



# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

November – December 2015

### As THE Egg FRIES

November 1, 2015

Insurance is a pain in the tail. It's a bet that something you don't want to happen will. It's giving money to someone you don't necessarily trust in the hope they'll give it back if you need it. On the other hand, it's very useful if things do go wrong.

The letters many of you recently got regarding SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES probably need some explanation. A few years back the Town had trouble when the plumbing under a concrete stairway broke. Technically the break was on a feeder line from two houses that ran through a third property. At first it was not clear who should bear the liability. The Town and the folks involved worked it out to everyone's satisfaction, but it was confusing and could have been expensive if it had fallen entirely on an individual homeowner.

About the same time, the National League of Cities and Towns, of which Jerome is a member, endorsed SLWA, an insurance company offering plans to cover sewer and water line repair on the homeowner's side of the meter. The Town looked into it, thought it might be useful to folks in similar circumstances, and sent out letters suggesting you consider it. These recent letters are a follow up.

Naturally, everything depends on your individual situation. If your lines run only a few inches under a patch of manicured lawn, you probably have little exposure. A few minutes with a shovel will likely handle any problem and cost very little. No need for insurance. But if your lines run under a concrete stairway or a brick patio or an old outbuilding, that's a different story. A bit of insurance might then be a good idea.

Of course it's up to you. SLWA appears to be an honest outfit. Like everyone else, they advertise, which gets old. But if you have a problem system, think it over. Personally, I have a shovel.



## Lew Currier



Town Hall will be closed November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day and November 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.



### Police Dispatch Number

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

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

### Meeting Dates for November, December 2015 and January 2016

**Regular Council Meeting**  
November 10th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
November 4th at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
November 9th at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
December 8th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
December 2nd at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
December 14th at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
January 12th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
January 6th at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
January 11th at 7:00 pm

"We at the Jerome Historical Society would like to thank the following people for their participation and support in this year's Ghost Walk. The show could not have been a success without the dedication and talent of all those involved.

It is our hope that everyone who saw the 2015 Ghost Walk performances enjoyed them just as much as we enjoyed bringing them to you. We'll be back next year!"



**CAST OF CHARACTERS:**

Mine Foreman – Leo Shakespeare; Riley – Sage Moore; Man w/Pistol – Peter Polcyn; Victoriano Jimenez – Jason Teague; Maria Jimenez – Giselle Suarez; Bernardo Ramirez – Eli Sayers; Sheriff J.G. Crowley – Hunter Bachrach; Lillian Douglas - Carol Anne Teague / Lisa Calzadilla; Sammie Dean - Deni Phinney; Bert Owens – Steve Pontious; Jack Miller – James Wright; Mayor Tom Miller – Henry Vincent; Belgian Jennie - Jessica Laurel Reese / Carol Anne Teague; Rose – Alissa Kueker; Mae – Jessi Anderson; Lucy – Miranda Moore; Angel – Julia Kartman; Clement C. Leigh - Matthew Poe; Tony the Barber – Douglas Weber; Sebastian Valuenzella – Johnny Knuckles Braden; Johnny Hudgens - Eric Roberts; Bartender – Frank Vander Horst

**STREET/ALLEY ROAMERS:**

Everette; Mark Hemleben; Jackson Moore; Tyler Teague; Zoe Davis; Harlequin Teague; Carla Ginter; Charlotte Page; Lexie Sorrells; Harlie Bouwman; Bob Bouwman; Maureen Stadelman-Wright; Norah Jane Mouritsen; Zunil in't Veld, Karen Tomlinson; Raychel Boyle, Mel Monahan-Bruesch; Judah Bruesch; Luke Bruesch; Phyllis Plumley; Michelle Hayman; Lin Mickelsen; Jonne Monet

**Make Up** - Penelope Davis; **Make Up Assistants** – Eric Embleton & Karen Tomlinson; **Set Construction** – Jay Kinsella; **Firearms Consultant** – Allen Muma; **Safety Consultant** – Ron Chilston; **Traffic Control** – Mike Parry; **Kid Wrangler** – Jorrit in't Veld; **Craft Services** - Janice Pontious; **Craft Services** - Teri Klein; **Sandwiches** by Hilltop Deli of Jerome

**Special Thanks to:**

Jerome Historical Society Board of Directors James Tomlinson and Colleen Holt; Jerome Police Department; Jerome Fire Department; Town of Jerome; Jerome Chamber of Commerce – with special thanks to Donna Chesler; Mine Museum Staff, Sarah Joy & Loretta Anguiano

**And a Very Special thanks to:**

Ron & Carla; Tracy Weisel and his La Victoria Studio; Nellie Bly's Mary & Sally; Richard Martin & Gulch Radio FM100.5 KZRJ





## Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



### Town Picnic

We had a great turnout for our Annual Fire Department Town Picnic on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Many folks came with their favorite side dish while we provided the hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, sodas and water. We would like to thank the Jerome Historical Society for always allowing us to use their tables and chairs. Jerome fire crews set up Middle Park in advance then cleaned up and rolled everything up after the picnic was over. Thanks to everyone for making this another memorable annual event.



### Town of Jerome Defensible Space Initiative

**Mission Statement:** *The Jerome community is committed to aggressive pre-fire education and mitigation with a focus on reduced loss of life, property and resources.*

The Jerome Fire Department has been recommended by Yavapai County's Emergency Services Manager Denny Foulk and Supervisor Jack Smith for funding for fuels mitigation. This is a \$25,000 grant opportunity through the Firewise Community Program. This is a nationwide program to help communities become safer from wildland fires. We were selected as one of Yavapai's greatest needs for fuels reduction. The County Board of Supervisors will issue awards on November 16, 2015.

The program will focus on private properties to reduce fire loads of dead and dying trees, brush and grass within the ignition zone of 200' around structures. We have established a Fire Wise committee to oversee the program to make defensible spaces around town to help our firefighters protect lives, property and resources. The committee members are Gary Felix, Frank Vander Horst and Kerry Lee. Fire Chief Rusty Blair and Fire Captain Ron Chilston will also serve on the board.

Our goal is to assist property owners in clearing their properties of unwanted combustible vegetation. Fuel removal, on-site burning, chipper and herbicide application are some of the options to be considered. Property owners will be encouraged to submit a request for assistance this coming spring season. Dangerous properties that are not fire safe may be cited under the International Property Maintenance Code and subject to the proceedings of law.



**Also,** fire department members have been working on Town of Jerome properties and road right-of-ways to clear unwanted vegetation. They started at the town waste water treatment facility and will be coming through your neighborhood during the next six months. You can greatly help the community by working to remove unwanted vegetation on the roadway near your property. Remember the burn pile is available for disposal of brush and trees by calling the fire station. There are currently many streets that are difficult for our fire engine to navigate.

-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

Happy  
Holidays

ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Al Sengstock, Zoning Administrator

It has been brought to my attention that there may be a misunderstanding amongst our residents regarding regulations which apply to accessory buildings, such as sheds, shade structures or other structures.

First, accessory buildings of 120 square feet or less in area, do not require a "Building Permit," however, every building requires, at the very least, administrative Zoning and Design review, prior to construction. The Zoning Administrator will decide if the building and structure are significant enough to require official review by P&Z or DRB. All buildings, no matter how small, must meet the setbacks and building separation requirements described in the TOJ Zoning Ordinance for the Zoning district in which the building will be located. Additionally, from a "Zoning" or "Design Review" perspective, there is no such thing as an exemption for a "temporary building."



Since Jerome is a Historic Landmark, every structure must be reviewed based on its visual impact on our historic Town. That could also include some decorative and landscape structures, such as landscape retaining walls, should they create a significant visual impact on the community.

Please remember to contact me prior to engaging in any significant project. I assure you that I will do all that I can to help you achieve your desired objective, while meeting all regulatory requirements. My phone number is 928-634-7943.

Greetings from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce

We have had a busy fall and are anticipating a festive holiday season. In October, we welcomed the Sedona Plein Air Festival in its 11th season for a day of painting in Jerome. Also, Channel 3 from Phoenix did the Good Morning Arizona show live from Jerome on October 30th. Thanks to everyone who participated in this.

Speaking of participation, volunteerism is one of the things that makes Jerome so special. We have lots of holiday opportunities to help out in the next two months.

On November 28th, **Jerome Lights up the Mountain** with the arrival of Santa in the antique fire truck. We will also set up luminaria throughout the town early on that day. Mingus Union High School Choir will again perform and there will be a special appearance by the Jerome Ukulele Orchestra. There is much to do for this event so please call Tommy Anderson if you can give some time. 928.963.0409. We will be sponsoring a **Holiday Lights Contest**. Prizes will be \$100 for the best residential display and \$100 for the best commercial display. The theme is PEACE AND LOVE. Please have your lights up by November 28th so our visitors can see the town at its most brilliant!

Next up is **Polar Express** on December 4th. Diana Martin is in charge of this and to volunteer call 928.301.9766. The event will be from approximately 6 to 8pm. This is a wonderful event for the children of The Verde Valley and a great way to start the holiday season.

**The Town Dinner** follows on the next weekend. Everyone is invited to the dinner on December 12th. Doors open at 5:30 and the meal starts at 6pm. There will be a wine and beer cash bar and meat provided by The Chamber, Town of Jerome and Historical Society. As always, bring a dish to share. There will be a performance by the Jerome Ukulele Orchestra after the meal and the winners of the Holiday Lights Contest will be announced.

We hope to see you all out and about for all these holiday events and especially hope to see you at the dinner.

All the best,  
Donna Chesler  
President, Jerome Chamber of Commerce



Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

**Did you know**.....that when the First U.S. Volunteer Calvary (a.k.a. "Rough Riders") was formed in 1898 by Teddy Roosevelt to fight in the Spanish-American War there were thirteen volunteers from Jerome? These men consisted of (3) cowboys, (3) miners, (2) carpenters, a teamster, a printer, a blacksmith, a rancher, and yes, one bandmaster. Of these thirteen, two were killed, two were wounded, and one deserted. Private John W. Jackson of A Troop, one of the two carpenters, deserted on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1898 while stationed at Tampa, Florida.

You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at [www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com) or by stopping by the Mine Museum at 200 Main Street (open 9am – 6pm, 7 days a week). Your membership gets you:

- Free admission to the JHS Museums
- 15% off Gift Shop and On-Line Purchases
- Subscription to the Chronicle Newsletter
- One Free Hour of Research





Greetings from Haven United Methodist Church



Dear Jerome Friends,

We are looking forward to a busy holiday season at Haven UMC and we invite you to join us. Of course our big event is our Christmas Eve service which will be at 6:30 p.m. We have some extra special plans for our service this year and what a wonderful way to get ready for Christmas Day.

We at Haven enjoy being a part of the Jerome Community and we hope that you will all feel welcome at our church home. In October we hosted an art show for our own wonderful artist, 93-year-old Peggy Funk as well as sharing our fellowship hall for a kaleidoscope workshop. We are looking forward to hosting other events as well.

Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is out we will have the wonderful new addition of "The Miner's Cross" made by local artist Bernie Molasley. We are very excited about the wonderful art to our campus, especially because it honors so many of Jerome's original inhabitants. Please come by and see it. We plan on having a dedication ceremony for the cross early next year and, of course, the whole town of Jerome is invited.

I am attaching a photo of me to this article so that if anyone of you sees me around Jerome, please feel free to talk to me and let me know how Haven United Methodist Church can be more of a help to Jerome.

*Blessings on you all,  
Pastor Janet Keffer*

**Treasures in the Old Book Room**



Pearl Sydenstricker Buck was born in West Virginia on June 26, 1892 to Presbyterian missionaries. She spent most of her life in China, returning to the States to get her master's degree in English. Her first novel, "East Wind, West Wind" was published in 1930. A year later her second novel, "The Good Earth," was a bestseller and won the Pulitzer Prize. She started the Pearl Buck Foundation and was an early advocate for Civil Rights as well as Women's Rights.



Pearl Buck was also the first American woman to receive a Nobel Prize in Literature. By the time of her death in 1973, she had published over 70 novels and stories. We have 14 of them in the Old Book Room.



Tuesday Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Or call for an appointment - library staff will be happy to open the Old Book Room for you.

**Jerome Public Library**

Look for the new **Jerome phone book in November**. A notice will be posted in front of the Post Office when it is available. As usual, the book is free to Jerome residents although donations to the Library will be gladly accepted.

**Additional Library hours are:**

- Monday evenings from 5 pm- 7 pm
- Sunday afternoons from Noon - 2 pm

**New Fax # is 928-649-3338**

**Holiday Closures at the Library**

- November 11, - Veterans Day
- November 26, 27, -Thanksgiving
- December 24, 25, - Christmas
- December 31, - New Year's Eve
- January 1, - New Year's Day



**JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 BOOKS \* VIDEOS \* INTERNET \* FAX  
 COPY MACHINE \* SCANNER \* PRINTER  
 Phone 928-639-0574  
 Fax 928-649-3338  
 Drawer I, Jerome, AZ 86331

Sunday	10 am - 2 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm
Monday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 6 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Saturday	CLOSED

## Jerome Humane Society

The November update for the Jerome Humane Society is full to overflowing with appreciation for our community.

### JHS Annual Fall Brunch - A Grand Ol' Time!

We couldn't be more grateful to the many guests and volunteers who made our annual fall brunch and auction such a success. Thanks to everyone for turning out (and bidding up) so generously to help JHS take care of the animals we love.

You can see fun photos from this memorable event on our Jerome Humane Society Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/jeromehumanesociety](http://www.facebook.com/jeromehumanesociety). If you attended and have pics to share, please feel free to post them.

### Save the Date for the Fall Flea Market - Nov 14 & 15 /9 am-4 pm

The Humane Society storage rooms are stuffed and Spook Hall is ready! Mark your calendars and come join us for great holiday treasure hunting on November 14 and 15, from 9 am to 4 pm. If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the clinic on Thursdays. Or if you have items you need us to pick up, call Mary at 301.7797. A real flea market cornucopia is in the works.

### Pet Care Reminders for Fall

Fall is here, providing a welcome break from hot weather, but the change in season brings its own set of pet care adjustments. With temperatures dropping, remember that pets who live - or get their exercise - outdoors need more food in cold seasons so that they can generate the increased body heat they need to stay warm. Make sure, too, that outdoor animals have access to clean fresh water that is not frozen. Fall is also back-to-school season, so homes with children often have plenty of glue sticks, pencils, magic markers and the like in play this time of year. Please keep school supplies away from pets who may sample them and subsequently suffer gastrointestinal problems, blockages or even toxic reactions.

### A Great Month for Pet Adoptions

We're thrilled to report that all of our "felines in need of families" - plus a few extras - were adopted in the past

month! Black Jack, Jane (now Tigra), Foxy, Timmy and Ollie have all landed in happy homes. Thank you, Jennifer & Michael, Barry, Marge, Erin and Dr. Kennaway for changing the lives of these lucky cats! Each of you can expect plenty of sublime kitty gratitude this fall and beyond.

### Looking for loves? Meet Sam and Sweetie Pie



Sam and his sister Sweetie Pie - are 6-month old tabbies need of a home. They're siblings and great pals - so we're hoping they can be adopted together. Both Sam and Sweetie Pie are healthy, affectionate kits who will quickly become the loves of your life. As with all of our animal adoptions, we'll provide spays/neuters as well as "get you started" pet food and supplies. If you'd like to meet these super-model cats, please **call Sally at 928.301.5079**.

### Jerome Humane Society Annual Meeting Dates

The Jerome Humane Society will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, November 12 at Soiled Dove Studios starting at 6pm. (If you received a letter from us citing a different meeting date - please disregard. The correct date is Thursday, Nov. 12.) Pot luck dinner afterward and you don't have to be a member to come. Hope to see you there! We are counting our blessings here at the Jerome Humane Society. In fact it almost feels like Thanksgiving has already arrived. Thank you!

You're invited to participate in a celebration of local art

### Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at Spook Hall



Canvas Coordinators:  
Penelope Davis  
(928)708-9674  
Danielle Vorves  
(928)308-9951  
Go to **CANVAS** on  
Facebook Events - invite  
friends & see more...  
Special Thanks to The  
Jerome Historical Society  
for supporting this event.

### COMMUNITY ART SHOW 12-5pm

50% goes directly to participating Artist: 50% to The Jerome Kids  
Art Workshop Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at Spook Hall

75% Artist - 25% JKAW on pieces over \$100

To enter handmade items & art:

Drop off at Spook Hall Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 12-7pm or at  
The Jerome Public Library prior to November 26<sup>th</sup>.

\*Securely tag each piece with Name of Artist, contact #, & price.

(This date just so happens to be NATIONAL SHOP LOCAL DAY)

LIVE MUSIC & ART DEMOS ALL DAY! DANCE PARTY with DJ's,  
LIVE MODELS & LIVE ART 8pm-1am Cash Bar-Adults Only

"This world is but a canvas to our imagination"

-Henry David Thoreau

### Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (during clinic hours only)

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

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