



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January – February 2016

AS THE EGG FRIES

January, 2016

The holidays are virtually over. Now we can get back to work.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

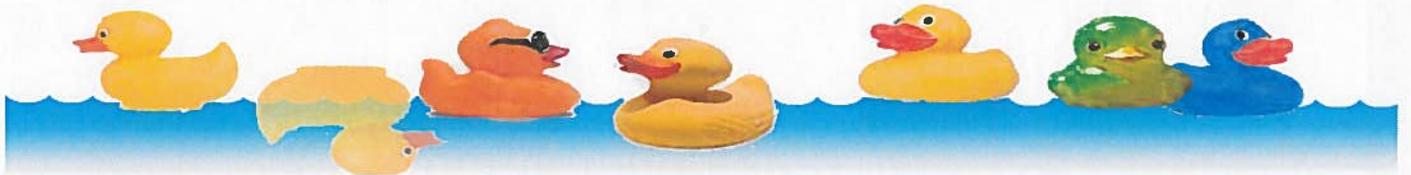
- Finish the "Leaning Wall" i.e., fence it off.
- Get the Brownstone Wall across from the Connor Hotel repaired. Open up that motorcycle parking area.
- Get the Horseshoe Pits up and running.
- Deal with the subsidence near the Sliding Jail, i.e., fence it off.
- Deal with the water regulator on School Street, i.e., put the thing together and close it up.
- Get the brickwork steps from School Street to Clark Street (next to the sluice) finished.
- Get the steps from School Street to the Civic Center cleaned and rehabilitated.
- Deal with the CDBG funds, i.e., get Council to decide on a project (probably housing rehabilitation) and get the grant request completed and off to NACOG.
- Deal with the Goldwater Institute's call for records and get the documents to them.
- Get the new septic tanks in the Gulch into the ground and on line.
- New money has come in for Rusty's plan to clean up the dead and dying paradise trees, etc. Can we move on that?
- Get the Financial Policies statement drafted and to Council for review.
- How are we doing on the review of the Personnel Policy?
- The General Plan Committee will be getting back to work. Can they finish that plan this year?
- Get ready for budget meetings. (In February?)
- The auditors want an inventory of capital equipment. When can we get that?

There's probably more we should be working on, but that's enough for starters.

The Fiscal Year is half done; Council's term is half finished.

Time flies when you're having fun. It's a good time to get the ducks in a row.

Lew Currier



Meeting Dates for January, February and March 2016

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

Regular Council Meeting
February 9th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
February 3rd at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
February 8th at 7:00 pm

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

Manager's Dugout

Candace Gallagher, Town Manager/Clerk

FUTURE HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDING AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS



The Town of Jerome is eligible for about \$309,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funding. The option preferred by Council is housing rehabilitation for our residents. The work would be coordinated through the Town, in conjunction with the Northern Arizona Council of Governments. Funding levels are flexible, and those benefitting will need to meet low- to moderate-income guidelines (currently that is below \$27,900 for a one-person household, \$31,900 for a two-person household,

or somewhat higher depending on the number of people in the household; those figures may change between now and when funding is awarded). In order to qualify, homes must be owner-occupied. Funding is intended primarily to address health and safety issues.

We anticipate accepting applications in late summer/fall 2016, and the work would take place toward the end of 2016 or early in 2017. Applications will be prioritized based on how they score in terms of need and income.

Council plans to finalize their decision to pursue this funding at the [January 12](#) Council meeting, and we would like to know by that time how many people may be interested. **Residents are encouraged to attend the January 12 meeting, where there will be a public hearing regarding potential projects. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.**

If you, or someone you know, needs housing rehab work done and may qualify, please let us know. You may email me at c.gallagher@jerome.az.gov, or call us at (928) 634-7943.



2016 GHOST WALK

The Jerome Historical Society is announcing a script writing contest for the 2016 Ghost Walk.

The script must be based on Jerome and depictions of any events must be historically accurate. The script must accommodate a show of approximately 45-60 minutes in length. The cash prize for the selected winning script will be \$250. (Note: All rights to the winning script will belong to the Jerome Historical Society who will then have the authority to modify or alter the script as deemed necessary by the JHS Ghost Walk Committee).

All submissions must be received at the below address prior to March 31st 2016.

Jerome Historical Society
Attn: Ghost Walk Committee
P.O. Box 156
Jerome, AZ 86331



Police Dispatch Number

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

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

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD

Town of Jerome Defensible Space Initiative



Mission Statement: Commitment to aggressive pre-fire education and mitigation with a focus on reduced loss of life, property and resources.

The Jerome Fire Department was awarded a \$25,000 grant 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 issued a check for 50% of the award on December 21st in Cottonwood. Assistant Fire Chief Bill Volk was on hand to accept the \$12,500 check.

The Firewise Communities program focuses on private properties to reduce fire loads of dead and dying trees, brush and grasses within an ignition zone of 200' around structures. A Firewise Community is just that, a community. It is not enough to just create a defensible space around your house, but a defensible space around everyone's home. Neighbors owe it to each other. The house next door can produce enough burning embers or even reach temperatures high enough to ignite your house.

The Jerome Fire Department established a Firewise committee to oversee the program to better ensure defensible spaces around town as well as to help our firefighters in their job of protecting lives, property and resources. The Firewise committee members are Gary Felix, former JFD Fire Marshall, Frank Vander Horst and Kerry Lee. Fire Chief Rusty Blair, Assistant Chief Bill Volk and Fire Captain Ron Chilston 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 that may be considered. It is up to each property owner to decide which methods are best for them. Dangerous properties that are not fire safe may be cited under the International Property Maintenance Code and subject to the proceedings of law.



We completed an action plan after completing a community assessment. Our priorities will be:

1. Dead Standing Fuels
2. Piled Fuels
3. Brush & Surface Fuels

Our Fire Department members have also been working on Town of Jerome properties and road rights-of-way to clear unwanted vegetation. They started at the town waste water treatment facility and will be coming through your neighborhood over the next six months. You can greatly help the community by working to remove unwanted vegetation on the roadway near your property.

Look for the application for Firewise assistant in this town newsletter. We trust that you are interested in helping yourself, your neighbor and your community to limit your home or business exposure to wildfire or lightning strike risk. The grant monies will enable us to perform mitigation within 200' of your property or business. We highly encourage participation so we may work with you to remove unwanted fuels or thin fuels near your home or business.

El Niño still going strong; could be strongest ever: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has issued its latest update on El Niño, and its forecast hasn't changed. Forecasters still believe this will be one of the top three strongest El Niños on record — up there with 1997-98 and 1982-83. They also believe the current El Niño will likely peak during the upcoming winter months before returning to neutral conditions by late next spring or early summer.

So what does that mean to us? Obviously the possibility for increased snowfall is a distinct possibility. With increased snowfall we will be using our heaters, fireplaces and portable heaters more. Please ensure that your chimneys have been swept and cleared of un-burned fuels, (creosote). The Jerome Fire Department has a 6" & 8" chimney sweep brushes available for your use, you just supply the manpower! Give us a call.

Also, if you must use a portable heater, ensure that the cords are in good shape and your portable heater is kept at a safe distance from combustibles in your home.

Do Not Use Your Gas or Propane Oven as a Heat Source in Your Home!

Now that the Holidays have passed, don't forget to dispose of your Christmas tree properly and always be safe when using candles! 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.

Fire extinguisher service will be offered sometime in February. We will post notice of that service at the Post Office.

-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

SINGLE FAMILY HOME, OR DUPLEX?

Al Sengstock, Zoning Administrator

I hear a lot of talk about "illegal apartments" in Jerome, and of course I know that some do exist. However, it is my hope that this article will provide some clarification regarding this issue.



First, a "Duplex" is a building with two separate apartments, each having its own entrance and kitchen, and they usually (but not always) have separate utilities. However, if a separate living space is created in a home, which has its own entrance from the outside, and is not accessible from the other part of the home, and it is rented, then, even if it does not have a typical "kitchen" it is still a "Duplex." The key term here is, "separate living space."

If however, the home has only one kitchen shared by all, and you happen to rent a room or two, share common entrances and do not block-off one living space from the rest of the house, then that is not a duplex for zoning purposes. Technically, you just have roommates. So any group of people living together as a "single housekeeping unit" who share one kitchen are for zoning purposes considered a "single family."

You should also know that any "rental" must be "habitable" based on County Health and Housing Code standards, and must provide heat and all other sanitary facilities, including hot water. No, you cannot rent a substandard space to someone, even if they are willing to forgo those things; it's the law.

Certainly this issue has the potential to be highly charged, especially when property owners meet "the letter of the law," while ignoring the "intent of the law" by over-populating a home, thus bringing an unexpected number of vehicles and people into a neighborhood. So being a considerate neighbor should also be considered, not just "is it legal?" If you have any questions about this or any other zoning matter, please contact me at 928-634-7943.

Greetings from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce

What a wonderful holiday season we had in Jerome. We muddled through without our holiday guru Diana Martin. Special thanks to Jeffrey Teare who put on a great Polar Express event for the kids with the help of lots of friends including Buddy & Joanne who charmed the kids as Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Buddy stepped up again for Light up the Mountain and did the honors of flipping the switch to reveal the amazing lighting by Fred Martin and his team. Tom Pitts read "The Night before Christmas" and the students from Mingus Union High School created a charming atmosphere with music by the choir and the Jazz Band. We had lots of volunteers to fill, set out and light the luminaria. I have to say that working on this event was really lots of fun for all of us who helped out. The town dinner followed with great food, music by Ezra Anderson and The Jerome Ukulele Orchestra and awards given for best holiday lighting. The commercial winner is The Surgeon's House & the residential champion is the home of Marc and Robyn Schumacher. Each winner will receive a \$50 check from The Jerome Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this remarkable Town event such a joyous occasion.



As I leave my post as president of the chamber, I thank all of you who have made this year such a great experience. We welcome one and all businesses to join the chamber. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30am, upstairs in the Fire Station. Whether you are a new business or a business that has been here for a long time, we want you all to be members. New ideas and enthusiasm will make our community thrive. Congratulations to our new officers Kevin Savage, President, Tommy Anderson Vice President, Steve Hanna, Treasurer and Annie Rabago, Secretary. All the best.

Donna Chesler
Gallery 527

Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

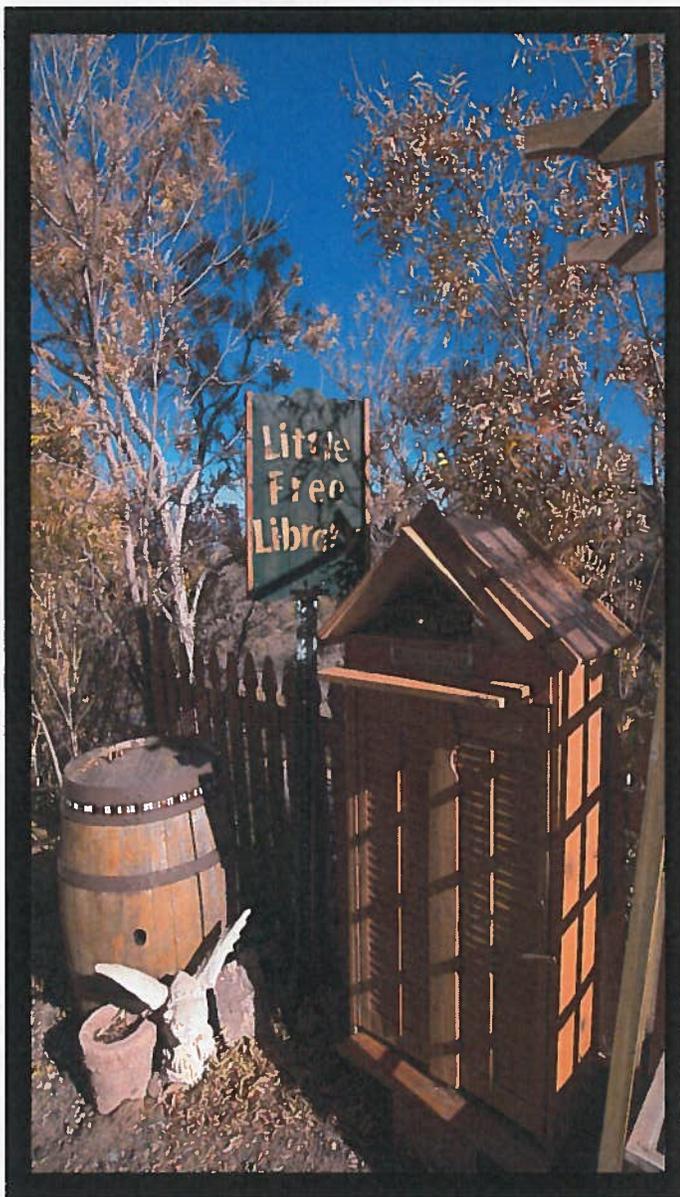
Did you know.....that during the great Spanish Flu Pandemic that engulfed Northern Arizona in 1918 the entire town of Jerome was put under strict quarantine? From October 15th through November 11th 1918 no one was permitted to enter or leave the town of Jerome without special permission from health authorities. During this time it became mandatory for everyone in Jerome to wear gauze masks whenever outside of their homes.

You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at 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



Jerome Public Library



It all started with a sign that read "Free Books." Todd Bol built the first Little Free Library for his Hudson Wisconsin front yard in 2009 as a tribute to his mother, a former teacher and lifelong reader.

Today that single small idea has grown into a cultural phenomenon: There are more than forty thousand Little Free Libraries worldwide— spread across all fifty states and more than eighty countries—and dozens more are established every week.

The first Little Free Library in Jerome was established in November 2015 by librarian Kathleen Jarvis in front of her home at 648 Holley. The mini library is registered # 31,752 and can be found on the Littlefreelibrary.org website.

The concept of take a book leave a book is for everyone, anyone passing by is welcome to browse. If you don't have a book to leave take one anyway.

Little Free Libraries

Reading Matters
And Together, We Can
Make A Difference



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.

JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

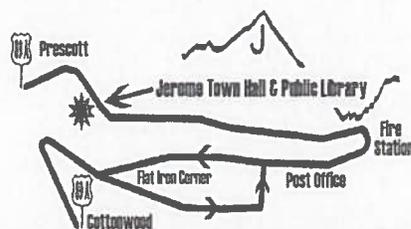
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Sunday	10 am – 2 pm	Thursday	10 am – 7 pm
Monday	10 am – 7 pm	Friday	Noon – 6 pm
Tuesday	10 am – 7 pm	Saturday	CLOSED



Jerome Humane Society

Thanks for 2015!

With such tremendous community support in 2015, JHS greets the New Year with renewed resources and an energized spirit. Our resolution for 2016 (and always) is to recognize with gratitude the many dedicated folks who step up so often in so many ways to keep our local animal welfare efforts going. Thank you one and all!

Welcome Robert Jackson

We're thrilled to announce the addition of Robert Jackson to our clinic vet-tech team. Robert recently moved back to Jerome, and it didn't take long for his animal-loving mojo to lead him to our door. His experience with Best Friends Animal Society - and his wonderful way with humans and animals alike - make Robert's arrival feel like a Christmas miracle!

Winter and Your Pets – Shelter is a Must!

Holiday time brings joy for many, but for animals who don't have shelter from the bitter cold, this time of year means suffering and sickness. Without proper refuge, cats and dogs risk hypothermia, frostbite and even death. The best prescription for winter is to keep your pets inside with you! During walks, short-haired dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater. When returning from outside, have a towel ready to wipe your dogs' paws, legs and stomach. Be sure to remove unwanted snow, debris and chemicals from paw pads in particular. If for some reason your dog is outdoors much of the day, he/she needs to have access to a dry, draft-free shelter, large enough to sit and lie down in comfortably but small enough to hold in his/her body heat.



Winter is Hard - Let Us Help!

The harsh winter months are hard on all of us. If you need help providing your pet with adequate shelter, please contact us. And don't forget...pets need more food in the winter to help them generate the body heat they need to stay warm. If you need a hand replenishing your pet food larder, we have plenty to share. Call or text us at 928.301.5079 or come by the clinic on Thursdays. We'll make sure your pets get everything they need to weather the winter.

Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon – 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

TREASURES IN THE OLD BOOKROOM

When I was a girl, TV was not a big part of my family's life. Books and games were our entertainment and Edna Ferber was one of my favorite authors. I had no idea she was Jewish, that she and her family had been subjected to anti-Semitic abuse. I just knew I loved her books, many of them made into wonderful movies and later marvelous Broadway plays. After school, she started working for newspapers, landing a job with the United Press Association, who sent her to cover both the Democratic and Republican conventions in 1920. Her book, *Cimarron*, was adapted for the screen and won the Best Picture Award in 1927. *Giant*, *Show Boat*, *Stage Door*, *Saratoga Trunk* and *Ice Palace* were all adaptations from her books. Ms. Ferber was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for her book, *So Big*. In her autobiography, *A Peculiar Treasure*, she wrote, "At the thought there floods over one an overwhelming gratitude for freedom of the spirit, freedom of the mind, freedom of the soul, freedom of the body. It has been my privilege, then, to have been a human being on the planet Earth; and to have been an American, a writer, a Jew. A lovely life I have found it, and thank you, Sir." Edna Ferber, 1885 ~ 1968, a remarkable woman.



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