

# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

March – April 2016

### AS THE EGG FRIES

March 1, 2016

*WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE* is an old sweet song from the 1830s, but Chief Blair tells me it's still being sung in Jerome. It's a good tune, in a world where we're paving paradise. But the timbering and burning going on in the Gulch lately is necessary and healthy, both for the town and the environment, so we hope you're not too upset.

Planned woodland thinning is a well-tested technique for fire prevention, in our case far overdue. The Gulch seems to have been a most fertile area for the Paradise trees Phelps Dodge broadcast yea those many years ago. Some of the ones in my yard, grandfathers all, were sixty or seventy feet tall, with a three foot diameter base. And there were lots of them, and many were dead, and recently they were falling. Every wind storm would bring one down, or at least a major branch...and they come down with a crash.

Many of you know that one crushed our car a year back...only minutes after Mimi, my wife, parked it in our drive. A few years back we had a friend staying the weekend in our downstairs bed suite. It was a hot summer's night and—without telling us—he took a bedroll out on the back deck, curled up and went to sleep. A few hours later there was a tremendous crash and he woke to find himself trapped under major timber. A branch the size of a modest house had come down on him. The only thing that saved him was an iron laundry tee—the things you use to hang clothesline. He crawled out unscratched, but seriously spooked.

So the trees are problematic. And they're dense around here, and so dry that they can pose a real fire hazard. Add to that that many of us have propane tanks in our yards, and several folk heat with wood...it gets a bit dicey. Then look at the lay of the land...a fire down here would go up hill, right towards the rest of Jerome....

At least in my yard we saved the canopy for the orioles and other birds. And no chemicals were used in this project. Come Spring, I expect the foliage and new growth will cure a lot of the visual impact then time will work its healing spell.



We'll see.

## Lew Carrier

#### Meeting Dates for March, April and May 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Manager's Dugout

Candace Gallagher, Town Manager/Clerk



### We need you!

If you are interested in volunteering a bit of your time with the Town of Jerome, we would love to hear from you. Volunteer opportunities shift constantly, but at present, we are seeking:

- A person to fill the vacant seat on our Planning & Zoning Commission
- A van driver for our Wednesday morning shuttle runs to Cottonwood

If you would like to help us out in either capacity, please let us know!



### OUCH ... those cans can be heavy ...

Town ordinances restrict the weight of trash containers to 40 pounds or less (and not to exceed 30 gallons in capacity). Please do not put out cans weighing more than 40 pounds. That can cause injury to our Town crew (and has in the past), and your trash will not be picked up.

### Got old bricks?

The Town is seeking old bricks to use in reconstructing the brick steps next to the sluice on School Street. We have been able to obtain some, but more are needed. Please let us know if you have some to spare!

Wishing you all a beautiful spring ...



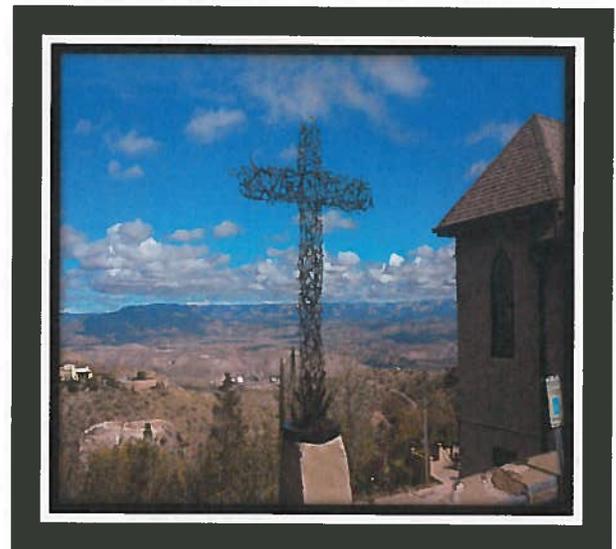
## Dear Jerome Friends:

As we look forward to spring and the coming of the flowers and blooms we are thankful to belong to such a beautiful community.

We are so grateful to the town of Jerome and its people for the contributions to our food pantry, especially all of you gave to us at Christmastime. We believe that this is an important part of our ministry in Jerome and are so grateful for your support.

This March, our Easter services will be at 6:30 a.m. at the 300 Level Parking lot and at 9:00 in our sanctuary. We will also hold a brunch between services and our traditional Easter Egg Hunt at Joan's (across the street from the church) following the later service. We look forward to having a good time with the children of Jerome.

Many of you have probably noticed our new cross. It is a wonderful gift from the artist Bernie Molasky. The cross is made up of nails and mining tools from the town and the people of Jerome. We are so excited to have this wonderful piece of art that totally represents this town's pioneers. We will be dedicating the cross after our 9:00 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that the people of Jerome will join us for this special occasion. We will begin about 10:00 a.m. and refreshments will be provided. Please come and help us celebrate the miners, their families and all of those who helped build this wonderful town.



Blessings,  
Janet Keffer  
Pastor  
Haven United Methodist Church

# Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



## Fuel Abatement Program Underway

In case you didn't know, the Jerome volunteer fire department received a grant from the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$25,000 for fuel abatement under the Firewise program. Yavapai County Emergency Management Coordinator, Denny Foulk, declared that Jerome was one of the most dangerous areas in the county for a wildfire, and assisted the Jerome Fire Department with writing the Firewise Grant. We've been working in various areas around town mitigating unwanted fuels at the request of property owners since December, utilizing Yavapai County probation department workers, APS and the Forest Service.

We have been working very closely with these property owners protecting fruit trees and other native trees. Three years ago, in an area with less vegetation, better access, and fewer hills than we have in Jerome, a lightning-caused wildfire swept through the Town of Yarnell, population of 649 and with a full-time paid fire department, destroying over 100 homes and killing 19 firefighters. The fire lasted two weeks, with hundreds of firefighters on scene trying to protect Yarnell's homes.



Most recently, the Pacific Northwest was on fire in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana with hundreds of lightning strike fires. Jerome Fire Department sent crews to Idaho and California to help protect homes against the wildfires.

In 2009, we had a lightning strike fire up on Mingus Mountain; this was the Woodchute fire burning over 1,000 acres. In addition to this fire, since I've been on the fire Department, we have had a fire above the S curves, one at the end of Dundee Avenue, one off of Mine Road, one above the Gulch, some out Allen Springs Road, some out Perkinsville Road and two at the Gold King Mine, that were all lightning-caused fires. We have also assisted the State Land Department, Clarkdale and Cottonwood with many other lightning-caused and manmade fires. We have also had three manmade fires in Jerome - one off of Nellie Bly Lane, one below the sliding jail and the UVX fire in 2009. Since the late 1800s, Jerome has burnt to the ground at least 9 times with far less vegetation than we have now. Jerome is not invincible to fire. So far, we have been very lucky and have been able to extinguish fires before they got out of hand.

Over the years, many citizens of our community have been dumping large amounts of fuel into our washes and ravine, creating huge fire loads in places with limited access, no fire hydrants and, in some areas, with 500 gallon propane tanks.

This is why the Firewise program is so **very important to our community**. **Jerome Fire Department will be hosting a Firewise Day on Saturday, April 30, from 10 am to 4 pm** at the Fire Station. There will be fun for the kids, hot dogs and burgers. There will be videos and information on how to better protect your home from wildfires. Everyone is welcome and we hope that you can attend.

So far, we have received 23 applications from property owners requesting our help mitigating fuels. UVX, being Jerome's largest property owner (probably about 60% of Jerome), has also requested our help, due to the enormous amounts of unwanted fuels being dumped onto their property in large groves of Paradise trees. So far, we have made great progress in the Deception Gulch area. Most of these fuels we have burnt in place, because the large quantities of fuel would make it too labor-intensive to move. So if you have seen large amounts of smoke coming from this area, this is the reason. In this area, we have been drilling holes into the cut stumps and pouring rock salt and water in the stumps to help keep them from coming back.

Our burn pile has been a great asset for our community to help mitigate fuels. The burn pile is used almost daily getting rid of the unwanted fuels from people's properties. In the last 22 days (from Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>), 34 citizens have dumped 86 loads of brush in the burn pile and we have burnt it three times. Residents of Jerome can contact me almost any time and I will get the gate unlocked for you. Please do not throw material over the fence thinking that you are doing us a favor, as we have to move material away from the fence. In addition, we are trying to track the amount of fuels going into the burn pile, as we can use those numbers for matching in-kind work for the grant.

I have been given this privilege to serve as your Fire Chief to help protect this community from catastrophic fires, and I believe that fuel abatement is one of the best tools I have at my disposal. Or, as councilmember Frank Vander Horst put it at a recent Council meeting, that "this is the single most important thing we could do to protect our community".

I have been very fortunate to be able to obtain the quality of people that I have to assist in obtaining our goals of providing EMS service and protecting our community. So if you see one of our firefighters or EMS personnel on the street, please thank them for being willing to risk their well-being to help you.

-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

While digging through some old files, I found the original proclamation document issued by the Governor of the State of Arizona, dated April 17<sup>th</sup> 1967, declaring April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1967 as "Jerome Historic District Week." So next April we will be celebrating fifty (50) years as a Historic Landmark.



The National Park Service had declared Jerome a National Historic Landmark the prior year in 1966. I know that the people of Jerome love and are protective of our place in history, and I am equally sure that we all appreciate those miners and their families who established and built Jerome, and who lived here for generations. However sometimes I think that we forget that Jerome is not just a bunch of old buildings, it's actually a testament to the grit of people from many cultures and walks of life. Native Americans, Spanish explorers, Mexican, Chinese and Italian immigrants, as well as men, women and children from throughout America, all who are part of the tapestry of Jerome's History. I would really love to see a focused effort by the people of Jerome, to work towards another week in April, 2017 dedicated to displaying and celebrating our history. Perhaps we can invite the local tribe to set-up displays and put on demonstrations of their culture as it relates to Jerome's history. Maybe Local Hispanics would be interested in doing likewise; and of course the mining company would be asked to be a key player, but these are just a few ideas from me, I'm sure that there a many better ideas out there. A year is not all that long when it comes to organizing a real celebration. Who wants to kick this thing off?

What a great community we live in. As everyone knows, the automatic draw to Jerome is the wonderful views and certainly its historical significance, but more importantly it is the people that drew us here. The high volunteerism is very special indeed!

I'm pleased to step in and get more involved to promote Jerome's business interests while preserving its unique historical environment. I cannot believe the amount of work that the Chamber does each and every year toward improving the business climate.

Please welcome our newest members, owners of the Flat Iron and Ghost City Inn!

Currently, our main focus for the next few months will be Home Tour which is in jeopardy due to lack of homes or buildings volunteered for the tour. The Chamber needs everyone's help to not break this historic tradition of over fifty years. Please step up and help! We only need a few more sites. This is the Chamber fundraiser of the year! Please help us with this monumental task by contacting us via email at [info@jeromechamber.com](mailto:info@jeromechamber.com)



Our first business mixer of the year was held at Paul & Jerry's and it was a great success! There was discussion about some other forms of fundraising. Your positive input is most appreciated, so let us know if you have some ideas.

The Chamber now meets at the Fire Station (upstairs) at 8:30am on the first Friday each month.

I look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon!

Kevin Savage - President  
Cell 480.773.4080  
Jerome Chamber of Commerce

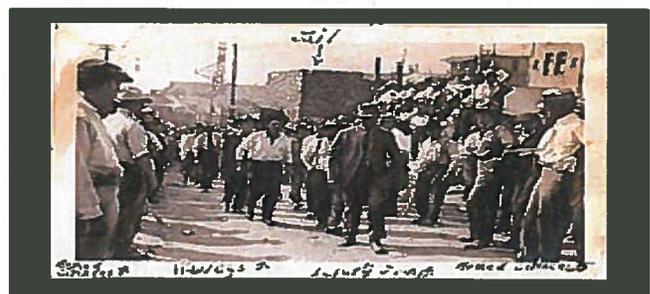
**Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society**

**Did you know**..... that on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1917 there was a major deportation effort that took place in Jerome? But this had nothing to do with immigration. This all had to do with the local Mines controlling an uprising of the Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies) unionization movement. In all some 75 "suspected" Wobblies were gathered up, put in boxcars, and then dropped off outside of Kingman, Az. with instructions never to return to Jerome. Most were smart enough to heed those words.

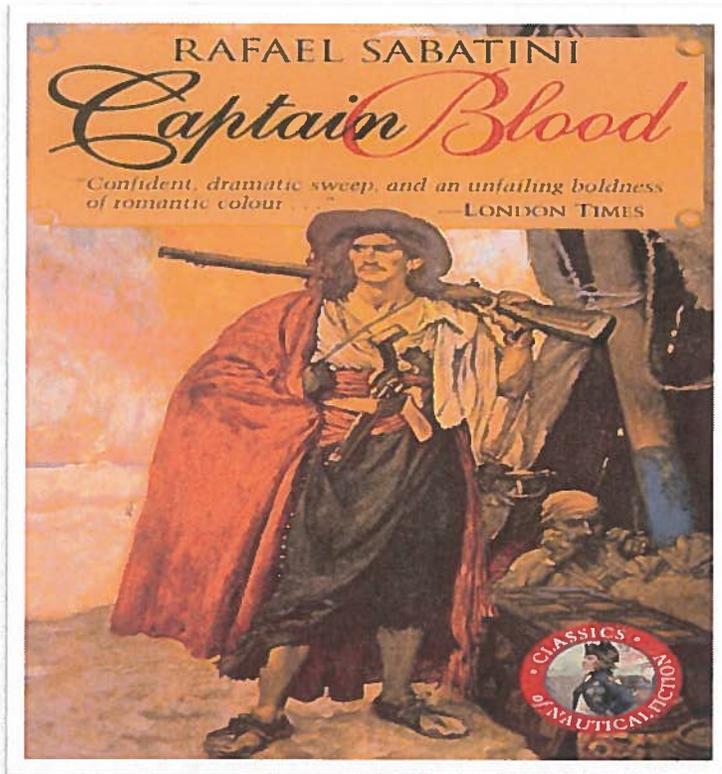
You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at [www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com) or by stopping by the Mine Museum at 200 Main Street (open 9am - 6pm, 7 days a week).

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



Rafael Sabatini was born in Italy in 1875 to an English Mother and an Italian Father. His parents were opera singers so he was exposed to several languages and added more from school in Portugal and time in Switzerland. He started writing short stories in the 1890's but was not very successful until *Scaramouche* was released in 1921. Several of his books were made into silent movies, more when "talkies" started. His novels included *Captain Blood*, *The Sea Hawk* and *The Stalking Horse*. His biography is titled *The Last of the Great Swashbucklers*. When he died in 1950 his wife had this put on his tombstone, "He was born with a gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad." The first line in *Scaramouche*. The Old Book Room has eleven of his wonderful novels.



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**Acceptable Donations**

Good condition, clean, dry, and mold-free: fiction, history, cookbooks, non-fiction, reference, art, how-to, large print books, sports, parenting, classics, trade paper books, religion, philosophy, children's books, coffee table books, biography, short stories, humor, poetry, science. DVD's

**Unacceptable Donations**

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Kathleen Jarvis

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		Saturday	CLOSED

**Old Book Room Hours**

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.



**From Your Public Works Department**

My name is Ed Ave'. I am the new Deputy Director for the Town of Jerome. I have been in Works Departments for 17 years and bring with me an immeasurable amount of experience that I have gained over these years. I believe this will be very beneficial for this spectacular town. If you see me out there in the streets, please come and introduce yourself.

Garrett is our newest Public Works employee. He has 10 years of experience in Public Works. He will be a definite asset to the Town of Jerome. We all look forward to working with him.



## Jerome Humane Society

Spring has sprung - our favorite season, and the time of year when our work really starts picking up speed.

**Spring Flea Market: Memorial Day Weekend (May 28, 29 & 30)** Our spring flea market is on the horizon! Save the date for fun shopping and fantastic finds at our Spook Hall spectacular. If you've got items to donate, please drop them off at the clinic on Thursdays when we're sure to be there. Need us to pick up your stuff? Call Mary at 928.301.7797.

### Introducing Joey!

If you're thinking about expanding your Feline family, please consider Joey - a gorgeous, gray and white and oh-so-silky 1-year male. Joey is residing at the clinic right now, and as his current caregivers, we can say without a doubt that he'll be a loving, life-long feline pal. If you're not ready to adopt but could provide Joey with a foster home for a month or two, please let us know.



### Frontline Flea Control – come and get it!

Humans aren't the only ones who get more active when the weather warms up. Springtime means increased activity for animals and insects alike – including fleas. Please plan to protect your dogs and cats from fleas early this year, especially if your pets spend time outdoors. You can get Frontline flea control at the clinic on Thursdays, or call/text Sally at 928.301.5079 to arrange a different pick-up time. Fleas be gone!

### “Like” us on Facebook

Want to stay better connected with JHS and our animal-loving community? Go to [www.facebook.com/jeromehumanesociety](http://www.facebook.com/jeromehumanesociety) and “Like” us. Our Facebook page helps us reunite owners with lost pets, find families for animals in need, and act on pet emergencies that occur in our town. It's also a forum just for fun. Hope to “see” you there!

### Important Note about Bordetella for Dog Owners

Bordetella is a respiratory illness that dogs can get from other dogs at places like dog parks, groomers, and boarding facilities. The clinic team has seen an uptick in Bordetella cases as of late. If you're a dog owner, please make sure your pups are up to date their Bordetella vaccines!



### Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon – 5:00 p.m.  
Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (during clinic hours only)  
Appt. Phone: 639-1341

## Open House Tuesday, March 22

The **Jerome Municipal Court** has a new courtroom on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall building. We would like to invite the community to an Open House on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

For years, the Court has used the Council Chambers on the second floor. The Prosecutor used the back of the room for pre-trial conferences, which was not private. And when there was a jury trial, the jury remained in the room to deliberate while the Defendant, the State and the Judge left the room. Even more problematic was having to transport the equipment and copier needed from the third floor to the second floor on Court days. Now, the Town should be proud of its' designated courtroom.

The Bench and Witness stand were designed and created by Lonnie Anderson, a popular furniture designer, craftsman and resident of Jerome. The bench is over fourteen feet in length, and made of Alder wood with copper panels and the seal of Jerome in the center.

Lonnie's works' are represented in offices, shops, theatres, galleries, and homes (including those of performers Bette Midler, Katie Segal and television producer Carlton Cuse). His works can also be seen in the Bluesville Museum in Memphis, Tennessee, and in magazines such as Vogue Decoration and American Bungalow.

The construction on the courtroom was done by Vetraplex Vets4Hire – a Veteran owned, local general contractor in Cottonwood that employs veterans and non-veterans. Vets4Hire has done work for the Town of Jerome in the past. Supporting their cause of employing our Nation's Hero's and already experiencing their workmanship, we awarded Vets4Hire the contract to build the new Courtroom. We are extremely grateful of their efforts and professionalism. Speaking with the owners of Vets4Hire, Gary Rideout, “He was very honored, as well as his crew, to be chosen to work on such a wonderful and meaningful project.” One of the workmen, Bob Brammeler, was particularly excited about this job since his Grandfather, Welby Hogan, and Great Uncle, Robbie Hogan, worked the mines in Jerome long ago. They had Post Office Box 2 in Jerome at that time. Bob even has his grandfather's old mining hat which he would like to donate to the Jerome Historical Society.

-Judge Dwyer



### Police Dispatch Number

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