cannot just let your dogs roam the neighborhood, this has been an ongoing problem, and citations seem to be the only solution as we have repeatedly warned people to no avail.



Images of Leia demonstrating nice leash manners provided by Michele S. and family.

Residential Parking

Parking in Jerome has always been a challenge. We have had a permit system in place for many years now for residential street parking. The Jerome Police Department is constantly fielding complaints about abuse of the residential permit system. Many of these complaints could be avoided if everybody would keep your neighbors in mind. An example would be as follows: You live on a residential street with only 5 permits available. You decide to host a dinner party and have numerous guests that arrive and you provide them temporary permits to park on the street, with no regard for displacing your neighbors. The same person who would do this is often the same person who would complain when their neighbors do the same. Please be considerate of others and think of an alternative. If you are having guests, consider having them park in public parking and shuttle them in. If you are having work done, consider parking your vehicle elsewhere while your contractor uses the permit space you would typically occupy. It will take all of us using common sense and being considerate of our neighbors. Be aware that all residential parking permits will be moving to an "on-line" application process, including temporary permits.

Commercial Parking

We want to remind everyone that you cannot "reserve" commercial parking spots by putting out a cone to prevent others from parking there. This is public parking and is therefore first come, first served. If you have a special need, say a large item or order coming, in or something similar, you may call the police department and get permission to place a cone for that specific purpose. Be aware that there are some areas in town where parking is on "private property" and the owners sometimes place cones in parking spaces in these areas, the police department has no control over this, only public parking areas on public property.

Allen Muma, Chief of Police

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

***New Year's Day**
Monday, January 1st
(Town Hall Closed)

***Martin Luther King Day**
Monday, January 15th
(Town Hall Closed)

Groundhog Day
Friday, February 2nd

Valentine's Day
Wednesday, February 14th

***President's Day**
Monday, February 19th
(Town Hall Closed)

Note: for National Holidays falling on a MONDAY (asterisks), 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.

Jerome Chamber of Commerce Special Event celebrating local businesses



Join us every
FIRST SATURDAY
of the Month
from 5 to 8 PM

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