



# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

March-April 2021

### *A Note from "Dr. Mayor" Jack Dillenberg ...*

Dear Jeromans:

As we move forward through the pandemic, we are thankfully seeing a reduction of cases in Yavapai County. This is with the help of certain restrictions still in place, such as wearing masks, the physical closure of Town Hall (with services still available by appointment), and a group event size limit of fifty people.

I am hopeful that as the number of people receiving vaccinations continues to grow that we will be able to return to a level of near normal that will permit and encourage the return of live music and cherished events.

The Town Council and staff have continued to work vigorously throughout this difficult time to address ordinance issues and explore opportunities to develop affordable housing. Council members and I will continue our efforts to improve our infrastructure and explore innovative options to address this need.

Please take the opportunity to reach out to us and share your thoughts and possible recommendations.

I have learned, personally, that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe. Please seriously consider getting it. Thank you.

Best,  
*Mayor Jack*

### **Still got a bee problem? Maybe this will help.**

Patrick Pynes, beekeeper and founder of the Northern AZ Organic Beekeepers Association, spoke at the January 2021 Jerome Council meeting and said the bee problem in town is likely due to the severity of the drought and aridity. He talked about the bees' behavior and their defensiveness, which can be mistaken for aggression.

Mr. Pynes said one way to work with the thirsty bees is to set up water stations away from your doorway or patio where they can drink water on a regular basis (Flagstaff beekeepers are required to provide water sources!). Council member Sage Harvey found this great article on how to set up safe bee watering stations:

<https://backyardbeekeeping.iamcountryside.com/health-pests/creating-the-best-water-sources-for-bees/>

It's as easy as taking a shallow bowl, putting a few marbles, rocks, or crystals in for the bees to land on, and just make sure it's always got fresh water in it! Hopefully this will alleviate some of the unwanted buzzing and swarming.

Good luck and let us know how it goes!



### **Scheduled Meeting Dates for March, April & May 2021**

#### **Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, Mar 9 at 7pm

#### **Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, Apr 13 at 7pm

#### **Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 11 at 7pm

#### **Planning & Zoning**

Wednesday, Mar 17 at 6pm

#### **Planning & Zoning**

Wednesday, Apr 21 at 6pm

#### **Planning & Zoning**

Wednesday, May 19 at 6pm

#### **Design Review Board**

Monday, Mar 1 at 6pm

#### **Design Review Board**

Monday, Apr 5 at 6pm

#### **Design Review Board**

Monday, May 3 at 6pm



### Springtime greetings, Jerome!

We greeted 2021 with clinic operating at full force. In fact, thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, we've added a second clinic day each week: clinic appointments on Thursdays and surgery on Fridays. When you come to clinic, call the number on the door and we'll come right out to get your pet.

**Annual Meeting by Phone:** Join us Friday, Feb 26 at 6:30pm MT. Dial 978-990-5000 and enter code 943391# when prompted. Treasurer Lew Carrier will be doing a review of 2020 operations and we'll be voting for our 2021 Board of Directors.

We've recently struck up a Facebook partnership with the Verde Valley Humane Society to showcase a pet each week for adoption. If you are looking for a new family member, check out our Saturday post on FB or the VVHS daily post.

We also have some wonderful cats right here at the clinic for adoption! Two big, brown Tabbies are looking for a home together, bonded male and female less than two years old; and one senior (14 years old) white-and-light-gray princess of a cat is

looking for a home where her human can make her the center of their world. Please call Teri at 928-261-5401 if you'd like to meet them.

There's a light at the end of the quarantine tunnel, but for now we'll remain cautious. Like you, we're looking forward to the return of some fun festivities and fundraising later in the year.

**Just a reminder: there are no more flea markets planned, so please don't drop any items off at clinic.**

Stay safe. We're here, as always, to keep your pups and purr babies healthy.



APPOINTMENTS: 1-928-235-5960

CLINIC: 928-634-6166

Blessings from Haven,

We had hoped by now to be gathering for Sunday worship, yet we are still waiting. We have hope that day will come soon. All of us are still waiting for the gatherings we miss celebrating with others. In this difficult time, I am more grateful than ever to be part of our Wednesday work together. Each week I am served by the love of the people of Jerome. Those who come by to help or pick up food restore my soul with words of love and light of hope. Thank you all for being a much-needed blessing in my life. I know the rest of the group feels uplifted in a similar way.

Our clothes closet is open and full of a wide range of sizes for men, women, and children. We have blankets and household items as well. Come by on Wednesdays 10–noon to shop safely. We will let one person or family in at a time for now.

As Haven waits for the safe return of gathering inside the building, we count our blessings and practice patience. Life can make that a challenge someday for any of us. If you need individual prayer or help with getting food, please let us know. Ann Rees or Randy Boardman can make arrangements with you. You may email me at [VICLYNNL@yahoo.com](mailto:VICLYNNL@yahoo.com) as well.

Peace be with you all.

*Pastor Vicki*





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## **Prescott National Forest Outlook/Conditions**

Please be aware that with the lack of moisture this year, the light fuels in Jerome are extremely dry. 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 from recent snow and rainstorms. Last year, Arizona had one of the driest, busiest wildland seasons on record and the current predictions are for more of the same. 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.

**Fire extinguishers:** Jerome Fire Department would like to thank all the residents who took advantage of this year's Fire Department's annual fire extinguisher maintenance program with Life and Property Safety. We provide this service every February for a small fee to ensure that your fire extinguisher functions properly in the event you might need to use it. Please take advantage of this program each year.

### **File of Life and Pet Rescue Stickers**



We have magnetic **Files of Life** cards available at the fire station that help first responders contact the right person(s) 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.*

We also have "Pet Rescue" 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. If you would like File of Life card or a Rescue Pet sticker, please contact us at 928-649-3034.

**The Jerome Fire Department is doing everything they need to be doing to protect their first responders and the public. Know that we are here to serve you in the event of any emergency.**

### **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 Police Department: Residential Parking Reminders

**Changes to your vehicle or residency require action.** Per Town Code Ordinance 12-2-4G, it is the responsibility of the residential permitholder to notify the Jerome Police Department regarding any changes in the information provided in their original application.

This includes changes in vehicles and/or residency.

**Permits are street specific.** Your permit number indicates which residential street you are permitted to park on. Your permit does not validate overnight parking on a residential street other than your own. Please be considerate of another resident's ability to park on their own street, even if you're just visiting.

**Temporary Permits.** We have recently had an increase in complaints of improper temporary permit usage. Please be mindful of the following:

**Temporary permits must contain the following information and be clearly displayed on the vehicle dashboard:** 1) Resident address being visited; 2) vehicle information (make/model/license plate); 3) date(s) permit is to be used for. Permits omitting any of the required information are considered invalid. Refer to Town Code Ordinance 12-2-8A for details.

**Temporary permits cannot be used as a substitute for residential permits.** Please contact the PD for information if a temp permit may be required for certain situations (e.g., pending residential permit application). PD may provide and authorize a temp permit for a specific number of days depending on the circumstances.

**Temporary permits may be restricted or prohibited on streets with limited residential permit availability.** Please contact the PD if you need information.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you need to report a violation, please contact the station @ 928-634-8992 or dispatch @ 928-634-2245.

Thank you!

*Chief Muma*

## The Jerome Library Report

The Jerome Library will continue to remain closed until further notice; we are closely watching the County Dashboard and monitoring the daily COVID-19 numbers in Yavapai County.

Library staff are processing hold items as usual and patrons are picking them up on the library porch. Chromebooks are available for short term (24-hour loan) by calling me, Kathleen, at 928-451-1881.

Sparklight internet access is still available in the Civic Center parking lot, no password required. The four additional access points installed last spring are working well to extend internet access throughout the building and surrounding parking areas.

I am continuing to monitor staff activities and continue library business as usual as much as possible through email and phone.

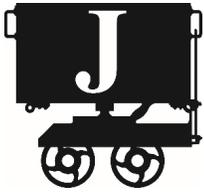
Daily contact with the Yavapai County Library system continues as it is a valuable resource for staying connected to changes in the library system and healthcare activities here in Yavapai County.

**Respectfully, Kathleen Jarvis**



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## History of the Jerome Historical Society



The state-of-the-art Audrey shaft and headframe was the largest facility of its kind built by the United Verde Extension (UVX) Company during its years of operation. It was constructed in 1918 only after the location of an extraordinarily rich copper deposit made the investment economically viable. The search for the “bonanza” had not been easy! Once he had obtained an option on the company in 1912, James S. “Rawhide” Douglas dug in vain, counter to the advice of his own geological experts and others who claimed that the mine would never be profitable.

Against all odds, Douglas persisted, and finally in December of 1914, with his corporate resources almost exhausted and much to the dismay of the mining world, his crews ran into the incredible deposit. It was not as large as that of United Verde, but it was twice as rich in copper per ton of material. The shaft itself is made up of three independent, concrete-lined segments with major horizontal hubs at the 800-, 1200-, 1300-, 1400- 1500-, 1600- and 1700-foot levels. The headframe consists of a structure of wood beams supporting three sets of pulleys

over which cables ran that hoisted cargo cages. Cage guides on the headframe served as transitions from each of the shaft segments to the free air above ground. If you haven’t visited the Audrey Headframe recently, please come by and reacquaint yourself with some Jerome history.



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–5pm, 7 days a week). Your membership gets you:

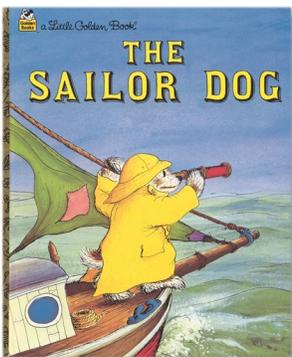
- Free admission to the JHS Museums
- 15% off Gift Shop and On-Line Purchases
- Subscription to the Chronicle Newsletter
- One Free Hour of Research

On behalf of the Jerome Historical Society Board of Directors,  
Steve Pontious, President

## YE OLDE BOOK ROOM

“Read me a story.” To most of us, those four words can instantly summon memories of our own childhood or that of an anxious youngster we care about. This thought occurred to me as I passed the “Juvenile” section of the (still closed) Old Book Room during a brief visit a few weeks ago. Children’s books are a universal gateway to literacy. Can you remember hearing and/or reading about The Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan, The Cat in the Hat, Mike Mulligan’s Steam Shovel, Alice in Wonderland, Where The Wild Things Are, Winnie the Pooh, The Giving Tree, Madeline, The Hobbit, Hansel & Gretel, Curious George, Little Red Riding Hood, Babar or countless other choices? I believe there is no greater gift than to help fire up the imagination and curiosity of a child. What was your favorite story to have read to you? For me, it was The Sailor Dog by Margaret Wise Brown with pictures by Garth Williams, featuring the seafaring adventures of Scuppers. Sixty-six or so years later, I still keep a copy of it by my drawing board.

“The universe is made of stories, not of atoms,” said the American poet and feminist Muriel Rukeyser. With that in mind, it’s an easy jump from “Read me a story” to “Tell me a story” and by doing so, we arrive at the doorway to everything else. Pick a subject, any subject, and you’re bound to find a story or stories at its foundation. Whether it’s entertainment, academics, the arts, politics, travel, industry, survival skills, relationships, war, peace, religion, nature or whatever else, we transmit knowledge to each other through the stories we hear and tell, both real and imagined.



I am reminded once again of Doctor Who, the venerable BBC television series starring a quirky but lovable time traveler who regenerates into a new featured actor every few seasons. In one episode, the eleventh Doctor (Matt Smith) is about to leave his longtime companion, Amy Pond (Karen Gillan) behind. As she sleeps soundly, he gently whispers his goodbye to her (and by extension to all of us): “I’ll be a story in your head. But that’s okay—we’re all stories in the end. Just make it a good one, eh?”

—Michael Gallagher

Greetings,

Our community, like most, has been impacted by the financial strains caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In troublesome times, it helps to have resources to turn to. We have gathered information from the Department of Economic Security (DES) and the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) including rent and utility assistance that may be available to you, depending on your eligibility.

**From the Arizona DES website (<https://des.az.gov/ERAP>):**

**As of February 23, 2021, Arizona households can apply for up to \$3,500 in rental and utility assistance for each month.** Payments may also be made for rental and/or utility arrears. After their initial application, households may receive up to 12 months of assistance. After receiving 12 months of benefits, whether for arrears or future payments, the household may apply for a three-month extension of benefits. Payments will be issued directly to landlords and/or utility companies on the renter's behalf.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) is available to both landlords and renters. While both may apply for assistance, eligibility is based on the renter's address and ability to meet the following criteria:

- The renter has a risk of homelessness, housing instability, or unsafe living conditions demonstrated by an eviction notice, utility shutoff notice, past-due rent or utility notice, or any other evidence of unsafe or unhealthy living conditions or housing instability.
- The renter or a member of the renter's household is eligible for unemployment insurance benefits or has experienced a financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The renter's household income is less than or equal to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Assistance priority will be given to renters with household incomes under 50% AMI and to those who have been unemployed 90 days or longer. As part of the application, renters will need to provide a copy of their lease/rental agreement, photo ID, electricity and/or gas bill, disconnection notice (if any), proof of income, eviction notice (if applicable) and proof of hardship, such as a termination letter. Individuals may apply online at [www.des.az.gov/ERAP](http://www.des.az.gov/ERAP).

**From the NACOG website (<https://nacog.org>):**

**Community Services** assists low-income families and individuals to move from public assistance to self-sufficiency. The application for services begins with an intake and counseling session with a case manager, who may recommend one or more of the following services based on program guidelines and income: utility and energy assistance, housing assistance, appliance repair and replacement, and transportation services.

Households can apply online for utility assistance. After completion of the application, you will be directed to schedule an appointment with a case manager in your area.

Yavapai County NACOG contact information:

**NACOG/Yavapai One-Stop**

Cottonwood office (working remotely)

Phone: (928) 300-0894

**NACOG Community Services**

Yavapai County services (working remotely)

Phone: (928) 308-2988

The Jerome Library has free wi-fi and Chromebooks that can be borrowed for those who would like to fill out applications online and don't have access to the internet at home (see pg. 4).

We hope this information can be of use to anyone who needs it. Please stay safe, stay well, and thank you for being a part of Jerome's community.

Sincerely,

*Candace Gallagher and Staff*

**IT'S ALMOST SPRING!!**

**Interested in having a planting bed  
in the Jerome Community Garden?  
We've got a few available!**

**Contact John Knight at 634-7943 or  
[j.knight@jerome.az.gov](mailto:j.knight@jerome.az.gov)**

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