

# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

September-October 2024

Home Sweet Jerome: from the Mayor's Desk

Good day friends,

As the hottest, longest days of the year are almost over, we are approaching the season of thanks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Jerome businesses, residents, board members, staff, and volunteers for being a part of our community.

2024 has shaped up to be a very difficult year for many of us, and I know that many people are hurting. That being said, here's a quick reminder to hug your kids a little tighter, check on that neighbor you've been thinking of, use kind words, and ask for help when you need it.

The people of Jerome are what make this town our home, and I appreciate you all.

Warmest thoughts,  
Mayor Alex Barber



### Jerome CAT Bus Service to Terminate:

Based on limited numbers of riders, in particular, the very limited number of Jerome resident riders, the Town Council voted to discontinue the CAT bus service upon completion of the two-year PILOT program as of September 30, 2024.

Town Council members cited the limited number of riders which adversely impacted the return on the financial investment as the primary reason, along with the desire to utilize the limited Town funds to expand and enhance the Town's own shuttle service.

In the near future the Town will be expanding the shuttle service in an effort to meet the needs of its residents and visitors. More information will be forthcoming regarding the Town's expanding shuttle service.

The Shuttle currently transports locals into the Verde Valley starting at 9:00 AM every Wednesday; meet at Town Hall, 600 Clark Street, Jerome. Also, service to-and-from locations in and around Jerome every Friday-Sunday from 11 AM until 4 (Friday) or 6 PM Sat & Sun).

Call (928) 821-0133 during Shuttle hours to arrange a ride.

### Registering People to Vote for the General Election

I am offering to assist people with registering to vote. I can come to you, or meet at Town Hall or the Post Office.

Mary Conlin  
(928) 634-5892  
(928) 451-1019

### November 5th, 2024 General Election

Important Dates:

- Last Day to Register to Vote - October 7, 2024
- First Day to Vote Early In Person - October 9, 2024
- First Day for Voter Registration to Mail Ballots - October 9, 2024
- Last Day to Request a Ballot by Mail - October 25, 2024
- Last Day to Vote Early In Person - November 1, 2024

For more information, or for physical voting locations, go to:  
[www.yavapaivotes.gov](http://www.yavapaivotes.gov)

### Scheduled Meeting Dates for September-November 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, Sept. 10th at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 6pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, Oct. 8th at 7 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, Oct. 15th at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 6 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 7 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, Nov. 26th at 6 pm

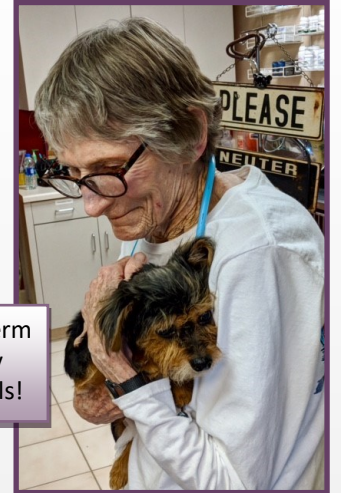
\* Dates may be subject to date/time change due to holidays



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Jerome Humane Society's ever-popular Auction/Brunch fundraiser will blast off on Sunday, October 13th at Honeymoon Cottage. This year's theme is "Where the Wild Things Are", and local artist, Michael Gallagher, is designing suitable "Wild Thing" graphics for us. Ann & Liz Rees have taken up the leadership reins of this fantastic Jerome tradition. Join us in October for great food, drinks, fun, music and beautiful auction items.

**ESTATE SALE:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered for and shopped at the JHS Marge Mitchell Estate Sale. Lots of artwork, furniture, culinary supplies and pet-themed knickknacks flowed out the door with enthusiastic buyers.

Marge would have loved this event! Thanks especially to Denise McCarley for generously opening the doors of Marge's home to JHS supporters and friends.



**MARGE MITCHELL MEMORIAL:** Jerome Humane is hosting a memorial event honoring our long-term volunteer and friend, Marge Mitchell. Join us on Friday, September 20th from 4-6 in the Nellie Bly Party Room. Some of us will attempt to bake favorite recipes from Marge's cookbooks. Brave souls!



**HONORING A CRACK DIAGNOSTICIAN:** Each year the Town of Jerome honors JHS Veterinarian Virginia Kennaway in recognition of her valiant battle against the Bubonic Plague in 2015. Virginia began noticing that some of the town cats were coming down with unusual symptoms. Despite derision from other skeptical health professionals, Virginia diagnosed the dreaded Bubonic Plague, rushing to protect her clinic volunteer staff and developing a regime to treat the affected pets. The resulting town decree called for an annual celebration for this "paragon of the healing arts" and "heroine of uncommon virtue." JHS was happy and



proud to continue the tradition and celebrate Virginia Kennaway Day in concert with Woofstock last August 21st. As always, a good time was had by all!

Jerome's musicians were out in force to support JHS and Dr. Virginia Kennaway. The Spirit Room was rockin'!

## Blessings from Haven,

Last newsletter, I shared an offer of free wood with delivery for those in need of winter heat. Since I only had one inquiry, I thought I'd give you another invitation. This time, I'll give you the direct contact information of **Bogart, 928-821-6027**. He is the one who will deliver to you. Bogart has been given the opportunity to pick up a variety of wood from a generous donator and would like to get it to you before the cold. If you are interested contact him soon to ensure you get some.

Haven continues to be blessed with volunteers who make the food pantry possible. Together we are making a difference for so many people. The need for food continues to stay high in our current economic times. We know just about everyone in town is preparing for upcoming fall events, so your help with the food bank is even more appreciated this time of year.

Jerome's haunting celebrations are phenomenal! I hope this fall season brings everyone great joy, happy memories, and good spirits!

Be safe, healthy, and blessed,  
Pastor Vicki





**JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
P.O. BOX 1025 \* JEROME AZ 86331  
(928) 649-3034 [blair@jeromefire.us](mailto:blair@jeromefire.us)

## The 49th Annual Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance



**Saturday, October 26th** marks the 49th 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 have. Doors will open at 7:00 with the band starting at 8:00 playing until 12:00AM.



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

\$20 per person, CASH ONLY. Full bar—please remember this is an all-cash event and please drink responsibly (21 and older, valid photo ID required for entry). All proceeds go to benefit the Jerome Volunteer Fire Department.

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

The fire department auxiliary would also like to thank all our sponsors that provide for the costume prizes as well as those who help facilitate putting on that event.



**49TH ANNUAL JEROME FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY**

**HALLOWEEN DANCE**

Saturday  
October 26, 2024

Under heated tent next to the Sliding Jail

Featuring Music by

**The Naughty Bits**

Doors open: 7PM  
Band Plays: 8PM – 12AM  
Costume Contest & Prizes

*Must be present to win*




### Verde Valley Community Risk Reduction event.

The Verde Valley Fire departments along with Verde Valley Ambulance, Red Cross, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire management and Unisource will be hosting a Community Risk Reduction event at the Cottonwood Fair Grounds on October 5 between 9am and 1pm. Please come out and support your local first responders.

### Firewise Activities



## Jerome Fire Department Picnic/Firewise community day on Thursday, 9-26-24

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 28th, at the Fire Station, beginning at 5 pm and going till 7PM.**

The Jerome FD Auxiliary will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, water & soda. This is also a great time to thank all 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!**



## Firewise USA Community in conjunction with the fire department annual picnic 9-26-24

We are marking our eighth 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.

### Jerome Fire Department has medical Equipment available to lend out.

Jerome Fire has medical assistance equipment including wheelchairs, crutches, canes, boot braces and more.

Please contact the Fire Department if you or your family have need of these items.

They are available to lend to locals, for those in need of them on a temporary basis, and to assist those who are unable to purchase these items.

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



# JEROME HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Jerome Historical Society hopes that you are enjoying the makeover we completed on Spook Hall. We'd like to share with you our feelings about this building, and inform you of another change we are making.

JHS may own this historic property, but we are only the custodian. It is so much more than just a building. This hall has been an integral part of our community for a very long time. We hold our events there - our potlucks, fund raisers, and celebrate the holidays together with a Town dinner. We hold our memorials there. This hall brings our small community together many times every single year. This building belongs to our community.

Along with the building's facelift, and the fact that it is now very visibly a community hall, the JHS Board had a discussion on what kind of an image we wanted to project. We believe that our community deserves a hall they can be proud of, that is a reflection of our Town, who we are, and what we stand for.

The Historical Society Board has passed a motion, that moving forward the windows of Spook Hall will only be utilized to promote our history, and our town and community events.

Jerome offers so much to the million plus visitors that come through our town each year: art, cool shops, wine tasting, good restaurants, etc. But surveys have shown over and over that the #1 reason people come to our town is our history. And remember, our history is so important that we were the first entire town to be designated a National Historic Landmark.

JHS feels that we made the right decision. We sincerely hope you agree.

MaryBeth Barr  
President

**The Library is in need of volunteers to check books at the circulation desk. This could be temporary if you are not able to commit to a permanent position. Hours are flexible. Call Kathleen at 928-451-1881**

## JEROME LIBRARY

### Jerome Community Art Workshop September-October Class Schedule

- 9/7 Suminagashi– The Art of Japanese Paper Making
- 9/21 Carousel Star Bookbinding
- 9/29 & 10/5 (2-Part Class) Pique Assiette– French for theft of plates mosaic with broken ceramic plates and found objects
- 10/5 Suminagashi
- 10/19 Coptic Bookbinding
- 10/26 & 11/2 (2-Part Class) Mosaic with tile and glass  
Class details to be announced

**To sign up, stop by the Library or call 928-639-0574**

Pique Assiette



Carousel Star Bookbinding



# Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Greetings Neighbors!

We had so much fun last year, we are doing it again! Save the date for our upcoming music and arts festival September 14 and 15! The main stage will be at the basketball courts this year with Art in the Park happening in the upper park all weekend. Live music all over town including The Naughty Bits, Local Honey, Black Lemon, Frizzy & Edgy, What's the Big Idea, Thunder & Lightnin' and many, many more. 15 local artists will also be set up in the upper park both Saturday and Sunday. We will have stages all over town, food trucks and fun for the whole family.



We look forward to seeing you and celebrating our local businesses, artists, music and community!

If you would like to volunteer for the festival or be a participating artist please contact Ginger. [gingermackbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:gingermackbusiness@gmail.com)

Ginger Mackenzie  
 President - Jerome Chamber of Commerce  
 Dylan Young  
 Director - Jerome Chamber of Commerce

**Saturday September 14 11am to 10pm**  
**Sunday September 15 11am to 7pm**

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

**\*Labor Day**  
 Monday, September 2nd  
 (Town Hall closed & Recycling bins emptied on Wednesday)

**Patriot Day**  
 Wednesday, September 11th

**First Day of Autumn**  
 Sunday, September 22nd

**Indigenous People's Day**  
 Monday, October 14th

**Halloween**  
 Thursday, October 31st

*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.*

**Town of Jerome Shuttle's** trips to Cottonwood, a service for Jerome locals to provide transportation for the purposes of shopping, banking, visiting doctors, and more, runs every Wednesday at 9 A.M. Meet the Shuttle at Town Hall, 600 Clark Street, or call ahead to make arrangements at: **928-821-0133**

### 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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