



# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

May-June 2026

Home Sweet Jerome: from the Mayor's Desk

### IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!

As many residents, staff, and members of the council & boards are aware, the old garbage truck (the really, really old garbage truck) was struggling along on it's last leg.



From left to right: Steve, Lyle, Marty, Rob, & Councilmember Izzy Sharif.  
Photos courtesy of Michele Sharif

Public Works Director Marty Boland, along with his hard-working team, did everything they could to keep that old truck running: welding holes, replacing parts over & over, calling in favors from a local diesel mechanic when the problems were too complicated for even the crew to handle... but it was more than time for a NEW TRUCK!!! Thank you to the crew for everything you do, and for the good folks of Jerome for your continued support, and to everyone on staff & council who pulled together to help make this happen.

To celebrate, the crew carried on a tradition started when the old truck was purchase by enjoying a snack sitting in the back— while it's still sparkling clean!

### FYI: SHREDDING DAY!

Mark your calendars— the town is hosting another paper shredding day on Saturday, September 12th, 2026, from 9 AM to Noon. This is a great opportunity to safely & securely dispose of old financial & medical documents.

The time may change as we get closer to the date, so keep an eye out for further details!

**NOTE: Town Hall CLOSED for Memorial Day Monday, May 25th**

\*Regular Monday trash route will be on Tuesday, May 26th, except for Main St. & Dumpsters

### Scheduled Meeting Dates for May to July 2026\*

All of the regularly scheduled meetings will take place on Tuesdays; Council on the 2nd, P&Z on the 3rd, & DRB on the 4th.

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, May 19th at 6pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, May 26th at 6pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 9th at 7 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, June 16th at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, June 23rd at 6 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 14th at 7 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
Tuesday, July 21st at 6 pm

**Design Review Board**  
Tuesday, July 28th at 6 pm

\* Dates may be subject to date/time change due to holidays



# JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY



## Hence the Name Change



Louis called the big, black, tomcat, Mr. Lucky and he set food out for him when he'd return from his rounds. Louis, a client of the Jerome Humane Society had tried to catch his friend for years in order to get him neutered and out of the daddy game. Catching Lucky became more urgent when Louis saw that his tail had been seriously injured and was infected. Louis was able to trap Lucky and bring him to JHS where he was placed in a large cage pending a neuter and tail surgery.

Lucky had other ideas, manipulating the cage catch, releasing himself and launching straight up and through a ceiling tile. When Sally and Virginia came to see to him the following day, he was tucked up in the ceiling. They called Ted who rushed over with a ladder while Sally got nets ready. After hours of chasing, cajoling and missed sedation shots, they were finally able to trap and sedate Lucky.

After neutering the big guy, Virginia assessed that a predator had grabbed Lucky by the tail, degloved it and chomped part of it off. A big section of tail was necrotic .

She and Sally began calling the tomcat, Stubbs, and the name stuck. After a piece of

his tail was removed and careful stitching done, he was put in a cone and locked in a big cage to heal . Refusing to cooperate, Stubbs rubbed his tail against the bars, tearing out his stitches and reinfected the wound.

After another section of tail was removed and his continued self-damage, Stubbs was sent to Dr. Cinda at

Complete Pet Care to see if she could help him. Dr. Cinda recognized he'd acquired an antibiotic-resistant bacterium and used a new antibiotic along with laser treatment.

Stubbs returned to JHS to heal and became domesticated. He was soon everyone's favorite and became a love bug. Sally refers to his transition as "Feline Stockholm Syndrome".

Stubbs is now ready for a new, indoor home. Dr. Kennaway says that he is rudderless without his tail and would not do well if released to his old haunts.

Sally adds that we've invested a great deal of time, effort and money in Stubbs

and he needs to become a beloved pet. Stubbs is the poster child for our efforts to regularly raise funds.

Please let everyone know that this cozy cat needs a loving home. And please donate to JHS when you can. There's a donate button on our website:

[jeromehumane.com](http://jeromehumane.com)



**woofstock '26**  
**FUNDRAISER FOR THE**  
**JEROME HUMANE SOCIETY**



**Wednesday**  
**May 20 2026**  
**5 - 8 pm**  
**The Spirit Room**

**Potluck Dinner**  
 Bring a tasty dish to share

**50/50 Raffle**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Donation\$ Accepted**

**MUSIC BY**  
**Andrew McGowan**  
**Steve & Sally**  
**Dave Rantz**  
**Pandy Roye**  
**Tommy Rocks**  
**The Jerome**  
**Ukulele Orchestra**

**Celebrate**  
**Virginia**  
**Kennaway**  
**Day!**



**Donate \$\$ online : [jeromehumane.com](http://jeromehumane.com)**

## WOOFSTOCK

Please join us in the Spirit Room May 20th to celebrate our town vet, Dr. Virginia Kennaway. Each year we remember the fact that she literally saved the Town of Jerome from the plague - jumping in to action as soon as she suspected it in Lew and Mimi Currier's cat. Despite doubt from her contemporaries, she contacted the authorities and they confirmed the diagnosis. She made sure her staff were dosed with the correct antibiotic and began assessing the town pets. Disaster was averted! Thank you, Virginia!



**JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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 (928) 649-3034 [admin@jeromefd.org](mailto:admin@jeromefd.org)

**May 2026 Newsletter**  
Fire Department Status

We have been accepting applications for open positions both full-time and as volunteers.

We have received several full-time applications and held interviews. We are hoping to announce the hiring of one person soon with another being hired this summer. That will bring the Fire Department back up to minimum staffing.

We have new volunteers that have recently joined the Fire Department with a couple of them doing regular overnight shifts to help with our response and coverage.

Our training has been going well with more attendance. There has been training on both Saturdays and Thursday evenings. This has been giving our volunteers more opportunities to familiarize themselves with our equipment and be more proficient in the skills needed as a firefighter.

**🔥 NATIONAL WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH 🔥**

Prevention Starts With You!

**🥞 PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the FIRE DEPARTMENT 🥞**

Saturday, May 9th

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Jerome Fire Department - 101 Main St, Jerome, Arizona

\$ Cost: by Donation \$

Serving:

Pancakes w/ Syrup, Fruit, Protein

Coffee w/ Cream & Sugar, & Water

**🌲 Proud to Be a Firewise Community 🌲**

Jerome is a recognized participant in Firewise USA

A national program supported by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Being Firewise means our community is actively working together to:

- ✓ Reduce wildfire risk
- ✓ Create and maintain defensible space
- ✓ Improve home ignition resistance
- ✓ Strengthen neighborhood preparedness
- ✓ Promote year-round wildfire awareness

During National Wildfire Awareness Month, we encourage all residents to:

- Clear debris from roofs and gutters
- Trim vegetation and remove ladder fuels
- Maintain a 5-foot noncombustible zone
- Prepare evacuation plans / emergency kits
- Stay informed during fire season - Set up your alerts
- Small actions today help protect Jerome tomorrow.

At the breakfast, you can:

- Learn Firewise tips and tricks
- Ask questions about protecting your property
- Pick up wildfire preparedness resources
- Connect with neighbors committed to safety

**Firewise Community Day**

The Jerome Fire Department's annual Community Firewise day with a pancake breakfast will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. We have joined our Firewise day. This is a dedicated day where folks in the community can focus their efforts on creating defensible space around their home or business by eliminating dried fuels like leaves, twigs, and branches. Also, any dead growth includes some live paradise trees that may need to be thinned, thereby creating defensible space.



**Celebrating National Wildfire Awareness Month Continuing to building a safer, more resilient community, together.**

**We look forward to seeing you on May 9th**



**Wildland Fire Season**

With the sporadic spring rains we have received this year, the annual grasses have really grown. I would like to thank the residents that have been keeping their properties free and clear of these grasses.

The fire department does not have the personnel to keep up with the abundance of these grasses. I have seen several community members cutting grass and weeds around their residence and other areas in town. The fire department really appreciates the help.

I would like to remind everyone that it is your responsibility to keep your yard free and clear of grass and other natural fuel :

**( Jerome Town Code Section 7-13-1.C- The property owner shall be responsible for the removal of dry grasses and weeds exceeding six inches in height AND deemed to constitute a fire hazard by the Fire Chief or the Zoning Administrator )**

**We would like to remind everyone that we have a burn pile for yard debris. Please call the fire station for access.**

## Water Restrictions

With the lack of rain and snow this last winter, the Fire Department would like to remind you that we have a water restriction on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do your part in conserving water our supply is based on what moisture we receive during the winter, so our supply is limited. We are hoping for a wet summer to help reduce the high drought situation we are in. Article 13-9 of the Jerome Town Code provides that Level 1 water restrictions go into effect automatically as of May 1 each year and continue through September 30, requiring certain water conservation measures.

**Effective May 1, 2026, the requirements of Strategy 1 - "Water Alert" – have been expanded. Changes are shown in red below.**

- **Water shall be conserved both inside and outside the home or business using the best practices available to minimize waste. No person shall waste water.**
  - **Outdoor water use shall not occur between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM. Outdoor water use shall be limited to two hours per day between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM.**
  - **Vehicle washing shall only be undertaken with a bucket and hose with a shut-off nozzle or other water saving devices.**
  - **Cooling outdoor areas with water or misting devices is prohibited.**
  - **Restaurants should serve water to customers upon request only and should display table tents or other types of public notice to this effect.**
  - **Construction projects shall use only reclaimed water or effluent or supply their own water for on-site use and dust control.**
  - **Daily water usage is limited to 900 gallons of water per meter unit, per 24-hour period. The only exceptions to this limit are restaurants and hotels with more than four rooms made available for lodging.**
- Once the need for "Demand Reduction Strategy 1" no longer exists, we will post the reverting back to normal operations. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



## **SNAKE SEASON IS HERE**

As we begin to warm up, we will start seeing snakes again. Remember most of the snakes are good to have around. King snakes will eat the Rattlesnakes and Bull snakes keep the rodent population down. Both are not a threat to humans.

### **Here is some information on Rattlesnakes.**

Most bites occur between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors. About 25 percent of the bites are "dry," meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment. Depending on weather and threatening conditions such wildfires or monsoonal rains rattlesnakes may roam at any time of the day or night. If walking at night, be sure to use a flashlight. To avoid rattlesnake bites some safety precautions will help:

- Wear appropriate over-the-ankle hiking boots, thick socks, and loose-fitting long pants. Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wilderness areas.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails.
- Avoid tall grass, weeds, and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- Look at your feet to watch where you step and do not put your foot in or near a crevice where you cannot see.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see and avoid wandering around in the dark.
- If a fallen tree or large rock is in your path, step up on to it instead of over it, as there might be a snake on the other side.
- Be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood.
- Check out stumps or logs before sitting down and shake out sleeping bags before use.
- Do not turn over rocks or logs. If you must move a rock or log, use gloves, and roll it toward you, giving anything beneath it the opportunity to escape in the opposite direction.
- Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- **Avoid approaching any snake** you cannot positively identify as a safe species.
- If you hear the warning rattle, move away from the area, and do not make sudden or threatening movements in the direction of the snake.
- Remember rattlesnakes do not always rattle before they strike!
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake - it can still inject venom.

We would like to remind everyone to be careful when out in the yard.

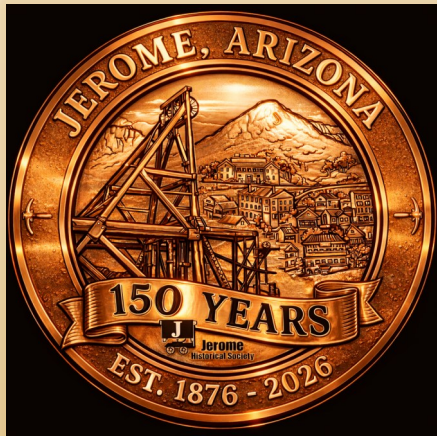
If you find a snake, remember to keep a safe distance, note its location, and **Call 911**. The Fire department will respond and relocate the snake to a safe location away from town.



## Jerome Historical Society



The celebration for the 150th anniversary of Jerome's founding is coming soon!!!  
We first want to give many thanks to Mimi Romberger for the magnificent logo she designed for Jerome's 150th birthday.



### FRIDAY, MAY 22nd — JEROME COMMUNITY POTLUCK SPOOK HALL @ 6:00pm

This is an opportunity for just our community of residents, business owners and employees, to congregate and recognize the birth of our town.

JHS President, MaryBeth Barr will give an 1876 history talk on Jerome's founding and the United States, as it celebrated the 250th anniversary of our Nation.

### SATURDAY, MAY 23rd — FOUNDERS DAY PUBLIC CELEBRATION

Historic talks will be held in the Bartlett Hotel every half hour, starting at 11:00am to 3:00pm.

- **SPOOK HALL — From 1:00pm to 5:00pm**  
JHS will be featuring a continuous slide show of Jerome's history in photographs.
- **MIDDLE PARK ON HULL AVENUE**  
To commemorate our start as a tent camp, Jerome's Historic Preservation Officer will exhibit an historic miner's living tent.
- To top off the festivities, the **Spirit Room** will feature a **Tea Cup Gallye** look alike contest at **6:30PM**.

Many eating & drinking establishments will be featuring meals and drinks inspired by our history.

We are encouraging EVERYONE — businesses & citizens alike, to dress in period clothing.

**Let's all get dressed up like it's 1876, and HAVE SOME FUN!!!**

[www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com) 928-634-1066

### "Pulling Brushes"

Everyone needs to clean sometimes, now imagine doing it with a brush you made yourself.

The traditional technique of making a brush is called "Pulling Brushes."

The process involves pulling agave fiber through small holes in a driftwood branch with it's one of a kind texture and variations using copper wire which allows for strength and creative interest.

The branch is then carved and wood burned to enhance the natural charm of your brush.

Classes will be held at the Jerome Community Art Workshop.

- May 6th, noon to 3 p.m.
- May 23rd, noon to 3 p.m.

A donation of \$40 will cover all materials.  
To sign up, send an email to

[jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com)

Or text Pulling Brushes instructor Kathleen Jarvis at  
928-451-1881

**JEROME**  
Community  
**ART WORKSHOP**



### REGISTER TO VOTE! Voter Registration Forms are Available at the Library.

Arizona residents need to register to vote in their county 29 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote. Registrants wishing to change their name, residential address, mailing address, and/or political party need to re-register to vote. The **Last Day to Register for the 2026 Primary Election is June 22, 2026.**

# JEROME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jerome Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Jerome Preservation Society to bring the 4th Annual Jerome Music and Art Festival back June 27th & 28th!

JEROME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & JEROME PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Make a difference in the community and help bring this festival to life! Use your unique talent and abilities to help with:

- \*Coordinating Art in the Park,
- \*Art design,
- \*Volunteering for clean-up,
- \*Merch booths,
- \*Parking, etcetera.

You can also help by donating raffle prizes or sponsorship – comes with great advertising perks!

Interested in being a vendor? We will have a pop-up market in Spook Hall/Bartlett Hotel.

Reach out to  
[ani.jeromechamber@gmail.com](mailto:ani.jeromechamber@gmail.com)

## Blessings from Haven,

A quote from Gandhi- **“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”**

We wanted to take this opportunity for a big shout out to our volunteers!!

We are so grateful and appreciate YOU!!

Thanks for the many hours you drive around to pick up all the food that is handed out.

Thanks for the many loads of food and produce you carry into the food pantry.

Thanks for the time and care of cleaning and placing the food for display.

Thanks for keeping everything clean and sanitized, vacuuming and mopping.

Thanks for preparing and cooking the ready-made meals.

Thanks for delivering to those that cannot come to the Food Pantry.

Thanks for signing in our neighbors that visit the Food Pantry.

Thanks for bagging the bulk foods that are handed out.

Thanks for bringing the bread, donuts, pizza and pet food.

Thanks for washing, pressing and displaying all of the items in “The Boutique”.

Thanks to All for your giving spirits.

If you would like to volunteer, we could always use additional help on Tuesdays when we get the food, we get 2 loads: 9:45am and again at 4:30pm.

**You are blessed to be a blessing my friends.**

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Vicki and Ann and Liz Rees

THANK  
YOU!

### Jerome Chamber of Commerce

Special Event celebrating  
local businesses

Join us every  
FIRST SATURDAY  
of the Month  
from 5 to 8 PM



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