

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January – February 2019

From the Mayor

The boards are full, and the new council is putting forth a great team effort. I have been busy with regular, intergovernmental and special meetings. And I am attending the Greater Arizona Mayors Association meetings as well.

- Broadband is here! Our library and town offices now have fast broadband internet service. Eventually, it will be offered to our businesses and then to our residents.
- We are continuing the program of housing rehabilitation through a second CDBG grant. We rehabbed ten homes with the first grant and anticipate doing nine more with this round.
- Work continues to restore the Hotel Jerome, with the aid of three grants. The roof has been replaced and asbestos removed. We are now completing lead paint remediation, and the next step is replacement of the broken and boarded up windows on the upper floor. Our goal is to make the upper floors of the building habitable once again.
- We've received a grant for a new fire engine (a Type 1 pumper) and will be getting that soon. We also received a grant that will allow us to purchase SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus) for our firefighters.
- We've received another round of Title 3 funds through Yavapai County for Firewise activities.
- Our fire department had a very active wildlands season in 2018. We sent a truck and personnel to assist with several wildfires out of state.

I attended the annual Christmas parade in Cottonwood and rode with the fire department. In Jerome every year, in December, for as long as I can remember, kids, including my sister and I, sat on Santa's lap and received a gift. The Kids' Christmas Party and the annual holiday dinner this year had fun and gifts for the kids and wonderful food for all Jeromans.

A huge thank you to everyone that puts this together every year, past and present. Jerome is home sweet home and a big wonderful family to live in.

Thank you everyone that helps Jerome move forward towards a bright future. Come join the fun the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.



Mayor Christina "Alex" Barber

Meeting Dates for January, February and March 2019

Regular Council Meeting
January 8th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
January 2nd at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
January 14th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
February 12th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
February 6th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
February 11th at 7:00 pm

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March 12th at 7:00 pm

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For What It's Worth

Jerome is a unique community, and, to some extent, we live in a bubble here on Cleopatra Hill, but nothing we do as a Town is done in a vacuum. We face challenges and changes at all levels of our municipality, our region, our state, and our country. This can make it easy to find differences, but we can never allow them to become divisions. Collectively, we share the belief that Jerome is inimitable and are driven by this vision. Yet, it is not static. Decisions must be made on how and where to allocate our Town's resources while the needs of our residents and visitors continue to increase, especially in the areas of infrastructure, housing, and public safety. We must work together to meet our challenges head-on as denial is no strategy for success. We must be committed to protecting and improving the community that we are proud to call Home. We must continue to invest in Jerome by constructively proposing good solutions to challenges, transparently engaging in the planning process for future stakeholders, and addressing problems which affect our quality of life, all while honoring and respecting our traditions.

Any power that government has is delegated by the people, and citizen participation does not end at the voting booth. You, as the constituents of this Town, are encouraged to make your voice heard, and I truly hope you will do so in the many ways possible: attend a meeting, send an email, write a letter, speak with elected officials, read the information packets, listen to the audio feed of meetings. As a Councilmember, it is my responsibility to consistently improve and effectively represent our community through hard work, dedication, open communication, active participation, and cooperation. I take my duty seriously and am privileged to have your trust in my ability to serve this Town and its citizens.

-Councilmember Mandy Worth

Happy New Year!

After working as your Zoning Administrator for more than six months, I'm beginning to feel more a part of everything and have a greater understanding of the inner works of the processes. I appreciate the community's support!

A big THANK YOU to all the community members that applied for volunteering on our Town's boards. I appreciate you all! The members selected were: Natalie Barlow for the Board of Adjustment, Tyler Christensen for the Design Review Board and Joe Testone for the Planning & Zoning Commission

Welcome to all these new members, I look forward to working with you all in this new year. -Charlotte Page, Zoning Administrator

Dear Jerome Friends:

Thank you to the town of Jerome for your generous support this holiday season! We very much appreciate your donations to Haven's Food Pantry.

A special thank you to Nelly Bly, Mary and Sally and also Bernie and Joyce for presenting the annual Christmas movie.

A great time was had by all and the generosity for the food bank fills our hearts with joy.

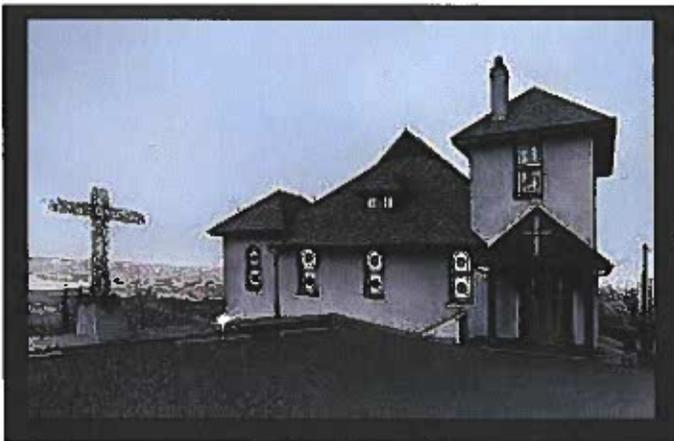
Our Christmas Eve service was spectacular! What talent our Jerome Citizens presented. A special thanks to: LaDonna, Thom, Louis and Roy for sharing their special musical gifts.

Many Blessings to all in 2019!

Our hearts and doors are always open.

Blessings,

Haven United Methodist Church



Happy New Year Fellow Jeromians!

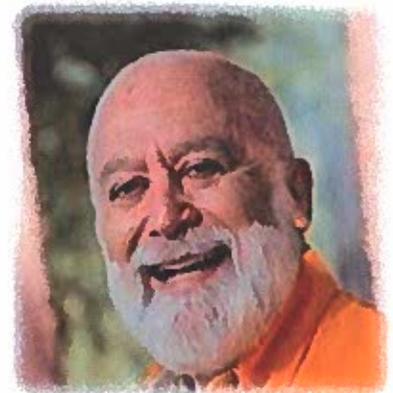
As we begin a new year, we all share the blessing of living in one of the most special communities in America. Our town continues to maintain its historic significance and artist culture in a rapidly changing and growing Arizona.

I believe that while we all care about preserving our culture, I respect we may have differing priorities and perspectives on what that means. Maintaining a level of integrity and respect is essential for building the trust needed to work together in helping Jerome be sustainable and thrive in an ever-changing world.

For me, protecting Jerome's infrastructure and water supply are high priorities. My professional life has focused on public health in a variety of settings and leadership positions. I hope to use my experience, and the relationships I have developed over the years, to help all of us be healthier – including the animals we serve through the Humane Society's incredible work.

I am honored to serve on our Town Council for the next two years and invite you to attend our monthly Tuesday evening meetings. Your active participation in working with the Town Council is critically important for all of us to be successful.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jack





Jerome Fire Department

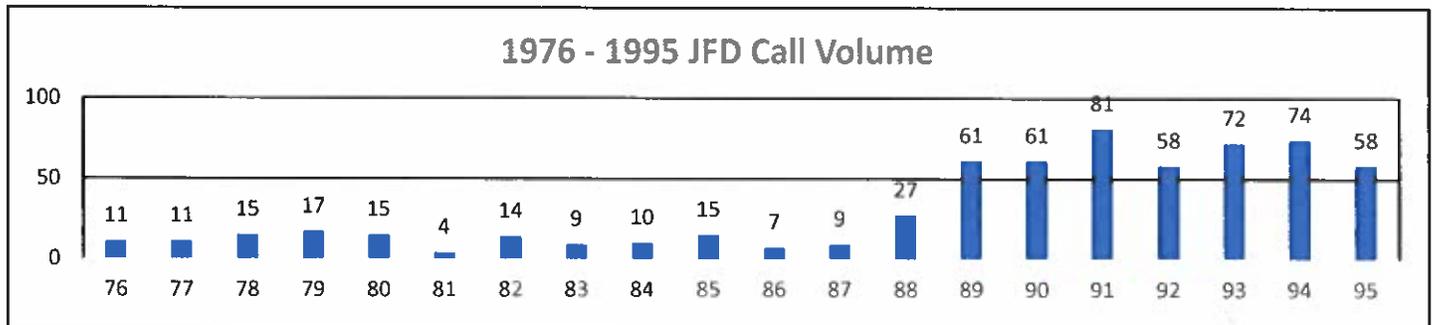
P.O. Box 1025 Jerome, AZ 86331 Tel. (928) 649-3034 Fax (928) 649-3039

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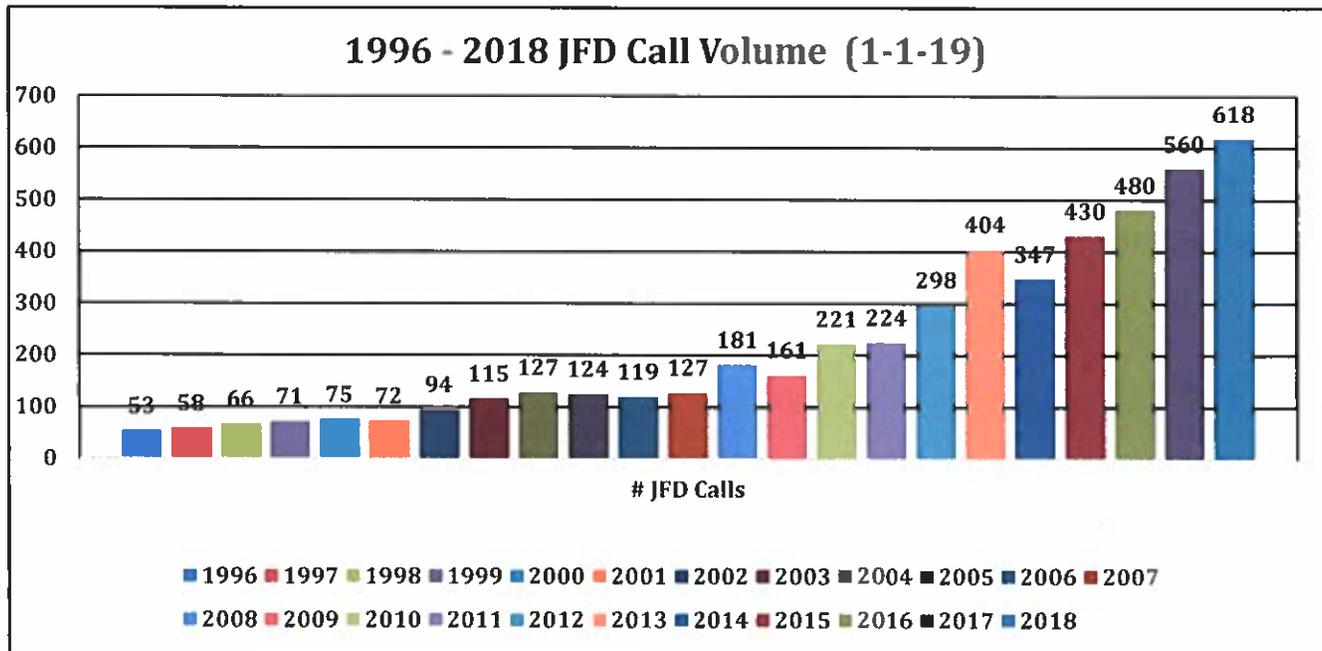
Jerome Fire Department would like to wish all a Happy New Year!!!!

We have reached the end of another year with another record year for calls to service at 618 calls and about 80 other events such as meetings, trainings, Rope Rescue Trainings and work sessions. Jerome Fire Department has progressively become busier each year, demanding more and more from its personnel. Some of these calls can be very stressful and dangerous for personnel. So, I would like to take this time to thank all of the Jerome Fire Department personnel who have taken the time out of their lives to go to college for EMT and Firefighter certifications and those who attended other trainings such as Rope Rescue, Wildland and many more, so they can help you on your worst day. I would also like to thank all those who show up to our regular training and those who respond to calls day or night 24/7.

1976 to 1995 - Number of Calls



1996 through 2018 - Number of Calls



In addition, Jerome Fire has been maintaining a three-man fuel abatement team, reducing fuel loads throughout Jerome. This program is in its second year and we have made great progress. This program has been funded thanks to grants provided by Yavapai County, State Forestry, Town of Jerome and Wildland money earned by sending our brush truck out to fires around AZ, CA and OR.

Jerome Fire would like to thank all the residents who have also participated in fuel reduction on their properties. This helps us to be able to protect their homes and our personnel in the event of a fire. Please remember not to throw your unwanted fuels onto someone else's property, we have the burn pile available to residents at UVX Road and Beale Street. If you need assistance with fuel removal or access to the burn pile, please contact Jerome Fire Department at 649-3034.

Annual Fire Extinguisher Service

The Jerome Fire Department, in conjunction with Life & Property Safety is again offering an inexpensive option for your annual

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fire extinguisher service. For a nominal fee of \$4.25 per fire extinguisher, a business or Jerome resident can have their fire extinguisher serviced. The service will be offered at the Jerome Fire Department on **Wednesday, February 13 beginning at 8am until 5 pm.**

Public Service & Public Works

Please remember if you have a water or sewer leak, contact public works at 928-634-7943, or if you have a traffic related event, please call Jerome PD at 928-634-8992. For all other matters, contact us at the Jerome Fire Department 928-649-3034

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 Jerome Fire Department.

-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.

Fire Chief, Rusty Blair

Greetings from The Chamber

Thank you to all the volunteers for assisting with Jerome's year-end events!

Once again, we wanted to share our purpose and what we do annually to enrich the businesses within Jerome. The JCC consists of business members, volunteers, and one part-time employee. It operates differently compared to our surrounding chambers due to its limited funds.

The JCC (non-profit organization) advances the civic, commercial, tourist, industrial and agricultural interests of the town of Jerome and its surrounding territory. Here are some of the JCC objectives and goals:

- Promoting business, community growth and development for new fundraising.
- Providing public awareness of community problems and correcting abuses that prevent such promotion of business and growth.
- Actively participate with Jerome's Free Shuttle, Parking and District Sign projects.
- Our part-time employee and a couple volunteers work the Visitors Center to answer general questions, provide guidance and promotion to visiting tourists. We provide maps of Jerome for directional convenience and business promotion for our members to outside entities.
- The JCC pays for promotional materials, donates and participates in community activities such as Light up the Mountain and the Town Dinner to name a couple (they were very well attended and received this past year, especially the *Town Dinner with Easy Listening Live Music!*)

One major fundraiser per year, The Annual Home & Building Tour, provides our budget. Please contact us if you have or know of a property for this year's event.

Please let us know by email (info@jeromechamber.com), if you have an interest in volunteering or joining and becoming more involved! Membership is open to all licensed businesses for a nominal fee. We meet on the first Friday of each month – upstairs at the Jerome Fire Station @ 8:30 am.

Wishing Everyone a Healthy & Prosperous New Year!



TREASURES IN THE OLD BOOKROOM

Jerome Public Library

The staff and volunteers at the Jerome Public Library, specifically The Old Book Room, would like to take this opportunity to salute Karen Wood, who has officially resigned as its Manager. Donating her time for the last six years, Karen has been the tireless driving force behind our one-of-a-kind repository of classic books (many filled with incredible illustrations), maps, photographs, collections and items of interest found nowhere else in Jerome. Her vision and determination will serve as an ongoing inspiration to all who respect this town's dynamic history.

Working closely with Librarian Kathleen Jarvis, Karen took on a literal mountain of dusty, vintage books that had been stored away and were destined for oblivion. She organized them according to the Dewey Decimal System, often hauling the bookshelves around by herself. Karen meticulously decorated the walls with antique maps, Jerome art and photos, transforming the classroom on the third floor into a user-friendly cultural destination for anyone so inclined. Donations of books and ephemera streamed in, which she carefully added to the archive.

I hope you'll join me in giving Karen Wood a tip of the miner's helmet for her dedicated service to The Old Book Room and Jerome.

-Michael Gallagher



JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

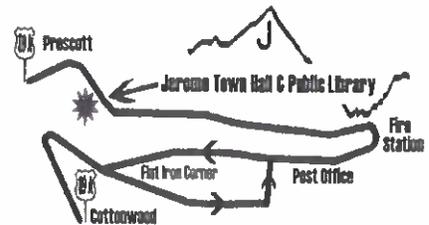
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Monday	10 am - 5 pm	Thursday	10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm	Friday	Noon - 5 pm
		Saturday	Noon - 2 pm



Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday & Thursday Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Or call for an appointment - library staff will be happy to open the Old Book Room for you.

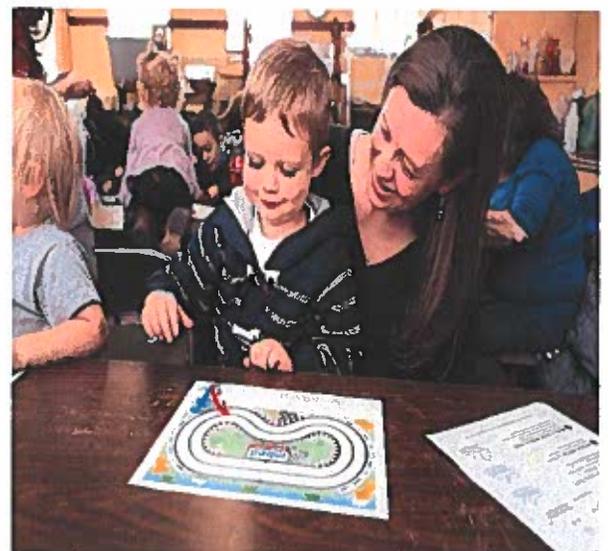
Community Art Workshop News

We are looking forward to Art Classes beginning in January with some old favorites; Pour Paint, Glass Mosaic and Rock Mandala painting along with something new, "Paint Party," a series of online painting classes shown on wide screen TV. Make sure we have your e-mail address if you would like to be notified of dates and times for classes. Call the Library at 639-0574 or email us at jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com.

We are seeking a volunteer to teach a digital photography class. No need to be an expert just be willing to share your enthusiasm for learning the basics of using a digital camera and teaching tips for taking great photographs.

We also need someone to teach a wire wrapping and or a beaded jewelry class for the Art Workshop. Classes can be held any time or day of the week and all materials are provided by the workshop.

Contact Kathleen or Jamie at the Library. 928-639-0574



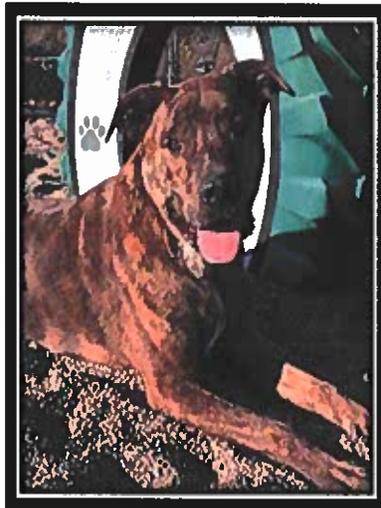
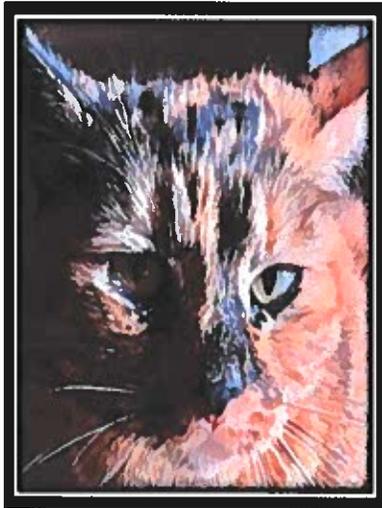
Jerome Library Bristlebot Workshop

Jerome Humane Society

Happy New Year, Jerome!

2018 was a year of great progress for the humane society, but also a year of great challenge. In the course of 12 roller coaster months, our clinic team suffered one broken arm, one broken neck, and three knees that "had to go". Despite these and other maladies that tested our grit, it was also one of our best years. Our annual fundraising events (including the first Woof Stock hosted by the JUO) were record-breaking, allowing us to add a new state-of-the-art digital X-ray machine and oxygen chamber to our clinic. And most importantly, we served more pets and their people than ever before!

The only goal we fell short on was our attempt to get two wonderful animals adopted: Lenny the Cat and Winston the Dog. Lenny is a loving, affectionate 3-year old tortoiseshell. She's a special kitty, currently living at the clinic. Winston is a 1-year old brindle pit-bull mix that we found happily running the streets of Jerome. He's 65 pounds and an energetic lovebug. To learn more about Lenny or Winston, text Sally at 928.301.5079.



And speaking of our Sally....her JHS team would like to take this opportunity to recognize this amazing woman and leader. Put simply, the Jerome Humane Society wouldn't exist without Sally's nonstop, warrior-like commitment. We "slow cat blink" you, Sally Dryer, and wish you the happiest of New Years!

And so, the Jerome Humane Society moves into 2019 renewed and fortified. We think it's going to be an amazing year (but in a good way...not in a crazy, 2018 kind of way!)

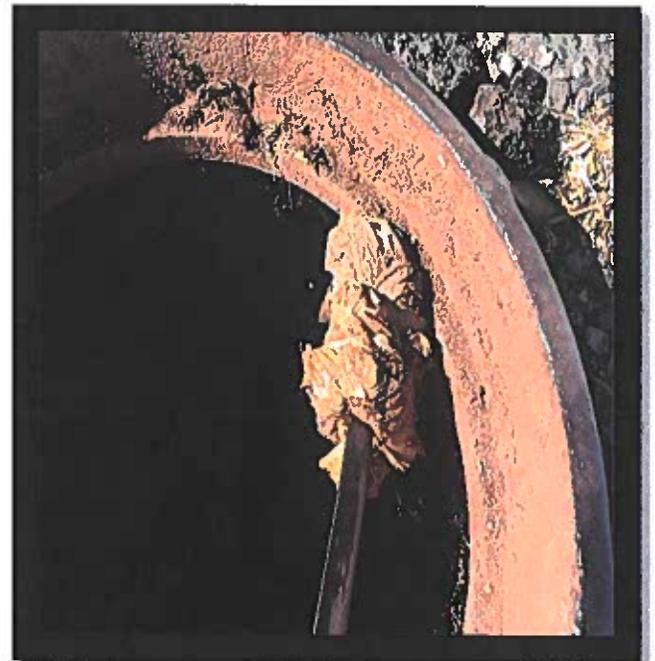
Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (during clinic hours only)
Appt. Phone: 235-5960

Public Works

Every year during the winter months we run in to more sewer issues. Our system is old and sensitive, it **cannot handle Clorox wipes or "flushable" wipes** that are sold in the store. If you could, please be mindful of this and what you flush, that would save us many hours of snaking our lines both during working hours **and late at night or on weekends**. We also see quite a bit of grease coagulates during these winter times as well, which as you know can cause problems. **Do not pour grease down your drains.**

We would like to thank you all for the ongoing support you give us throughout the year, also during the holiday season as we do our jobs. Thank you so much and have a Great New Year!!
-Marty Boland, Public Works Director



Police Dispatch Number

For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.

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

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