



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

November-December 2021

Dear Jeromans,

The holiday season is upon us, and sadly, many of us have dealt with the tragic loss of life in recent days amongst our friends in Jerome. My heartfelt condolences to those of you who knew them well. May they all rest in peace.

We all are so fortunate to live in this small, caring community; let's continue to help and respect each other as best we can as we deal with life's challenges and hardships.

For those of you who have chosen to be vaccinated and are eligible for a booster shot, I will try to set up a date for receiving them when they become available. To those of you who have chosen not to be vaccinated—it's obviously your choice—but as a public health professional, I believe it is beneficial for everyone who is *able* to be vaccinated to get it.

The Town is maintaining its high visitor numbers, which benefits local businesses and provides funds to help with infrastructure issues. I am hopeful that when the Arizona Legislature reconvenes, we will be eligible for financial support as well.

The Council, our consultants, and interested citizens have been in discussions about our water rate structure and sewer treatment plant needs. I encourage you to join us.

Please have a joyous and safe holiday season.

Best wishes and warm regards,

Mayor Jack



Scheduled Meeting Dates for November, December 2021 & January 2022

Town Hall is currently open, but masks and social distancing are required.

Meetings may be held in person or online via Zoom. More info at the town website.

Design Review Board
Monday, November 1 at 6pm

Design Review Board
Monday, December 6 at 6pm

Design Review Board
Monday, January 3 at 6pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 9 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 14 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 11 at 7pm

Planning & Zoning
Wednesday, November 17 at 6pm

Planning & Zoning
Wednesday, December 15 at 6pm

Planning & Zoning
Wednesday, January 19 at 6pm

Auction Success and Volunteers Needed!



Our 2021 fall brunch and auction was a magical event and wonderful success. Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, our community set a new standard of support for the Jerome Humane Society. Our can-do volunteers donated time and significant energy to our big event. Local businesses and artists generously contributed beautiful and exciting items to our auction, and brunch patrons bid sky-high to support our cause. Thanks to auctioneer extraordinaire, Carrie Anderson, and to Tommy Rocks and his crew for setting our toes a-tapping. Special thanks as always to Marge Graziano, Josh Ludwig, and Sarah Gianelli for opening their homes to us for days on end for event operations—before, during, and after the brunch. Also thank you to Margaret Heinrichsen, one of our greatest benefactors, for her generous donation of the big top tent, tables, and chairs. We're grateful for your outpouring of love and support.

The funds we've raised will help us continue important efforts like our TNR (trap/neuter/release) feral cat program, which we're relaunching to address another burgeoning colony in the Holly Street area. We've already trapped four beautiful

orange kits, currently being fostered at the clinic. (Thank you to Mimi Currier for devoting her time, patience, and affection to the babies!) If you're interested in adopting these beauties, call us! We adopt out young kittens like these in pairs, or to owners who have young companion kittens at home, in keeping with industry best practice for kitten development and socialization. As the Kitten Lady (our favorite expert on kitten behavior) says, "one kitten is really only half a kitten."

Want to volunteer? Does all the above sound interesting and fun to you?

If you're vaccinated and interested in being part of our

Jerome Humane Society volunteer team, please contact us

at jeromehumane@gmail.com or message us on Facebook. We're looking for

energetic, happy team players with a background in animal rescue, events, or those

willing to plunge in and learn. Join the team and help us help our four-legged friends!



Blessings from Haven,

Happy Fall, everyone. Enjoy the beautiful colors that will pass all too soon. I love the red, yellow, orange, green mixture. I appreciate comfortable weather that creates inspiring surroundings, which for me is not too hot or too cold, clear skies with a few clouds, fresh air, not too humid. Landscapes with pretty foliage and colorful flowers. Butterflies and birds filling the air. Wild animals freely enjoying the awe and wonder of nature's full bounty.

Though I like having all that, I would soon miss the opportunity for change. I anticipate with delight watching a brief snow and seeing the sprouts of green that break through at the end of winter. I wait to see bulbs flower for even a short time. I enjoy the fruits of spring and summer and vegetables of fall and winter. I love to see the rain awaken the forest in newborn green. I delight in the footprints of animals traveling through my snowy yard.

My point is every season has more beauty than we often focus on. The less than perfect stuff passes shortly, when we choose not to dwell on it. Storms come and go; nature dies but is reborn. Sharing the joy of life and its changes blesses us all. Caring for others and praying for one another gives us hope. Haven and I are truly thankful and richly blessed to be part of this Jerome community. Thank you for all you do for others.

May your season be bursting with love and joy, with hope and peace,



JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The 46th Annual Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 30 will mark the 46th year that the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary has hosted the Halloween Dance and fundraiser. This annual dance is our largest running fundraising event for the year and typically accounts for 60 to 70 percent of our discretionary spending funds.

This year's event will be held at the Sliding Jail area due to COVID-19 concerns.

We hope to see you there!

Jerome is a Firewise USA Community



Please remember that if you need assistance with Firewise activities, you must fill out a Firewise application and submit it to the Fire Department before work can be approved. Applications can be obtained at Town Hall or the Fire Department or online at <https://www.jerome.az.gov/forms-and-applications>.

Poster art by April Hernandez

Jerome Fire Department would like to wish everybody Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous holiday season, and a Happy New Year.

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 fire and emergency medical services don't interest you but you would still like to help out, the Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary always welcomes new members. Come join us!! Thank you for your continued support.

Rusty Blair, Fire Chief, JVFD

Greetings from The Chamber

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 27, Jerome Lights up the Mountain** with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus 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 throughout town. For details about the event, visit jeromechamber.com.

[Please send email to info@jeromechamber.com if you can help us facilitate these events](mailto:info@jeromechamber.com) ... We could really use the help!!

We will be sponsoring a **Holiday Lights Contest**. Prizes will be **\$100** for the **Best Residential** display and **\$100** for the **Best Commercial** display. **PLEASE** have your lights up by **November 27** so our visitors can see the town at its most brilliant! This same evening is when the contest judging will take place!

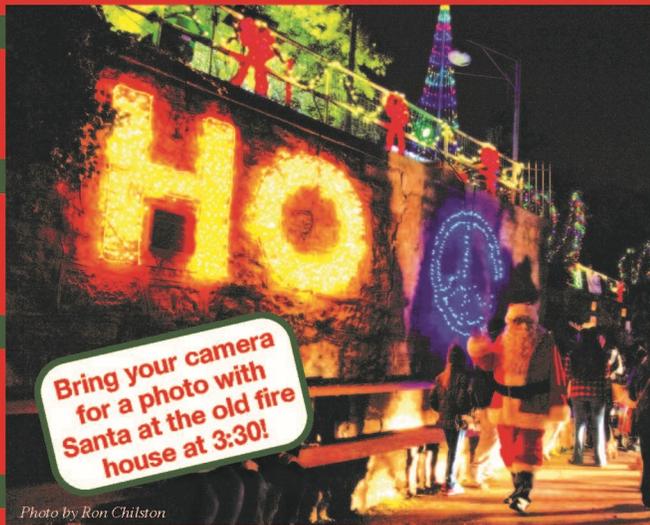
The **Town Dinner Party** follows two weeks later. Everyone is invited to the dinner on **December 11** at Spook Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and the meal starts at 6pm. Easy listening, **live entertainment** will be provided. There will be a wine and beer cash donation bar and main course meats provided by the Chamber. As always, **bring a dish to share**. After our dinner, we will **announce the winners** of the Holiday Lights Contest!

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

Happy Holidays!

Nancy Crosby, President

THE JEROME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LIGHTS UP THE MOUNTAIN!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH 2021

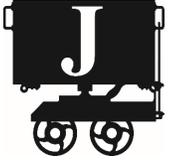


FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M.
Santa will throw the switch to light up the park at 6:00, officially starting the holiday season. Join us on this special night in Jerome and help us start the holidays at the top!

JOIN US BY THE STEPS ON MAIN STREET FOR LUMINARIAS • TREE LIGHTING • HOLIDAY MUSIC

Photo by Ron Chilston

Jerome Historical Society



On June 23, 1910, a Thursday, just after 10am a huge fire broke out that destroyed the buildings of the Jerome Dairy Company, which was owned at that time by Mr. Fred Mickle. The dairy would reopen under new ownership just a couple of years later. The interesting fact is that the Jerome Dairy Company, both prior to the fire and then afterwards under the new owners, was a Cottonwood-based business—not Jerome as the name implied. Around this period, due to the population of Jerome and the surrounding areas of Cottonwood, Clemenceau, and Clarkdale, the demand for fresh dairy products resulted in as many as six dairies in the Upper Verde Valley. Most of these were owned and operated by families of Italian descent.



You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com or stop 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

Farewell to Musings from the Old Book Room

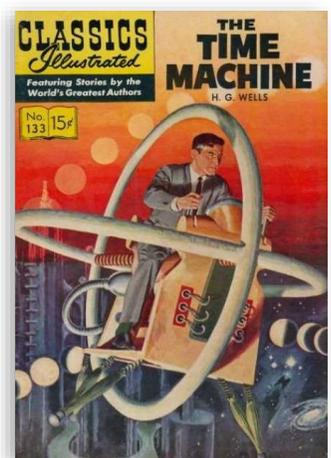
Time to go. I'm relinquishing my supervision of the Old Book Room. It's been a privilege to volunteer at the Jerome Library's unique annex of dated yet timeless treasures for the past several years. Looking back, I would've done things differently, of course. Don't we all do that now and then ... wish for a way to go back in time and make some changes? Pondering this as I strolled the OBR, I was naturally drawn to H. G. Wells's *The Time Machine*, first published in 1895. To say it popularized the concept of time travel in so many forms is a titanic understatement: in countless sci-fi/fantasy stories and novels, films, plays, radio dramas, television series, comic books, music, and so on. Not to mention the ever-evolving scientific study of actually achieving it. Think Einstein's theory of relativity and Hawking's book, *A Brief History of Time*.

My first experience with time travel was as a kid reading early '60s *Superman* comics. As I recall, he'd somehow manage to fly through a succession of golden hoops (conveniently numbered) and try to change history, but ironically, always failed. Heavy stuff. So many other things quickly come to mind: J. R. R. Tolkien having Elf time advance at a different speed than mortal speed, movies like METROPOLIS, THE TERMINATOR, SOMEWHERE IN TIME, BACK TO THE FUTURE, 12 MONKEYS, INTERSTELLAR, ARRIVAL, etc. And of course, The Doctor. "Doctor Who?" you ask. "Absolutely," I reply.

My thanks to Kathleen Jarvis and Karen Wood, the founders of the Old Book Room for this delightful experience and to *Point of View* for letting me ramble on. Please visit the OBR in the future and encourage others to do so. I leave you with a quote from Ernest Hemingway: "There is no friend as loyal as a book."

Okay, my time's up—but only if you think of time as linear...

—Michael Gallagher





Jerome Artistas de los Muertos

Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrated November 2. On this day, it is believed that the souls of the dead return to visit their living family members.

Many people celebrate this day by visiting the graves of deceased loved ones and setting up altars. The Jerome Library is honoring several of our own loved ones with an exhibit showing artwork and photos of Jerome Artists who have passed on.

This will be an ongoing exhibit—more Artistas de los Muertos will be added to the exhibit as time and materials allow.

In Memoriam

Anne Bassett ♦ Esther Burton ♦ Patrick Lincoln
 Les MacDowell ♦ Leigh Hay Martin ♦ Harvey Stermer
 Katie Lee ♦ Jo Van Leeuwen ♦ Diane Sward Rapaport ♦ Derryl Day



Would you like public transportation in Jerome? Let us know by completing a 3-minute survey. It's online at the link below, on the town website, or pick up a survey at Town Hall!

Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) is working with the Town of Jerome and Cottonwood Area Transit to assess the feasibility of public transportation in Jerome. Please complete the online survey to help inform this planning effort, or fill out a hard copy of the survey at Town Hall, 600 Clark St.

Surveys must be completed before November 30!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JeromeTransit>



Town Hall will be closed on
Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving

Trash will be picked up as normal on
Friday, November 26
Friday, December 24
Friday, December 31

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!!

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