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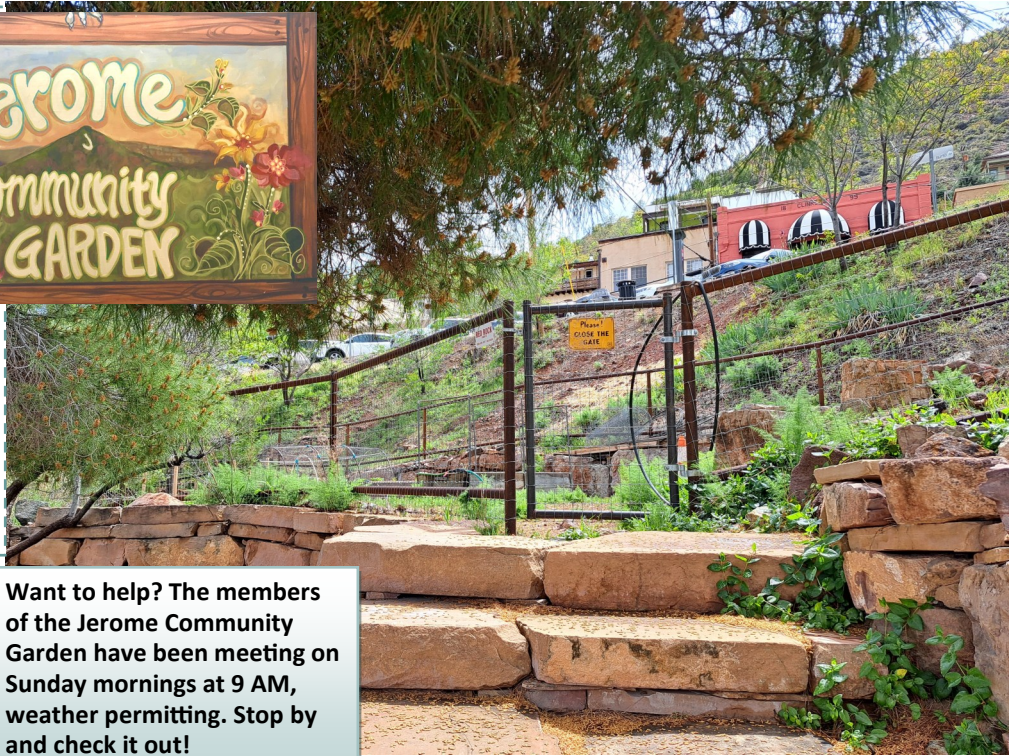
## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

May—June 2024

### Home Sweet Jerome: from the Mayor's Desk

At the April Town Council meeting, we were excited to hear from a small group of dedicated locals who have picked up their gardening tools and started to reawaken the Jerome Community Garden.

I, as well as my fellow members of the council, love to see more green spaces added to Jerome, encouraging local birds and butterflies, preventing erosion, and beautifying our community.



Want to help? The members of the Jerome Community Garden have been meeting on Sunday mornings at 9 AM, weather permitting. Stop by and check it out!

Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far, including the Jerome Town Crew who put a lot of work into the garden area to get things started, and to the new members of the Jerome Community Garden who have been bit with the gardening bug and are making great strides to beautifying Jerome. Keep up the good work!

### Scheduled Meeting Dates for May-July 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, May 14th at 7pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 11th at 7 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 9th at 7 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, June 18th at 6 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, July 16th at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, May 28th at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, June 25th at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, July 23rd at 6 pm

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



Imagine doing a dental on a cheetah! A life-long dream comes true for Dr. Virginia Kennaway as she heads for South Africa in late May. Hers will be a working vacation, helping to learn about and treat animals on the Kwandwe and Kariega game reserves on a safari created especially for veterinarians. She'll experience hands-on work in areas such as DNA sampling, carnivore and herbivore medicine, surgery and dentals, and immobilization and translocation techniques.

Virginia will present a talk and slide show of her adventures on her return. How exciting is that?



### Blessings from Haven,

A great big thank you to all shop owners, merchants, and artists who donated to the "Hands Healing Hunger" auction; sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church in Sedona. For the past three years, Haven Food Pantry has been awarded a donation from them. We will utilize this money to purchase additional meat, fish, and eggs. What a wonderful blessing, we are truly thankful.

Our friends who come to the food bank are thankful too. We can see it on their faces! And we hear it in their words of gratitude. Together we have been able to do great things none of us could do alone. That's the joy of life in community. Certainly, that has been a practice here in Jerome in many ways over the years.

With warmer weather here, many food pantry guests come earlier and earlier to find a parking space. Since we are not allowed to park on the highway or sidewalk, please remember to move overnight vehicles *before* 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday and Sunday morning. We realize this can be an imposition, but please know we are very grateful for your help to serve the community safely.

If you are eager to volunteer on Wednesday mornings just drop in when you can. If you want to donate slightly used clothing or good condition household items we will be thrilled to receive them. Everyone has loved having the free boutique, as Ann calls it!

Enjoy the May flowers everyone because Summer is just around the corner.

Peace to you my friends,  
Pastor Vicki



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### Chiefs Message

As Fire Chief and resident of Jerome it's hard for me to express the gratitude to all of volunteers that have participated at the Town Council level, Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustment, Design Review Board, Fire Department personnel, Fire Department Auxiliary, the Library and other various town projects.

The town council and each of the boards have 5 volunteers each per elected cycle. Some of these volunteers have contributed their time for many years. It would be hard to list all of them.

The fire department has maintained a roster of 14 to 20 volunteers throughout the years with some volunteers reaching over 30 years. With some members participating more than others. I would like to mention the fire chiefs that I can remember that put in a large portion of their lives to the fire department. Phill Tovrea, Dave Hall, Roger Davis, Michael Butcher, and Terry Molloy.

Currently my best responders are Allen Muma, Kerry Lee, John Krmpotich and Rick Hernandez. Two of the volunteers that I still have on my roster achieving 30 years or more are Michael Higginson and Bert Doss.

Some of the longtime residents that have put in so much of their time volunteering on councils, boards and commissions, committees, library, and other town projects, that I would like to thank are Jay Kinsella, Jane Moore, Allen Muma, Brice Wood, Gary Shapiro, Lance Schall, Lew Currier, Richard Martin, Margie Hardie and too many others to list.

I would also like to thank the current council, board and commission members, library personnel, fire personnel, fire department auxiliary members and many others that have volunteered their time to the town present and past. Many of them have served in multiple town positions.

Thank you all,  
Rusty Blair

### **Wildland Fire Season**

The fire season is upon us. As normal, your fire department wildland crew will be very busy with response requests. Our Wildland engine and crew have been requested to California, Texas, Utah, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, and Washington. These responses take our engine and crew away from home for several weeks at a time. During these assignments the crew performs many different tasks from fighting fires to assisting with reforestation projects, clearing forest roads for public safety, Firewise activities, public education events and the list goes on. The fire department would like to thank the Wildland fire crew for their willingness and dedication to spend the summers away from their home, family and friends while helping others around the state and country.

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

**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**

### **Firewise Community Day**

The Jerome Fire Department's annual Community Firewise and Fire Safety Day at the Jerome Fire Department is held in September. We have joined our Firewise day with Fire Safety month in conjunction with our annual potluck picnic. This is a dedicated day where folks in the community can focus their efforts on creating defensible space around their home or business by eliminating dried fuels like leaves, twigs, and branches. Also, any dead growth including some live paradise trees that may need to be thinned, thereby creating defensible space.



Article 13-9 of the Jerome Town Code provides that Level 1 water restrictions go into effect automatically as of May 1 each year and continue through September 30, requiring certain water conservation measures.

**Effective May 1, 2024, the requirements of Strategy I - "Water Alert" – have been expanded. Changes are shown in red below.**

- **Water shall be conserved both inside and outside the home or business using best practices available to minimize waste. No person shall waste water.**
  - **Outdoor water use shall not occur between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM. Outdoor water use shall be limited to two hours per day between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM.**
  - **Vehicle washing shall only be undertaken with a bucket and hose with a shut off nozzle or other water saving devices.**
  - **Cooling outdoor areas with water or misting devices is prohibited.**
  - **Restaurants shall serve water to customers upon request only and shall display table tents or other types of public notice to this effect.**
  - **Construction projects shall use only reclaimed water or effluent or supply their own water for on-site use and dust control.**
  - **Daily water usage is limited to 900 gallons of water per meter unit, per 24-hour period. The only exceptions to this limit are restaurants and hotels with more than four rooms made available for lodging.**
- Once the need for "Demand Reduction Strategy I" no longer exists, we will immediately post the reverting back to normal operations. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

### **Snake season is here!**

As we begin to warm up, we will start seeing snakes again. Remember most of our snakes are good to have around. King snakes will eat the Rattlesnakes and Bull snakes keep the rodent population down. Both are not a threat to humans.

Here is some information on Rattlesnakes.

Most bites occur between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors. About 25 percent of the bites are "dry," meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment. Depending on weather and threatening conditions such as wildfires or monsoonal rains rattlesnakes may roam at any time of the day or night. If walking at night, be sure to use a flashlight. To avoid rattlesnake bites some safety precautions will help:

- Wear appropriate over-the-ankle hiking boots, thick socks, and loose-fitting long pants. Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wilderness areas.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails.
- Avoid tall grass, weeds, and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- Look at your feet to watch where you step and do not put your foot in or near a crevice where you cannot see.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see and avoid wandering around in the dark.
- If a fallen tree or large rock is in your path, step up on to it instead of over it, as there might be a snake on the other side.
- Be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood.
- Check out stumps or logs before sitting down and shake out sleeping bags before use.
- Do not turn over rocks or logs. If you must move a rock or log, use gloves, and roll it toward you, giving anything beneath it the opportunity to escape in the opposite direction.
- Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- Avoid approaching any snake you cannot positively identify as a safe species.
- If you hear the warning rattle, move away from the area, and do not make sudden or threatening movements in the direction of the snake.
- Remember rattlesnakes do not always rattle before they strike!
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake - it can still inject venom.

We would like to remind everyone to be careful when out in the yard.

If you find a snake, remember to keep a safe distance, note its location, and Call 911. The Fire department will respond and relocate the snake to a safe location away from town.





# GHOST WALK *is back!*

To kick off the comeback of this popular event, we've decided to revisit some of the most favorite skits from the past. We are looking for participants... actors, exhibitionists, crowd guides, set design, makeup, costuming, etc.

If you'd like to be a part of an event where the participants have as much fun as the audience,

**JOIN US!**

**Tuesday . May 7th .  
6 p.m. . Spook Hall**

**Pizza & refreshments will be provided**

**Presented by the Jerome Historical Society  
928.634.1066**



**Theme:  
"The Best of the Worst Times in Jerome"**

**We Need Your Help!**

## JEROME LIBRARY



The Library sends a big Thank You to Shane Qualls for the donation of four new computers and a new color printer.

The computers have Windows 11 pro and are available for patron use in the Library.

The color printer will be used to print handmade books for Library fundraising.

Librarian, Kathleen Jarvis

### **The Jerome Book 13th Edition**

*A somewhat accurate list of Jerome residents and businesses, compliments of La Victoria Studio, has brought in \$700 in donations for the Library. A few copies are still available if you didn't get one.*

Thank You to Nancy Weisel for Printing and distribution!

# WANTED




## VOLUNTEER VETERINARY ASSISTANT (one day per week)

 NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED  
 WE WILL TRAIN YOU

Contact the **JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY**  
 CALL 928-235-5960 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE  
 NUMBER AND WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.

"The toughest job you'll ever love."

Poster by Michael Gallagher

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

**Cinco De Mayo**  
 Sunday, May 5th

**Mother's Day**  
 Sunday, May 12th

**Armed Forces Day**  
 Saturday, May 18th

**\*Memorial Day**  
 Monday, May 27th  
 (Town Hall closed)

**Flag Day**  
 Friday, June 14th

**Father's Day**  
 Sunday, June 16th

**Juneteenth**  
 Wednesday, June 19th  
 (Town Hall closed)

**First Day of Summer**  
 Thursday, June 20th

**Independence Day**  
 Thursday, July 4th  
 (Town Hall closed &  
 Recycling bins emptied on  
 Wednesday)

*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.*

### 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  
 from 5 to 8 PM

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