

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

June - July 2013

From the Mayor

In all seriousness, it's time to talk about Apricots. What an amazing natural resource we have in this town! Between yards, parks, orchards, gullies and hillsides, we have a plethora of naturalized and tended fruit trees, none so gloriously generous as the Apricot. I can openly discuss this abundance now that frost season has passed and those sweet little fruiting bodies are beginning to blush up for the coming harvest season.



So, I say to you now as the sugars are building with the last weeks before ripeness, BE PREPARED! The opportunity to eat one after another, jam and can them, dice them up and bake them into a delicious tart, glaze a pork tenderloin with them, blend them into a smoothie, dehydrate them for later, etc. will pass very quickly, and the remorse of not enjoying this essential feature of a Jerome summer is great.

Don't let the birds and the pigs consume all of this sacred fruit. Happy Harvest Season to you all!

Mayor Nikki

Ah, budget time. We are doing our annual triage, planning which most urgent projects we plan to fund this fiscal year.

It breaks my heart to see how much money is robbed from actual physical work to defend Jerome in court. Why the heck would someone who thinks cement is ugly ever want to be in Jerome where the beautiful exposed grout walls and flying buttresses are an integral part of our character? I don't get it. To take \$ from, say, doing the engineering it would take to save the wall above the horseshoe pits, and to use that money to enforce *International Fire Code* (and escape Town liability) is horribly painful.

I quote a fabulous letter from Jeroman Mary Conlin, titled "IMPROVING Jerome": "People move here because it is quaint and they love it. But, so often they soon want to IMPROVE it. Little by little the Town is getting whittled away. Soon we will be increasingly commercialized restaurants, rolled sod, and asphalt. Old dry stack and cement walls ARE Jerome."

"Through the decades, gratefully, there has been a wealth of residents who love the broken sidewalks, the old signs, and the funky [cobblestone] roads. We love them so much that we have been fighting to keep them for a long long time. And, interestingly, the tourists many times agree. It's not just commercialization they complain about, it's smoothing out all the rough edges that make Jerome Jerome."

Paraphrasing Mary here: If you imagine you want to change Jerome to be more like everywhere else, remember that the wildness and the lifeblood of Jerome is why we and visitors are HERE and NOT everywhere else. Budget meetings/workshops are open and we do appreciate input about what needs you feel are most urgent. Soon we will be seeing work on the Cleopatra Hill tanks, which has been one of my dearest goals for decades!

Anne Bassett

Meeting Dates for June, July, August 2013

Regular Council Meeting
June 11 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
June 5 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
June 10 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
July 9 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
July 3 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
July 8 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
August 13 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
August 7 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
August 12 at 7:00 pm

AS THE EGG FRIES

It's budget time again. To get a handle on the upcoming requests, let's look at the past, at the results of our current budget. So far this year...

The second water tank is up and running on Sunshine Hill; access to the Cleopatra tanks is clear, allowing us to refurbish them as well; the sewer plant road was



widened, letting pumper trucks in and out. The Rich Street sewer line was redone, the Giroux Street hydrant moved, the Hull Road and Holley Street walls repaired, the pressure reducing valve on Company Hill rebuilt. Our move to the new Town Yard is virtually complete. There's fresh grass and walkways in the parks.

What about Operations?

Along with mundane stuff, the Police dealt with that mental patient in the mine shaft, brought in the helicopters for December's midnight manhunt, and not long ago quietly averted a run-in with the Mongols (bikers currently warring with the Angels). They also removed an employee misappropriating Town equipment, an embarrassment caught quickly, avoiding serious harm.

Fortunately we had no fires this year, but the sirens tell of a busy Fire Department—with over a hundred medical calls and twenty highway accidents. Forty-six people were taken to hospital, six of them rushed there by helicopter.

The Administration makes it all happen—supplying tools and materials, finding funding, paying bills, filling empty personnel slots. “Admin” dances diplomatically—and legally—with our neighbors. It cares for, reports to and obeys the Council; it monitors, serves, and protects the townsfolk (from each other, the government, and outside forces). *And it is supposed to be invisible.* Most people, seeing the hand of government, react nervously.

Still, this year some things jump out. I'm told that preliminary work on the walk to the 300-Level parking lot (funding, survey, easement, and engineering) is in hand. A contractor waits in the wings for the Cleopatra tanks. P & Z minutes are now digitized and easily searched. The Comprehensive Plan moves forward, with new funding. There's new studio space in Town Hall. The new Library wing (the “old book” room) has opened. The weekend and Wednesday shuttle is operating. And everything came in under budget.

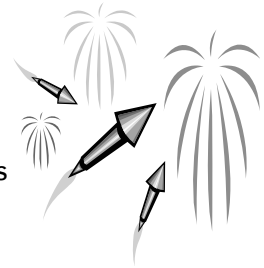
Going into hearings I'm hopeful. Despite the madness in state and national government, we can still hope that our money is well spent in Jerome.

Lew Currier

Town Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed
Thursday, July 4,
for Independence Day.

Trash will be picked up as
regularly scheduled.



Manager's Dugout



After 18 years with the Town of Jerome, **WALLY COATES** is retiring at the end of June! We are planning a **TOWN POTLUCK RETIREMENT PARTY** for him at Middle Park on Thursday, June 27, beginning at 5 p.m. Mark your calendar, and come on out

and join us!

BARRY WOLSTENCROFT is our new Building Inspector. He took the reins from David Stiever following David's retirement last month. Barry has a wealth of experience as a Building Inspector in the Verde Valley, and was able to hit the ground running.

He actually served as

Jerome's Building Inspector for a few years in the late 1980s, and knows our town well.

JONI SAVAGE is the new, smiling face you'll see at Town Hall. She is providing part-time bookkeeping assistance in the front office.

Have a great summer!

- Candace



Barry, Wally, Bob and Scott in front of the Firehouse Wall in 1998.

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



The warmer weather has arrived and with that is a reminder to be very careful with barbecues and outdoor cooking. Now is the time to reevaluate the defensible space around your home. Native vegetation plants are very dry and will burn at a violent pace. Be prepared and be safe.

During the fire department's annual spring fire hydrant and storm drain flushing it was noticed that there has been an abundance of discarded smoking materials thrown into the street. This can cause an immediate fire danger with flammable liquids leaking from vehicles. It is usually two bad events that cause a terrible fire. Also, the accumulation of discarded smoking materials is unsightly and distracts from the beauty of Jerome. Many shops in the commercial area take care and keep their sidewalk fronts clean. It would be great if we all followed their practice.

Independence Day, the Fourth of July is approaching.



Please be aware that fireworks are not allowed in Jerome. It is very dangerous and can readily start a fire. If you see or hear fireworks call 911 and report the address – the Jerome police department and fire departments will respond. Fireworks will not be tolerated in Jerome.

Have a fun and safe Fourth of July.

Let's keep Jerome safe.

We now have four new certified firefighters: Jay Kinsella, Ron Chilston, Travis Conoboy and Tyler Christensen. My thanks to them and I am looking forward to working with them.

The Fire Department is always looking for new members for fire or EMS or both. Free training, cool t-shirts, and drive big trucks with red lights. 5:00 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.

Jerome Chamber of Commerce 48th Annual Historic Building and Home Tour

The 48th Annual Jerome Chamber of Commerce Historic Building and Home Tour is now a part of history, and was a great success. We would like to thank the building- and homeowners for their generosity in welcoming our 1,800 visitors. They are: The Jerome Historical Society, the Town of Jerome, Carol Wittner-Roland, Nancy Crosby and Mike Parry, Joan and Ron Kennedy, Kathleen Jarvis, Anne and Tom Gale, Marge Graziano-Black, and The Jerome Historic State Park.

We would also like to thank the following for their cooperation and assistance:

The Jerome Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Rusty Blair; The Jerome Police Department; Chief Allen Muma; the Town of Jerome and the Town Crew; The Jerome Historical Society; and Salt River Materials Group. Thank you to Peggy Hicks for organizing the wonderful program at Spook Hall with Michael Henager, Director of the Mingus Union High School Jazz Band; James Ball, Director of the Mingus Union High School Choir; ATORT (A Troupe Of Ridiculous Thespians) and all of the students that gave up their entire weekend and performed. Special thanks goes out to Jay Kinsella for the many hours he gave in the planning, preparing and organizing of the tour. Thank you to Jeff Hall for arranging and setting up the radios that were such an important factor to the entire weekend. Thank you to all of the volunteers that were docents, loaders, drivers, and "whatever needs to be

done" helpers. Thank you to Deni Phinney and Lori Hartnett for their work in planning the Thank You Dinner for the volunteers. Thank you to Donna Chesler, Diana Martin and Rosemarie Shemaitis for their dedication in helping to make this and all of the past historic events such a great success. Thank you to the balance of our Home Tour Committee: Liz Gale, President of the Jerome Chamber; and Brighid Flaherty, Treasurer.

Finally, on a personal note, I have to say thank you to the Jerome Chamber of Commerce for allowing me to plan not only the Home Tour, but also all of the special events I have planned over the past seven years. Jeff and I have enjoyed being a part of this wonderfully historic town and owning a business here. We are moving to Henderson, Nevada, where Jeff is pursuing the career he loves most, security and police work. Suzie is pursuing her gymnastic and scholastic dreams there and I will be working for the Clark County School District. How ironic that I will be working for a county named after the very man who was such an integral part of the making of this town, William Clark. We will visit from time to time because we are leaving behind many wonderful friends that will be a part of our lives forever. Again, thank you and it is wonderful to be a part of a town that so many people are interested in visiting year after year.

Coleen Hall

Jerome Chamber of Commerce
Home Tour Director

General Plan Update

Visioning Process

The Jerome General Plan Steering Committee with input from the Community has developed the following overarching vision statement for the Town of Jerome's General Plan 2035.



The "vision" is the result of several meetings of the committee and public, as well as information garnered from a town survey.

"The Town of Jerome maintains its historic character, livability and status as a National Historic Landmark. We welcome visitors and encourage a viable and diverse business community, while preserving the balance that protects a high quality of life for its residents."



Jerome's Vision Statement will be used to direct the development of Guiding Principles, goals, policies and implementation strategies for the updated General Plan. Please feel free to send comments to c.ogden@jerome.az.gov or look for the General Plan comment box at the Jerome Library.

Carmen Ogden
Planning & Zoning Administrator
Historic Preservation Officer
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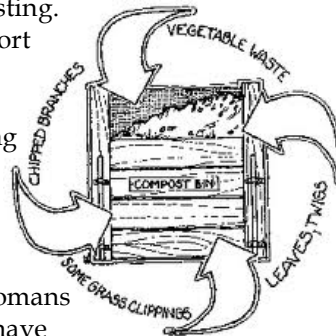
An electronic recycling event is coming soon! Check the posting boxes for dates and times.

Sustainable Jerome

By Henry Melody

The Steering Committee for the Town's General Plan is focused on Jerome continuing to be a viable and vibrant community for years to come. In the present, the focus of Sustainable Jerome is composting.

Anne Bassett continues to support composting in town and Phil Tovrea and I are working on a plan for a large-scale composting project that will require the cooperation of the town government, the mining company and our community at large. I've been talking to Jeromans who garden and would like to have



access to compost and some who would like to see a Farmers' Market in Jerome. While these ideas are being developed, Jamie Moffett, a long time gardener and even longer time Jerome resident, has expanded his gardening to provide fresh, healthy locally grown produce to Verde Valley residents.

You may have seen some notices posted around town or seen the article in the Verde Independent about Fresh Start Farms, which Jamie started in Cottonwood. The farm and produce stand are located a quarter mile past the Taco Bell going toward Sedona on 89A. Along with adding compost, Jamie tests the soil and adds minerals to maintain a healthy balance for producing highly nutritious and delicious (which Sybil and I can attest to) greens. Currently, Fresh Start Farms has varieties of chard, spinach and lettuce, plus radishes and snap peas. Other produce will become available over the summer. Hours this season are Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-Noon. There's nothing better than freshly picked local produce for highly nutritious eating and supporting the local economy as well.

If you're interested in composting or other sustainable issues, please call Henry Melody at 928-639-0158.

Jerome Kid's Art Workshop

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
from July 1 through July 24.



There will be two age groups per day. Those ages 1-6 will meet from 9:00 till 10:30 a.m. Parents will need to attend with their children.

Those aged 7+ will meet from 11:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to come for the last 20 minutes for a snack.

If you have questions, please call Emily at (214) 202-4608.

Jerome Humane Society

Once again Jerome has proven itself to be the most caring, involved and proactive small town in the World! Our Spring Flea Market, once again, a record breaker. You all helped us raise over \$6,200, which is enough to keep us going for several months. Thank you, thank you, thank you. It was fun too! The remainder of our donated items have now been contributed

to the Adopt For Life resale store in Old Town Cottonwood, benefiting the Verde Valley Humane Society.

Have you cruised down School Street lately? If so,

perhaps you have noticed the first installment of the dog waste stations. We love it and hope you do too. Artful and just obvious enough... we hope.

Hate to say it right now but we are always accepting donations for the next now "Famous Flea Market" in November. Donations can be dropped off at the clinic anytime.

Harley and Honda still hoping for the perfect forever home... got kittens too! Call Marge 639-1341, Sally 301-5079, or Mary 301-7797 for details.

Thank you all again and be sure to provide plenty of cool space, fresh water and shade for your four legged friends as this Spring and Summer heats up.



Harley and Honda waiting for their forever home.

Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

For Jerome Gardeners

Every now and then, a (hard-working, lucky?!) local gardener has an overabundance of plants, fruits or whatever. If you would like to share with your neighbors, please email Henry Melody at henry@melodylife.com. He has a list of locals only, who would love to share and enjoy the bounty that is in Jerome.

If you have need of something for your garden, contact Henry and he will ensure that others know of your need.



Hi Neighbors

Democracy is an unusual thing. Sure, it's been around in various forms since the ancient Greeks. However, even in this day and age, it is a still more rare form of government than we Americans might think, perhaps because we don't know exactly what it is. When I went online to determine just what the definition of democracy was, there were hundreds of opinions offered. The best one I could find was "rule by the people governed." And in Jerome, as in most of the U.S., as well as most modern democracies, the entire body of eligible citizens remains the sovereign power but political power is exercised indirectly through elected representatives; this is called representative democracy.

Currently, there are a group of citizens in Jerome who are using their democratic

right to convince elected and appointed volunteer members of your local government of the correctness of their opinions about a controversial subject. This subject is called Transient Dwelling Rentals (TDRs) or what are sometimes referred to as "Vacation Rentals." We've been a long time trying to determine just how to handle this "new" situation in our town and after more than a year, the only thing I can report to you about what the final outcome will be, is that some folks are going to be very happy and some very angry, no matter what the final decision will be.

So if you have an opinion, voice it. But remember, because we are a representative democracy, only the members of the boards, councils, and commissions have a vote. And ALL of those members took an oath to uphold all of the laws of this nation even above their perceived well being of Jerome. And, at no time did we promise to violate our oath in order to satisfy a citizen's financial or emotional needs or wants. And I hope we will continue to strive to act in the best interests of ALL the citizens of Jerome. And if our decision turns out to be in error, we can fix it. As President Kennedy once said, "An **error** does not become a mistake until you refuse to correct it".

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Police Dispatch Number

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

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



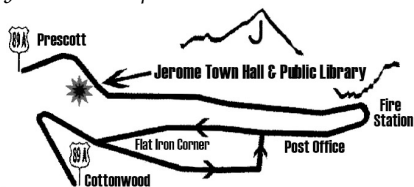
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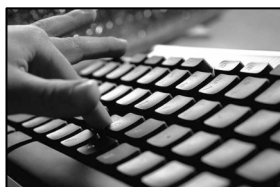
Sunday	10 am – 2 pm	Thursday	Noon – 8 pm
Monday	10 am – 5 pm	Friday	Noon – 6 pm
Tuesday	Noon – 8 pm	Saturday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10 am – 5 pm		



News From the Jerome Library

The Yavapai Library Network (YLN) in association with the Yavapai County Free Library District and the Arizona State Library and Archives is pleased to announce the availability of Zinio for Libraries, the world's largest collection of digital magazines. The YLN and the Yavapai County Free Library District are also announcing the availability of the UniversalClass online education service.

Zinio for Libraries. Patrons of any YLN library now have unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, including *Consumer Reports*, *Arizona Highways*, *National Geographic Traveler Interactive* and nearly two hundred more. These are all viewable on any Internet-enabled device.



UniversalClass offers over 500 courses, which are available online at no cost to the residents of Yavapai County. The courses range from the ABC's of Algebra to Meteorology Fundamentals to Spanish Cooking 101. Educators will be pleased to know the courses are accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) to count as Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Contact Kathleen at the Library to learn how to access this service.

Space for Rent at Jerome Civic Center

A studio/office space is available on the first floor at Town Hall. Call 928-634-7943, if interested.

To move in, you will need first and last month's rent plus a key deposit. Also, there is a monthly utility charge of \$50.

Studio 1 is 608 sq. ft. for \$475.60 per month, including the utility charge.

The income generated from this space directly supports the Jerome Public Library.

Greetings From Haven UMC

Haven UMC strives to be an active part of the Jerome Community. Haven sponsors many events throughout the year to which all Jerome residents and all from the Verde Valley are invited. Our Easter Egg hunt and our Navajo Taco dinner were just two of our recent successes.



As we move into the hotter months of summer we hope that some of you will decide to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Our food and clothing bank is open on Thursday mornings from 9:00-12:00 noon to benefit Jerome residents.

Our mission focus this year is "Imagine No Malaria." Sponsored by the United Methodist Church, this project supplies nets and insecticide, and training on how they are to be used, to the people of Africa. This effort to eliminate Malaria on the African continent saves one life for every \$10 donation. For information on donating to Imagine No Malaria, gifts can be given to Haven directly or can be made on the website at:

www.imagenomalaria.org.

2013 Pink Heals Event

The Verde Valley is gearing up for this year's Pink Heals event. For those of you that don't know about the Verde Valley Pink Heals, it is an event held to raise funds to help women in the Verde Valley with cancer. This event started three years ago in Jerome and over the years has included participation from several towns, fire departments and fire districts, including Camp Verde, Cornville, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, Montezuma-Rimrock and Verde Valley. Over the years, many individuals, businesses and restaurants in the area have pitched in, including Food City, Walmart, Manzanita Inn, the Switchbacks and many others.



In the past we were able to get the Pink Fire trucks from Phoenix to come up and help kick off this event. This year they aren't able to make it, but we are moving ahead without them. We have raised close to \$20,000, and, so far, have helped 13 women in the Valley. This year's event is going to be August 10, from 4:00 pm till ??, at Windmill Park in Cornville.

We are looking for volunteers, vendors, and raffle and silent auction donations. If you would like more information you can contact Deanna King at kingdeanna4@gmail.com, or Rosemarie Shemaitis at r.shemaitis@jerome.az.gov. Please join us for this very exciting event.

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