



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January – February 2017

This Time Next Year, Or 3 Dog Night

As my fingers hit the keys it is a couple hours ahead of my favorite time of the day – Sunrise. I know that Sunsets are beautiful, but I have always thought that Sunsets are about what has already happened. Sunrises are about what lies ahead – the promise of what the future will bring, the opportunity given us to shape what that future will look like.

So, as I write this there are only a few days left in the current year, and my thoughts move to this time next year – what is it that 2017 brought us, brought us here to the home we love – Jerome!

Here are the things that I hope we have accomplished by this time next year:

- Clean, Crystal Clear water every time we turn on the tap
- No more, ugly, orange fencing
- The deterioration of the Hotel Jerome has stopped, and our Jerome Citizen led task force is working on ideas for revitalization
- A sliding jail that is sliding no more
- An understanding of what is going on with our water supply
- A mutually respectful and cooperative relationship with neighboring governments
- Our Public Works Departments knows where the pipes go, come from, which ones are live, when the regulators were last fixed, have as-built schematics (I could go on)
- No tax increases
- A shuttle service between the 300 level parking lot and downtown for tourists, employees, and business owners to help alleviate the congestion on Main, Hull, and Jerome
- Develop a long-term plan for our fire department. Our department is now running over 500 calls per year (as a point of reference, Clarkdale went to a full-time department when their call volume hit about 450 calls per year). **And before the rumors get started, NO, I am not suggesting we start a full-time fire department**
- And while I am on the topic of rumors, any chance we could act like adults, and stop the slanderous and untrue rumors that spread like wildfire around town? Call me – I'll give you the straight scoop – 928-499-8421
- After many years, the horseshoe pits are finally in operation again (as our esteemed Vice-Mayor said in our last council meeting “can we please get something done”) Hear Hear.

Why 3 Dog Night as part of the title? Well, the night is almost over and the sun will soon be rising. Our 3 rescued Greyhounds are starting to stir and it will soon be 3 Dog Morning.....One of them is already over here getting petted and the other 2 are looking jealous. Like the rest of us, they love Jerome too!

-Home Sweet Jerome-

Frank Vander Horst

Meeting Dates for January, February and March 2017

Regular Council Meeting
January 10th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
January 4th Cancelled

Design Review Board
January 9th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
February 14th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
February 1st at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
February 13th at 7:00 pm

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As the Egg Fries

January, 2017

By now you may have heard that our Governor has invited UBER, the 21st Century taxi company, to test their driverless cars on Arizona's streets and highways. San Francisco, a true bastion of conservatism, recently banned them from that city's streets after they kept crashing red lights and doing other weird things, but Mr. Ducey is more future minded and welcomed them to our fair state as cutting edge development and a boon to business. I don't quite see the connection there, unless technology that eliminates taxi drivers can be seen to increase the available workforce, but the idea of bringing in fifty or sixty robotic cars fascinates me. I can hardly wait until they reach Jerome.

I think the concept is great. You could put crash dummies behind the wheel and no one would be able to tell them from the tourists. A few years ago we had a whole platoon of vintage cars try to go in Verde Avenue and up Fifth Street because GPS told them that was a shortcut to Prescott. Imagine the fun if they were robots! And think of the excitement on Company Hill if they took County to Magnolia to Giroux to get to the Grand Hotel. I love it. Moreover, they moved the robotic cars from California to Arizona on driverless tractor-trailers. I wonder if they took 89A? This could really be an adventure. When can I get a driverless Winnebago? But it's all for the best. When everyone has driverless cars and pickups it will solve Jerome's parking problems. For those with three and four vehicles you won't have to tie up all the neighborhood parking spots. You can just program your current ride to drop you off at home and then send it to park in a reserved berth out at the 300 Level. Install a timer or a wireless connection and it will pick you up in the morning. Valet service. No more fighting over parking places.

Maybe Ducey's got the right idea.



Lew Carrier

We thank you all for the support you have given us every year on decorating the park. We feel grateful for the help we receive in doing so. This year we want to thank the following people who helped make the towns decorations a success: Chris Cobb, Carl Miller, Michael Good, Evelyn Dickerson, Mark Ondera, Janet Farwell, Eric Roberts, Bob Bowman and Kevin Savage. If I forgot someone I do apologize. We hope everyone enjoyed the lights and had a great holiday season. Also Fred and I want to thank the Chamber for the gift certificate. It was greatly appreciated.

Fred and Diana Martin

Dear Jerome Friends:

First of all I want to apologize for the cancellation of our Christmas Eve Service. Unfortunately God had other plans for me. I was snowed in and couldn't make it out of Chino Valley. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and I hope the snow was a joy for you instead of an obstacle.

We at Haven wish all of you a blessed 2017 and pray for the best year ever.

Our food Pantry is going strong and we really appreciate all of the donations from the people of Jerome, especially all of those who donated at the Christmas movie night.

Thanks to all of you and know you are always welcome at our 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship.

Blessings,

Janet Keffer, Pastor

Haven United Methodist Church



Jerome Fire Department

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January 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year from the Jerome Fire Department! Just a friendly reminder to not leave your holiday lights up longer than 90 days.

Annual Fire Extinguisher Service

The Jerome Fire Department in conjunction with Life & Property Safety are again offering an inexpensive option for your annual fire extinguisher service. For a nominal fee of \$5 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 8, beginning at 8 a.m. The folks from Life & Property Safety will be at the Jerome Fire Department until 5 pm.

Fuel Abatement

During the winter months, vegetation is essentially bare, so now is a good time to remove any vegetation and create a defensible space around your home. Help us help you! Remember, the burn pile is always available by calling the fire department during normal business hours. We will accommodate your request by unlocking the burn pile gate. Vegetation only, no 2x4's, plywood or any other milled wood.

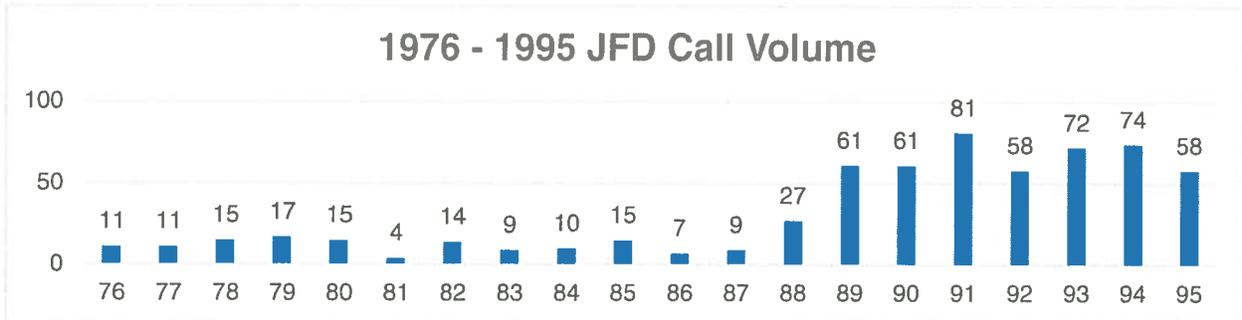
Public Service & Public Works

Please remember if you have a water or sewer leak, contact Deputy Public Works Director Marty Boland at 520-904-5272, or if you have a traffic related event, please call Jerome PD at 928-634-8992. For all other matters, contact us at the Fire Department 928-649-3034.

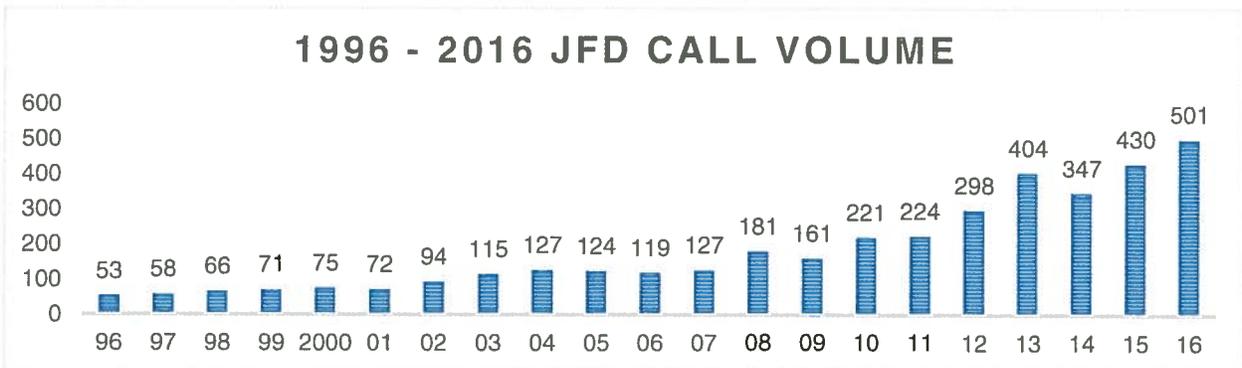
40 Years of Jerome Fire Department Call Volume

The Jerome Fire Department continues to serve the community 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Our members continue to provide an excellent level of service while staying safe and injury free.

Almost every year, from 1976 to present, our call volume has increased. These calls run the gamut, from motor vehicle accidents to snakes in the yard. The following two charts indicate the call volume increase over a 40-year span.



As of 12/28/2016@10 am, a total of 501 calls this year.



-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

On November 28th, 2016 the Town of Jerome hired a new Zoning Administrator. First, thank you to all who helped make this decision. I couldn't be happier right now. Second, I would like to give you some background on who I am as a person and as your new Zoning Administrator.

I have been on two wheels since I was In diapers and have never looked back. I have an extensive racing background, which eventually turned into volunteer work and doing these crazy sports for fun. I am also an avid mountain biker who sets goals and accomplishes what I set out to do. In October of 2012 I



Competed one of the Red Bull Rampage courses, which was one of my most desired goals to date. Having an obvious need to scare myself on a daily basis, I accepted this position (kidding) and feel like I can bring this type of "can do attitude" to the table.

I graduated from Northern Arizona University in December of 2015 with a degree in Geographic Science and Community Planning. Work experience includes time with USGS as a GIS technician and work with Coconino County Community Development as an assistant. The takeaway that I earned was the APA Best Student Plan award while attending NAU.

I'm sure you've heard this before, "I'm the right person." How many do we need to go through to get the right person in order to achieve our goals in town? I feel like if I am given the proper chance to prove myself, I will take this to the next level providing a solid foundation that this town can build off of. I've been in Arizona for many years and can't imagine living anywhere else; so you're stuck with me for some time. I don't plan on going anywhere anytime soon.

Where do we start? I assure you this is no easy task. My immediate goal is education on the Town. We all know that Jerome is different and needs special attention due to the historic nature we live in. Jerome prides itself on being a National Historic Landmark, but we are not immune to safety, maintenance, regulations, codes and other concerns as a town. There is an expected degree of maintaining your property so that costly repairs do not occur in the future. My objective is to assist you in achieving your desired improvements quickly. Please contact me if you have questions about what is and isn't allowed. My door is always open.

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

As the President of the Jerome Chamber Of Commerce (JCC) I wanted to share our purpose and what we do annually to enrich the businesses within Jerome.

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.

The JCC operates differently compared to our surrounding chambers due to its limited funds. The JCC consists of business members, volunteers, and one part-time employee.

- Membership is open to all licensed businesses for a nominal fee.
- Our part-time employee and a volunteer work the Visitors Center to answer general questions, provide guidance and promotion to visiting tourists.

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. We provide maps of Jerome for directional convenience and business promotion for our members.

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

Please let us know if you have an interest in volunteering or joining and becoming more involved. The JCC meets the first Friday of each month – upstairs at the Jerome Fire Station @ 8:30am.

Wishing Everyone a Prosperous New Year!
Kevin Savage – JCC President (info@jeromechamber.com)



TREASURES IN THE OLD BOOKROOM

Jerome Public Library

Not all the books in the "Old Book Room" are old, some are about old events. One such book is "1912-The Election That Changed the Country" by James Chance. It's the story of Woodrow Wilson, William H. Taft, Eugene V. Debs and Theodore Roosevelt. It is Roosevelt's face that ends up on Mount Rushmore.

Teddy Roosevelt was born on the 27th of October in 1858 to a well to do family in New York. He graduated from Harvard and went into politics. He was Vice President under William McKinley and when McKinley was assassinated, Roosevelt became the 26th president, serving from 1901 to 1909.

He was an environmentalist who enacted the 1906 National Monuments Act, protecting the Grand Canyon and wildlife sanctuaries. He put 200 million acres under the protection of the National Forest. In 1906, President Roosevelt was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his help with a treaty between Russia and Japan.



In 2001, President Clinton awarded Roosevelt the Medal of Honor for the Battle of San Juan Hill.

Theodore Roosevelt died January 6, 1919.

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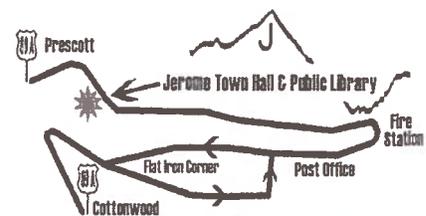
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Tuesday 10 am - 7 pm Friday Noon - 6 pm
Saturday Noon - 3 pm



Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday & Thursday Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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

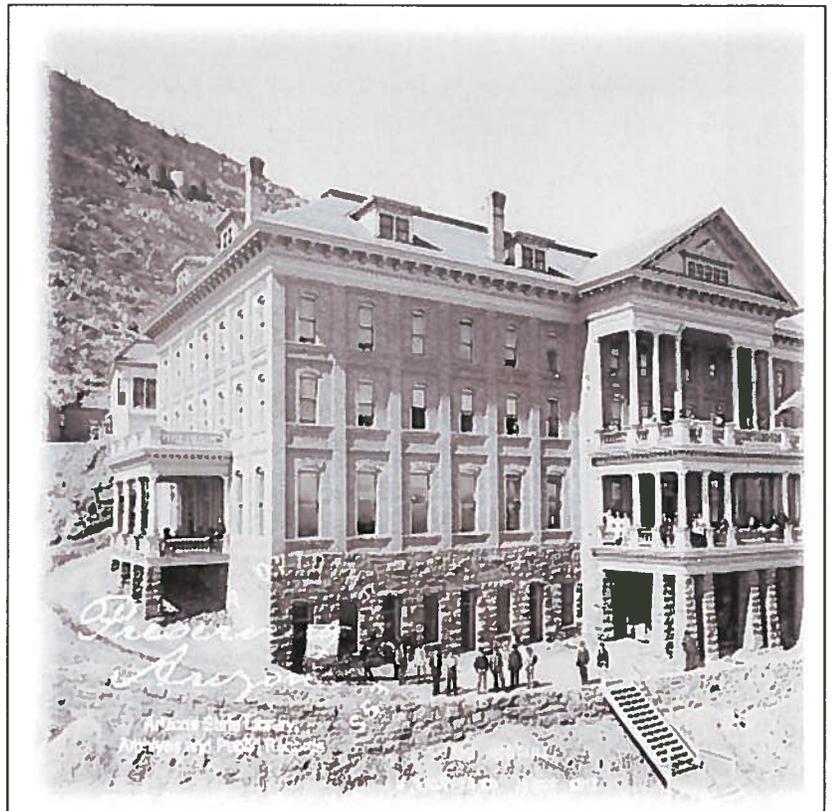
Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

*Did you know.....*that the Montana Hotel, which opened in 1900, had 200 rooms? And that doesn't count the 400-capacity dining room, 45 marble washstands, barbershop, and cigar stand. At the time, it was touted as being fireproof. Too bad it burned down on February 28th, 1915.

You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com or by stopping by the Mine Museum at 200 Main Street (open 9:30am - 6pm, 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



Jerome Humane Society

FLEA MARKET - As you put away your holiday decorations and new clothes, please bag up the "oldies but goodies" for the Memorial Day Weekend Flea Market. Drop donations off at the JHS clinic or Nellie Bly. Large items? Call [928-301-7797](tel:928-301-7797) for pick up.

WINTER HEALTH TIPS - Cold weather brings pet health hazards. Remember to boost food rations, provide plenty of water and check that it isn't frozen, and make sure that pets aren't exposed to icy temps for too long. Protect their feet with balm if you're walking on salted streets. Be alert for frostbite (firm, waxy, blistered skin) and stay away from antifreeze which dogs find delicious - clean it up if you can. Tap the hood of your car before starting it in case a kitty is snoozing in the warmth. If you see an animal chained outside without adequate food, water or shelter, please notify the Jerome Humane Society. Although AZ animal welfare laws are lax, we will try to intervene. Good tips: http://www.petmd.com/dog/care/evr_multi_caring_for_pets_during_winter

POISON WARNING - We recently admitted an extremely sick kitten and despite our best efforts it died in a day. Dr. Virginia determined that it was likely a victim of rat poison. Please take great care where you place poisons, and make sure no pets can reach them. Even better, look up humane and effective ways to get rid of mice and rats. Hmmmm, what comes to mind? Oh yeah, a cat!

LOST PETS - JHS has produced a flyer on what to do if you lose your pet as well as tips on preparedness and prevention. If you'd like a copy, come on over to the clinic or grab one at the post office.



Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (*during clinic hours only*)
Appt. Phone: 639-1341

Manager's Dugout



DID YOU KNOW ... that the State of Arizona Tax Credit program enables you to contribute up to \$400 (for a single taxpayer) or \$800 (for taxpayers filing a joint return) to a qualified charitable organization or qualified foster

care organization and receive a **direct dollar for dollar tax credit** on your Arizona tax bill? Contributions made to either type of organization that are made on or before the April 15 may be applied to either the current or the preceding taxable year. For more information, and to view a list of qualifying organizations, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue's website at

<https://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/QualifyingCharitableOrganizations.aspx>.

A REMINDER ... Please help protect the Town's sewer system (and avoid a nasty cleanup in your home) by **NEVER flushing any consumer item that is not toilet paper** into the sewer system, regardless of what the packaging promises. Put these items in the trash instead:

- Disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Mop refills (Swiffer's)
- Paper towels or paper napkins
- Facial tissues (Kleenex)
- Wash cloths, towels, rags, clothing (any cloth item)
- Tampons and feminine hygiene products
- Condoms
- Diapers
- Dental floss
- Plastic of any type

ONLY toilet paper and human waste should be flushed.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

- Candace Gallagher

Police Dispatch Number

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

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

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