

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

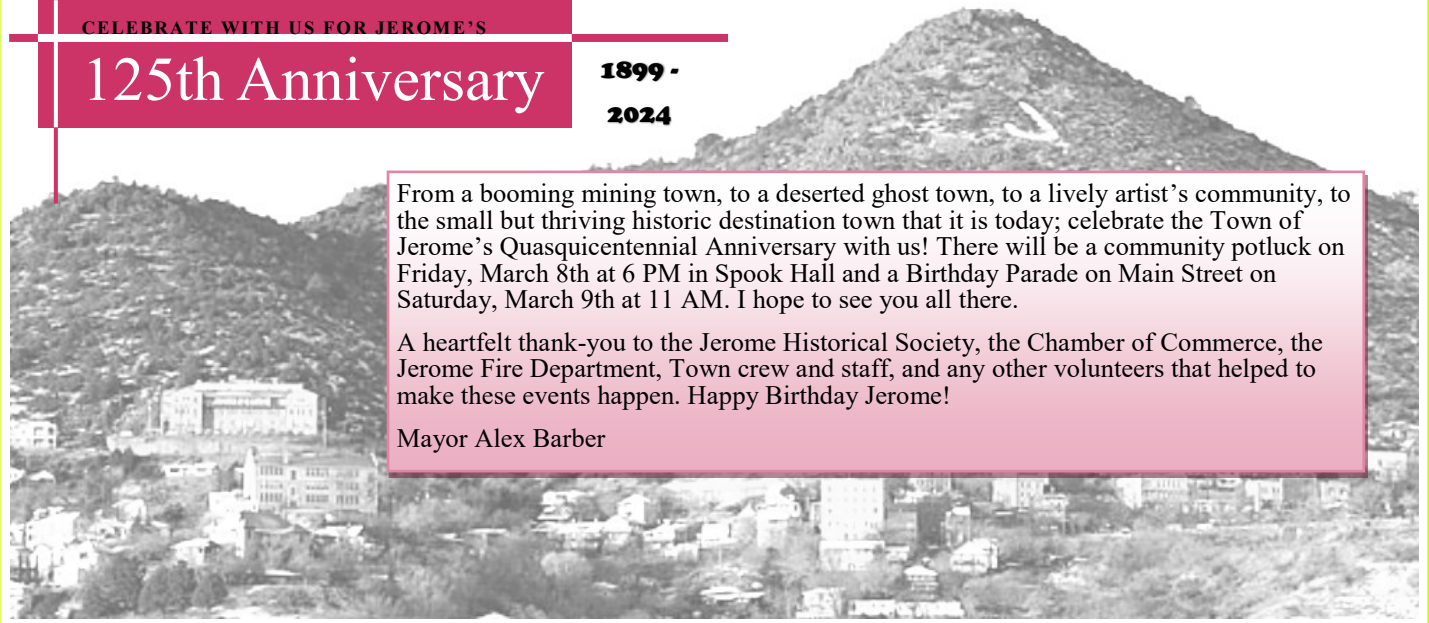
March—April 2024

Home Sweet Jerome: from the Mayor's Desk

CELEBRATE WITH US FOR JEROME'S

125th Anniversary

1899 -
2024



From a booming mining town, to a deserted ghost town, to a lively artist's community, to the small but thriving historic destination town that it is today; celebrate the Town of Jerome's Quasquicentennial Anniversary with us! There will be a community potluck on Friday, March 8th at 6 PM in Spook Hall and a Birthday Parade on Main Street on Saturday, March 9th at 11 AM. I hope to see you all there.

A heartfelt thank-you to the Jerome Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Jerome Fire Department, Town crew and staff, and any other volunteers that helped to make these events happen. Happy Birthday Jerome!

Mayor Alex Barber

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 July 30, 2024. All seats are elected to a two-year term. Candidate Packets are available at the Jerome Town Hall 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 March-May 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, March 12th at 7pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, March 19th at 6pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, March 26th at 6pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th at 7 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, April 16th at 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, April 23rd at 6 pm

+Special Council Meetings— Home Rule
March 12th & March 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14th at 7 pm

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, May 21st at 6 pm

Design Review Board
Tuesday, May 28th at 6 pm

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

The Jerome Humane Society storms Vegas for the 96th Western Veterinary Conference



Every other year, the Jerome Humane Society team caravans to Las Vegas for the annual Western Veterinary Conference. Fun abounds for the JHS team during this trip, but not in the ways you might imagine. It's not the gambling or nightlife that bring us to Vegas – rather it's the chance to immerse ourselves in industry developments and state-of-the-art approaches to animal care that we can bring back to our clinic and clients. Over 850 hours of continuing education, lectures and hands-on labs are on offer at the conference and figuring out our class schedules – no small feat - is always the first thing we do when we arrive.



Dr. Kennaway's favorite class this year was an inspiring session focused on dermatology, called "We've come a long way from "if it's wet, dry it; if it's dry, wet it; if it's neither or both, use steroids!" Virginia's insights from this session led to our purchase of the new Phovia handheld laser which uses fluorescent light therapy to accelerate natural skin regeneration. We can't wait to add this exciting new technology to our clinic operations!



PHOVIA

While "rock star" experiences abound in Vegas, our beloved Treasurer, Linda Kelt, never lets us forget that we are a small organization that depends on the kindness of our community for our cash. With this in mind, board member Lori Riley makes "scrappiness" her mission at every WVC conference, collecting literally carloads of donations from the conference vendors that line the exhibition hall. Lori's "take" for our clinic includes medical supplies to pet food and everything in between. Her secret? No zigzagging! A methodical "up and down" the aisles in numerical order maximizes the haul and ensures that no vendor donation is left behind.



Our JHS crew is already looking forward to WVC 2026, and to finding new and ever-better ways to serve our community and the animals we love. Thank you all for your continued love and support - and Viva Las Vegas!



Blessings from Haven,

Winnie the Pooh said, "A Day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey inside." We at Haven Food Pantry have many friends who help and support our food distribution.

There are the strong people who transport and unload the food twice on Tuesdays. Those who carry, unpack, and display the products and clothing. The fabulous chefs who bring mouth-watering delights to share. Those who help deliver food to others. During snow storms those who help keep the steps and sidewalks free of snow and ice. Those who donate, whether money or gently used clothing and household items. Those who bring grocery bags to help carry our loads. And those who leave our parking spaces available for Sunday and Wednesday morning friends. Acts of kindness and self-sacrificing friendship are always free-flowing and evident at Haven!

Working together for the greater good is a gift that keeps on giving. Thank you for joining the call to serve those in need. There is nothing sweeter than hearts of love for one another. And friendship shared is a honey of a good time!

You are blessed to be a blessing,

Ann and Liz Rees and Pastor Vicki

If you need to reach us Pastor's cell is 928-713-1991



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March 2024 Newsletter: Outlook/Conditions

This winter was relatively mild. We did receive an average amount of moisture in our area, many parts of the state did receive an above average amount of moisture again this year. As we all know, this moisture will help our vegetation. Around Jerome we can already see the grass starting to green up. With spring green up, we also get warm weather and winds. The warm weather and winds will quickly dry out the grass and lighter vegetation. Creating a fire receptive fuel bed.

Arizona has not had a large fire in a few years, there is a lot of residual grass and dead fuels built up around the state. So, it is possible that Arizona could see the large Wildland fires this year.

Locally, Jerome is mid slope on a mountain that has had no real fire history. We have had a few smaller fires in the area, but no large-scale Wildland fires have been recorded since the 1950s,

Like the rest of the state, we have a large amount of leftover grass and small vegetation that is already dry, with new growth starting to come up.

We at the fire department are trying to keep the roadside fuels in check, this is a difficult task as it can take away from other departmental duties.

As we know it is not just trailer chains dragging or the occasional cigarette thrown from a window of a car starting a fire, it can be an overheated vehicle, a flat tire or a random act of nature that could cause a fire.

We are expecting your Fire Departments Wildland truck and crew to be busy on wildland fire assignments this year. With our truck and crew out on assignment it will bring in additional revenue for the Fire Department. This revenue is used to supplement the Fire Departments budget allowing us to better serve the Town of Jerome residents and visitors.

As a community we need to do our part and create a defensible space. We need to clear the grass and other fire receptive fuels from around our homes and other areas around town.

Please do what you can to remove any dead fuels within 30 feet of your house and clean all dead and down debris out to 100 feet. Remove all debris, trim grass, and other vegetation from the downhill side of your house. By doing this it will help make your property safer in the event of a fire and give the fire department a chance to stop the fire before it reaches your house.

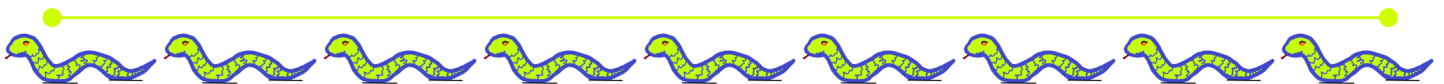
Please call the Fire department if you need into the brush/slash pile to drop off your trimmings. The Fire Department records all the loads put in the pile; this is a large part of the town of Jerome's recognition of being a Firewise community.

For any resident that would like to receive a Firewise assessment on their property please contact the Fire Department, we have a certified Firewise adviser on staff. This assessment would give recommendations on helping with your house being a little more fire resistant to vegetation fires.

Insurance companies are getting stricter with homeowners that live in an area that has a high potential for devastating vegetation fires. A Firewise assessment and mitigating the areas of concern might help with your homeowner's insurance.

We have started a mulch pile for grass, leaves, and other small yard trimmings. This mulch pile is available for all that uses mulch in gardens. There is also an area for large logs that will not be consumed when the pile is burned. If the logs are larger than 4 inches in diameter, we ask that you drop them off in that area, these logs will then be cut into firewood for anyone that needs it for winter heat.

Remember, if you have any hot ash, charcoal or partially burned firewood, place a metal container with water on a gravel or non-flammable surface outside for at least one day before disposal. Please do not dump hot ash in a trash receptacle.



With the weather warming up, we are entering the snake season. If you encounter a snake, stay a safe distance away, call the fire department or 911 and note the location or the direction it was moving. We will come out and relocate the snake to a safe location away from town.

Remember, not all snakes are dangerous and they do help minimize the small rodent population in town.

File of Life and “Rescue Pet” Stickers

The Fire Department has Magnetic **Files of Life** envelopes available at the fire station. These envelopes will inform emergency personnel of medical data, such as medications, allergies, and medical history. They will also provide emergency contacts.

These are to be placed on the refrigerator so that emergency personnel can easily find them. If you have any questions or need one of these **Files of Life** cards, contact the Fire Department.

Also, we have “Rescue Pet” stickers. These are used to alert First Responders of pets in the house. These stickers are to be placed on your front door. This will provide firefighters with the knowledge that there are potential rescues inside the building. It also lets EMTs know what potential pets are on the premises that will need to be secured and cared for, in the event they will be left unattended. Please stop by the Fire Station if you would like one of these stickers.

- ◆ Easy to Peel & Stick
- ◆ Long Lasting
- ◆ Sticks Well to Most Surfaces
- ◆ Leaves No Glue or Residue

ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE



Fire extinguishers: Jerome Fire Department would like to thank all the residents that took advantage of this year’s Fire Department’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 it. Please take advantage of this program each year.

We would like to remind our residents to check the batteries in their smoke detectors. Also, if the smoke detector is over 10 years old, we recommend that you replace it. If you need assistance with your smoke detector batteries or replacement, please contact the 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.

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.



JEROME HISTORICAL SOCIETY



A REMINDER:



Where: Spook Hall

When: Friday March 8th 6pm

Hosted by:

THE JEROME HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Main dish provided by:

THE HAUNTED GROUP

Dessert provided:

Black Lodge Tattoo

The Jerome Historical Society is hosting a community potluck to kickoff the weekend festivities to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of our Town's Incorporation. The Haunted Group is sponsoring the main course and The Black Lodge is providing desert.

We have a special program planned with a few speakers and entertainment. So bring your favorite side dish and join us.

SPOOK HALL - FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 @ 6:00PM

We are constantly asked if we are going to bring back Ghost Walk.

We'd love to, but as you know, it is a huge endeavor that requires 40 to 60 volunteers. Before we commit to attempting a "comeback," we would like to get an idea of how many people would be interested in participating.

Of course we will need actors, but there are many "behind the scenes" supporting roles as well.

If you are interested in helping us revive Ghost Walk, shoot us an email at: administrator@jeromehistoricalsociety.com. Together we can bring back this popular event.



JEROME COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOP: MARCH & APRIL, 2024



MARCH CLASSES

- Paste Paper , A centuries old paper decorating technique.

March 16, Noon – 2 pm, \$40 Donation

- Whisk Broom, Turkey Wing Style

March 23, Noon – 3 pm, \$50 Donation

- Alcohol Ink Decorating

March 30, 9am – Noon

- Star Book, This is a fun book structure with a lot of embellishment opportunities.

March 30, 1pm – 3 pm \$40 Donation



APRIL CLASSES

- Mosaic, We purchased an entire Mosaic Studio with hundreds of tiles to work with, this is a beginners class.

A two part class: April 6 and 20 , Noon – 3 pm \$60 Donation for both classes

- Kraft Tex Bookmaking, A leather like fabric with interesting possibilities.

April 13, Noon – 3 pm, \$50 Donation



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

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Jerome's 125th Anniversary
 Friday, March 8th
 Parade on March 9th

St. Patrick's Day
 Sunday, March 17th

First Day of Spring
 Tuesday, March 19th

Good Friday
 Friday, March 29th

Easter Sunday
 Sunday, March 31st

Earth Day
 Monday, April 22nd

Cinco De Mayo
 Sunday, May 5th

Mother's Day
 Sunday, May 12th

***Memorial Day**
 Monday, May 27th
 (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.

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH 11AM

JEROME BIRTHDAY PARADE!

VIEWABLE ANYWHERE ON MAIN STREET

● HISTORIC EXHIBIT IN THE WINDOWS OF SPOOK HALL

● BARTLETT HOTEL INSTALLATIONS

Shrines for past Jeromites we've loved - Slideshow of historic photos from the many eras of Jerome, beginning at sunset.

LIVE MUSIC

Wicked City Pub
 Paul & Jerry's
 The Spirit Room

● JEROME ARCHEOLOGICAL GEOLOGICAL DISPLAY
 by Jerome's Historic & Preservation Officer
 12pm to sunset

IT'S A CELEBRATION 125TH



JEROME ARIZONA

THANK YOU!

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 Chamber of Commerce
 Special Event celebrating local businesses



Join us every
FIRST SATURDAY
 of the Month

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