

# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

March – April 2020

### **From the Mayor**

Spring is almost here!!



As much as I love the winters in Jerome, by this time I'm ready for flowers and fruit and warmer temperatures. Luckily we've had a pretty mild winter, but as many of us know, we never say winter is over until almost Mother's Day! Then it's time to plant your gardens and enjoy beautiful weather.

It's an election year, and not just for the presidency. Jerome Town Councilmembers have almost served their two years, so it's time to vote again. If you've ever thought about running for Council, I highly encourage it! I can tell you after several years of serving that it's never boring. Yes, it can be challenging, but it's so worth it. Please see the information below from our town manager, Candace Gallagher.

If you want to join the fun, the Town Council meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 600 Clark Street. See you there. Happy Spring to all!

Mayor Christina "Alex" Barber

## **JEROME NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL?**

Candidate packets for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election are now available in the Town Clerk's office.

In order to run for the office of Councilmember in Jerome, you must be, at the time of filing, at least 18 years of age, a qualified and registered elector, and current on any campaign finance violation fines, penalties or judgments. In addition, you must be a resident of Jerome for at least one year as of the election date. Petitions must have at least seven signatures and can be filed in the Clerk's office between March 9 and April 6, 2020. For more information, please contact Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher at (928) 634-7943 or [c.gallagher@jerome.az.gov](mailto:c.gallagher@jerome.az.gov).

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON ONE OF OUR BOARDS?**

We are seeking volunteers to fill vacant seats on our Planning and Zoning Commission, Design Review Board and Board of Adjustment. If you are interested in serving, please contact Zoning Administrator John Knight at (928) 634-7943, or [j.knight@jerome.az.gov](mailto:j.knight@jerome.az.gov). An application is available at Town Hall or can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.jerome.az.gov/boards-and-commissions>.

### **Meeting Dates for March, April, and May 2020** *(Note new meeting times for P&Z and DRB)*

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
**CANCELLED**

**Design Review Board**  
Monday, March 9 at 6pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Wednesday, April 1 at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Monday, April 13 at 6pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Wednesday, May 6 at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Monday, May 11 at 6pm



**JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
 P.O. Box 1025 ✪ Jerome, AZ 86331  
 (928) 649-3034 [blair@jerome.fire.us](mailto:blair@jerome.fire.us)

**Prescott National Forest Outlook/Conditions**

Please be aware that Jerome has received 4.7 inches of moisture since September 2019, which will help the growth of tall grasses. Be extremely cautious! With conditions the way they are now, we can expect a very active fire season this summer due to that additional growth. Please do what you can to remediate any dead fuels within 100 feet of your property if possible! Give Chief Blair a call if you need access to our brush/slash pile to drop off your trimmings. Also, if you have any hot ash, charcoal briquettes, or partially burned firewood, place into a metal container with water for at least a day before disposal.

**Join Us for Firewise Community Day, Saturday May 9!**



In conjunction with Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, the Jerome Fire Department is hosting the 5th Annual Community Firewise Day on Saturday, May 9 from 10am to 4pm at the Jerome fire station. 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 important is to clear any dead growth, including live paradise trees that may need to be thinned, thereby creating defensible space.

Educational literature will be available, and folks from other Firewise Communities in the Verde Valley will be joining us. The Jerome FD will also be serving up hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas, and water. Jerome’s own Ukulele Orchestra will be serenading the event. We hope to see you there!

**New Battery-Powered Holmatro Extrication Tools!**

A FEMA grant in the amount of \$62,843 was awarded to us to specifically update our existing “tethered” Holmatro system to an “untethered,” battery-powered Holmatro system. Due to the frequency of motor vehicles leaving the road and going “over the edge,” the Jerome Fire Department has needed this portability in extrication equipment. This will allow us to operate in a much safer and more efficient manner and directly translates into better outcomes for patients as it shortens the time needed for a technical rope rescue. Additionally, having a full, second set of extrication tools will allow us to respond to a multiple-vehicle incident or to two separate incidents at the same time.



**File of Life and “Rescue Pet” Stickers**

We have magnetic **Files of Life** cards available at the fire station for those taking care of a residence or who wish to have somebody else contacted in the event of an emergency. These must be placed on the refrigerator so we can easily find the information. *Only the person(s) listed on these cards can be contacted by the Fire Department in case of an emergency.* If you have any questions or need one of these **Files of Life** cards, please contact us at 928-649-3034.

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



We also have “Rescue Pet” stickers used to alert first responders of pets in the house. These stickers should be placed on or near the front door. This alerts firefighters of potential rescues inside the building and lets EMTs know what pets to care for or keep inside if the house is left unattended. Please stop and get one!

**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 the fire and EMS doesn’t interest you, but you would still like to help out, 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*

## FROM THE P&Z DEPARTMENT

### Campaign/Political Signs

As we get closer to the Arizona primary election, there seems to be a lot of new campaign signs popping up around Town – I’ve also received calls and complaints about some of these campaign signs. The Jerome Zoning Ordinance does not require a permit for a campaign sign but does identify certain restrictions. First, it’s important to note that a campaign sign is defined as “a sign whose sole purpose is to advertise a political candidate or issue.”



Section 509.E.9 of the zoning ordinance also states that campaign signs may be placed no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to a primary or general election. Note that each premise (or home) may post up to six (6) square feet of signs and the signs must be removed within ten (10) days after the election. If you have a question about whether you can post a political sign, or any other sign, please give me a call. If you would like to make a formal complaint about a sign that may have been posted in violation of the Zoning Ordinance, please give me a call at Town Hall, 928-634-7943, or send me an email.

John Knight, Zoning Administrator

[j.knight@jerome.az.gov](mailto:j.knight@jerome.az.gov)

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPRING EVENTS

**Saturday, March 21: MAJOR LINGO REVIVAL** at the newly decorated Spook Hall!!

Doors open at 7pm | Music goes from 8pm to 11pm | 21 & over/ID required

Beer/wine/mixed drinks - CASH ONLY \* **Bring a smile and dancing shoes!!!**

**The 55<sup>th</sup> Home & Building Tour (May 16 & 17)** is in the works and we are working hard to solidify final site locations. Want to be on the tour? We will provide housecleaning before or after the tour upon your request! The home tour is the Chamber’s fundraiser of the year – it takes many volunteers for this event, as most people know. *Please email us at [info@jeromechamber.com](mailto:info@jeromechamber.com) if you can help with the longest running home tour in Arizona!* We provide a very nice appreciation dinner for all your great efforts! Thank you in advance!

Kevin Savage, JCC President

The JCC meets the first Friday of each month - upstairs at the Jerome fire station @ 8:30am. Let us know if you have an interest in volunteering or joining and becoming more involved.

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### NEED NACOG COMMUNITY SERVICES?

- \* Get help with utility bills/deposits
- \* Appliance repair/replacement
- \* Gas vouchers & Bus passes
- \* Eviction prevention rental payment
- \* Emergency food cards

For more info, call (928) 300-0894

Ask for Annick Desmeules, Case Manager

1500 E. Cherry Street, Suite F, Cottonwood AZ 86326

Blessings from Haven,

Spring is almost here! I love the newness of spring growth. I feel the urge to organize my life in new ways, plant gardens, get outside and enjoy the warm sunshine.

The Wednesday food and clothing program is really coming together with new shelving and an expanded clothing room. Ann and Liz are putting extensive time into this renewing to make it easier for everyone to find what they need. Many people have been brainstorming the needs of the community we might help with. Perhaps a communication board to share information about people's current needs, items to get rid of, services provided, ridesharing opportunities, etc.

We hope to have a church box at our front door soon for convenient prayer support, sharing information, and other things. We encourage you to be part of our Wednesday outreach in any way that you are gifted.

We need to hear from those of you who know what could make life easier or better for others. We may not be able to do things ourselves, but we may be able to do something together. Haven is blessed to be working with so many loving and spirit filled people of joy! Come and have a cup of coffee and a treat on Wednesday or Sunday and be blessed as well.

Easter Sunday will include a 6:30am Sunrise Celebration in Haven parking lot and 9am; brunch starting at 7:00; egg hunt at Joan Evans beginning at 10:10. We hope you will join the fun!

Peace and Joy to All,  
Pastor Vicki



## JEROME

*I didn't know, old mining camp  
That you were so haunted, and  
Your road so narrow.  
Gray boards, decaying clay, crumbling  
brick  
Stench of disturbed bones  
Dusting the hills.  
You snake road, you undulate  
In heart-jarring curves.  
Making me see once again  
The donkey's hard climb  
The pick-weary miner stepping up to  
the bar.  
A saloon girl's delight!  
Jerome, your past is there  
Amid the frozen stars.*

by Bette Bieber

## EARTH DAY TURNS 50!!

We're celebrating Earth Day's 50th anniversary by bringing back the electronic recycling drive! The town of Jerome is partnering with Westech Recyclers once again to protect Mother Earth from unwanted electronic waste. Jerome residents can drop off recyclable items to Town Hall between March 9 and May 1, M-Th, 9-5.

Items that can be recycled: computers, laptops, monitors, network cards, routers, modems, hard drives, floppy drives, CD-ROM drives, fax machines, telephones, cellphones, wires, cables, power supplies, circuit boards, video game equipment, printers, copiers, typewriters, stereo equipment, calculators, and credit card machines.

Items that cannot be recycled: vacuums, refrigerators, freezers, a/c units, hair dryers, toasters, coffee makers, blenders, and microwaves. *CRT televisions and CRT monitors can be recycled for a fee.*

By recycling these kinds of items, you will help to keep lead, mercury, and other harmful materials out of our landfills. For a complete list of recyclable and non-recyclable items, visit [www.westechrecyclers.com](http://www.westechrecyclers.com). See you at Town Hall!



## Ye Olde Book Room

We're waiting for you up in the Old Book Room. Come see us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 2.

Sincerely,

*Jane Austen, J.R.R. Tolkien, Victor Hugo, Sinclair Lewis, Joseph Conrad, Agatha Christie, William Shakespeare, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Rudyard Kipling, Charlotte Brontë, Plato, John Steinbeck, H.G. Wells, James Joyce, Robert Louis Stevenson, Pearl S. Buck, Charles Dickens, Alexandre Dumas, Mark Twain, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Louisa May Alcott, Arthur Conan Doyle, O. Henry, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Erle Stanley Gardner, Voltaire, D.H. Lawrence, William Saroyan, Kahlil Gibran, Sir Walter Scott, Lillian Hellman, Zane Grey, Lanford Wilson, Emily Dickinson, Dee Brown, Washington Irving, L. Frank Baum, Ernest Hemingway, Edgar Allan Poe, Edmond Rostand, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Thornton Wilder, Chaucer, Norman Mailer, Jules Verne, Rex Stout, John Keats, Herman Melville, Edgar Rice Burroughs, P.J. Wodehouse, Emily Brontë, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Homer, Booth Tarkington, Raymond Chandler, Robert E. Howard, William Faulkner, Norman Vincent Peale, Honoré de Balzac, Sylvia Plath, John Wesley Powell, Virgil, Katie Lee, Irving Wallace, James Fenimore Cooper, Daphne du Maurier, Anton Chekhov, Edna Ferber, Joseph Campbell, Alastair MacLean, Margaret Mitchell, James Hilton, Herman Wouk, W. Somerset Maugham, Willa Cather, John Gardner, Winston Churchill, Erich Maria Remarque, Jack London, James Thurber and many more.*

## JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

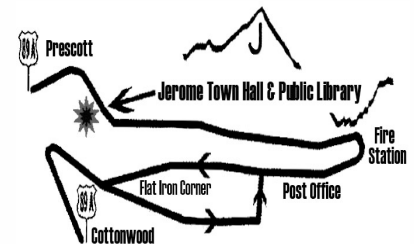
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Sunday	10 am - 2 pm	Wednesday	10 am - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 5 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 5 pm
		Saturday	Noon - 2 pm



### Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday & Thursday Noon-2:00 p.m.  
Or call for an appointment - library staff will be happy to open the Old Book Room for you.

## ART for ART'S SAKE – Art Books for Sale



Jerome Public Library received several hundred art and photography books, both fine art and art technique. They are now available to the public with a donation to the Jerome Community Art Program.

Books are in the Book Sale on the front porch of the library. Come by, take a look, and ask how you can be a part of the art program.

We have a class list on the front desk to sign up for current art classes and welcome ALL art lovers to join us.

Contact us at [jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com) or call the library at 928-639-0574.

Kathleen Jarvis, Librarian

Nancy Driver, Art Director

## JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY



Winter at the Jerome Humane Society has been relatively quiet, with the team focused on its regular business of caring for a steady stream of animal clients. The season did, however, bring us two big wins!

First, we're thrilled to announce that our beloved clinic cats Chester and Momma have been adopted (together!) into a loving, wonderful home. With this amazing double placement, the clinic is currently "foster free" for the first time in eight months. We've gotta give a big shoutout to Jeanie Ready, Lynne Chamball, and Karen Tomlinson for their many months—yes, months!—of steadfast help with cat care.

Next, we're over-the-moon excited to be replacing our twelve-year-old dental machine with a new Dentalaire, the cat's meow of dental stations! The new machine is equipped with LED lighting, a suction device, and easy-to-access instrument storage. Open wide!

Things heat up for us soon, and we'll be back in touch with dates and information for upcoming events like Woofstock, Kennaway Day, and our Memorial Day flea market. Until then, keep those tails wagging. We'll be back to bark at you soon!



### JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY CLINIC HOURS:

THURSDAYS 11am to 5pm  
For appointments, call 928-235-5960  
Clinic phone: 928-634-6166

### Police Dispatch Number

For emergencies, always call **9-1-1**.

For all other situations, call police dispatch at **634-2245**.

The 12th edition of the Jerome Book will be available sometime in March at the town library. Nancy Weisel will put a notice on the post office board to alert everyone when they arrive. They are free ... however, any donations will benefit the library.

*(Thanks to La Victoria Studio for publishing our little phone book! Greatly appreciated! xoxo)*

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