

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

March – April 2014

From the Mayor

May is right around the corner and soon it will be time to put papers in for the next round of council. So, in this newsletter, I'd like to see if I couldn't stir a little civic engagement in the crowd. Though it can seem like an unrewarding, unpaid position, sitting on council can be a very rewarding duty. Looking back on my past two years, I feel extremely fortunate to have had this opportunity. It has been an enriching, educational, and mind-broadening experience. I was able to get more involved and connected with people shaping the future of Jerome, the Verde Valley, Northern Arizona and the State.



So, I would like to encourage you all to think about running for council, or encouraging someone with the right skill set to run. In my mind, the three most important characteristics of a good council member are:

- 1.) Levelheaded - One should be able to separate emotion from logic, and be able to look at how

choices affect long-term outcomes for the betterment of the Town.

- 2.) Respectful - Maintaining respectful communication with other council members, staff, and residents is crucial to keeping meetings productive and efficient. Being able to fully listen to other perspectives respectfully is essential.
- 3.) Agenda-less - Council members who run for the sake of addressing a single issue often become frustrated when they realize that the majority of our work doesn't touch their focal point. This is important since the job of a councilmember is to set aside their personal agenda and use their judgment to make decisions for the good of the Town.

So, if anyone is interested in what being on council entails, feel free to speak to Candace or me directly. The primary election will be held in August, but the election packets must be turned in by May 28. I look forward to seeing who'll be on the slate!

Best,
Mayor Nikki Check

Jeromans create trends, we are not followers.

Jerome's Comprehensive Plan foresaw that history, beauty and art were Jerome's greatest draws for visitors. So did a study done by the State Office of Tourism, which determined that Cultural Tourism is the best there is. The study showed that people coming for culture stayed longer, spent more money, and were the most thoughtful in their behavior, interests and questions. This is what has been and is now true and authentic about Jerome's global attraction. Cultural Tourism is the source of our economic stability and sustains our economic growth.

We cheapen and dilute our appeal by allowing such trends as wine tasting and vacation rentals to overtake, to damage, and to displace our real strengths and appeal. That goes double for fake "wild west" shoot-em-up mock battles. Jerome is not

Tombstone, thank you very much. In my opinion, some of us don't care about the long-term success of Jerome, but seek to follow trends from other places that are not beneficial to or appropriate for Jerome. We must not let this short-term greed damage or undermine what draws international travelers to Jerome. Participate in your Town government and make sure that your quality of life is not sacrificed to another's profit motive.

We have the real thing in abundance; beauty, history, charm, crafts, jewelry, ceramics, music, theater, dance and art. Our advantages enrich our future, just as it has proved out these past decades. Let us protect and stick with what works best for Jerome.

Happy springtime to us all!
Bassett

Meeting Dates for March, April, and May 2014

Regular Council Meeting
March 11 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
March 5 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
March 10 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
April 8 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
April 2 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
April 14 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
May 13 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
May 7 at 7:00 pm

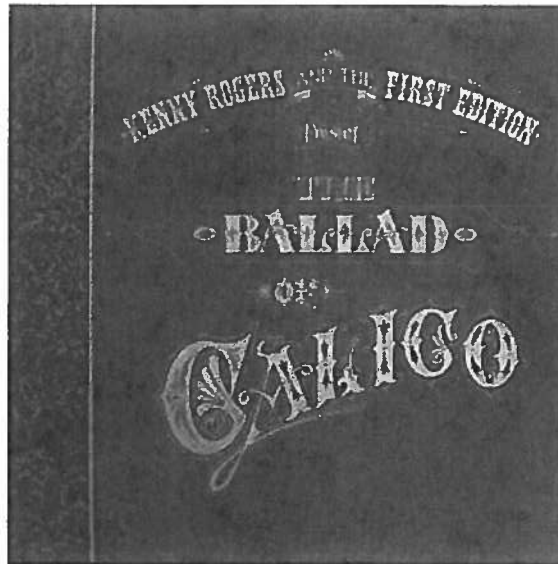
Design Review Board
May 12 at 7:00 pm

AS THE EGG FRIES

I found *The Ballad of Calico* on YouTube the other day ... the whole album. It's an oldie, of course. Came out in the early seventies, a studio album by Kenny Rogers, about an old silver mining town off the Mohave Highway in California.

Just like Lake Woebegone, Minnesota, and Cicely, Alaska (in *Northern Exposure*), Calico is a sister city to Jerome. Madam De Lil, Diabolical Bill, Dorsey (The Mail Carrying Dog) ... there are lots of characters in Calico you'll recognize, people you've known or met or heard of around our town. I'm told Vachel Carling's *Rubulator* was heard in Mexican Town as late as 1910. And Virginia, the school teacher, had a cousin lived on the Hull Avenue.

Living in these towns that are part (or all) myth is a strange experience. You hear the stories—and they're



sooo true—and you know the people—and they're sooo real—and sometimes it's hard to separate them from the stories and people around you. Was Diabolical Bill really Billy Bardow? Was Madam De Lil sometimes called Belgian Jenny? Didn't Dr. Fleishman have an office in the Flat Iron after he left Cicely? Wasn't that Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery at the top of the Gulch Road?

Whatever. The music is good. The stories are great. If you have a chance, listen to it. Remember (or dream) our past. It will help you

understand the present. You'll see the same folks all around you.

Lew Currier

Manager's Dugout



Are you interested in serving on the Town Council? Candidate packets will be available by April 28, and the deadline for submittal is May 28. The primary election will take place on August 26. For more information, contact me at 634-7943 or by email at c.gallagher@jerome.az.gov.

Are you registered to vote? The deadline for voter registration is July 28! If you haven't yet registered, voter registration forms are available at our Town Hall and Library, at the Post Office, at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and at the Yavapai County Recorder's offices in Cottonwood and Prescott. You can also register online at www.servicearizona.com.

There are two exciting projects slated for this spring!

- We expect to begin work soon on a **handicapped-accessible walkway** between the 300 Level parking area and the Jerome Fire Station. This project was made possible with funding from the Freeport-McMoran Foundation, and the support and assistance of Yavapai County.
- We will be **restoring the horseshoe pits** adjacent to Upper Park, and improving that area, including stabilization of the leaning wall there and other necessary repairs. This project was also funded by the Freeport-McMoRan foundation.



Speaking of spring ...

- We are planning a "Spring Clean Up" day in April or early May where our Public Works department will make the rounds to pick up your old appliances, unwanted furniture and larger trash, at no charge. Details are still being worked out, but watch for an announcement and information at our usual posting locations, on our website, and on our Facebook page!



Lastly ... two notes from our Public Works department ...

- During March, if you see members of our Town Crew checking out the sewer lines in your yard, don't be alarmed. It's all part of a much-needed project to **locate and map all the sewer lines** in Town.
- We would like to remind everyone that our **cardboard recycling bins** are intended for cardboard only. Lately, other materials have been ending up in those, which makes it difficult for our crew, time consuming and therefore costly to the Town.

My office is here to serve you. As always, please feel free to call, email or stop in anytime to share your thoughts, lodge any complaints, or just to say hello!

Happy Spring ...

- Candace Gallagher

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



ARE YOU READY?

Wildland fire season is coming. If your home looks like one of these, then you are not ready and the Jerome

Fire Department

will probably not be able to save your home.

A wildland fire is a fire that is out of control. Flying embers can destroy homes up to a mile away. So, prepare your home and property before fires start.

Here are some of the things you can do to prepare your home:

Roof: The roof is the most vulnerable part of your home. Homes with wood shingle roofs are at high risk of being destroyed during a wildfire. Block any spaces between roof decking and coverings to prevent embers from landing and starting a fire.

Vents: Vents on homes create opening for flying embers. Cover all vent openings with 1/8th inch metal mesh.

Eaves and Soffits: Eaves and soffits should be protected with non-combustible materials.

Gutters: Gutters collect dry leaves and small branches year round. Clean gutters on a regular schedule throughout the year.

Walls: Wood sidings, boards, panels or shingles are combustible. Keep a defensible space between your home and the vegetation. Large bushes, weeds and bamboo should not be in close proximity to your house.

Decks: Ensure that all combustible items are removed from underneath your deck.

Yard: Keep the area around your home in a neat manner. During the wildland fire season have a garden hose and garden tools readily available for your use, your neighbors use and fire department use. You may be away at the store or out of town when the fire starts and these tools can make a huge impact on the outcome of a fire.

Create a "fire-free" area within five feet of your home, using non-flammable landscaping materials and/or high-moisture content annuals and perennials.

Regular yard maintenance is very important. Keep trees and shrubs pruned six to ten feet from the ground.



Remove all dead vegetation from your property. Store firewood away from your house. Dispose of cuttings and debris promptly. To dispose of yard clippings call the fire station at 649-3034 and we will be glad to unlock the gate at the burn pile for your use.

Only yard debris is acceptable. No pallets, lumber, shingles, plastic or household garbage is allowed.

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce a community cleanup in Camp Verde. The cleanup will be at the Camp Verde Transfer Station, 2600 E. Highway 260. The cleanup will be open to Yavapai County residents for no charge on March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and April 3, 4, 5, 2014 from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Accepted items: household appliances, bagged trash, auto batteries, tires, furniture, and yard trimmings. Items that will not be accepted: loose trash, liquids, hazardous materials, cars, Ni Cad batteries, dead animals and no commercial dumping. Any questions, please contact the Yavapai County Public Works Solid Waste Division at 928-771-3183.

The Town of Jerome adopted the International Fire Code and the Property Maintenance Code (Ordinance 358) on 7/9/2009. To report possible code violations, please call Town Hall at 634-7943.

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!! If you wish to join, please contact Chief Blair at (928) 300-8701 or you can e-mail your interest to blair@jeromefire.us or jeromeauxiliarysecretary@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support.



Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

The Jerome Library

Almost 40 years before the Civil War, Henry A. Tanner of Philadelphia published the "New American Atlas," containing maps of the known continents and American states as they were in 1823.

Although the book has been damaged, 14 of these wonderful maps have been saved and are on display in the Old Book Room - come and enjoy!



Old Book Room Hours

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

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

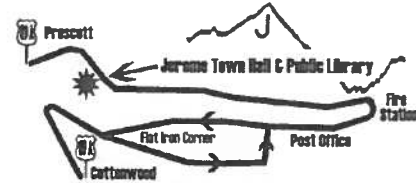
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Sunday 10 am - 2 pm Thursday Noon - 8 pm
Monday 10 am - 5 pm Friday Noon - 6 pm
Tuesday Noon - 8 pm Saturday CLOSED
Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm



JEROME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Allen Muma, Chief of Police

Recently, callers identifying themselves as "APS," have been contacting businesses in Jerome and advising the business that they are behind on their electric bills. They are saying that to avoid a disconnect of their power, the business must authorize an ACH payment over the phone. In order to process this payment, "APS" needs the bank account and routing number for the business account.



THIS IS A SCAM! Do not give your bank account information to anybody, unless you are certain of who it is, and that you called them! Under no circumstances should you give personal information to somebody who has called you. Even banks will only ask for the last four digits of your social security number, or a personal PIN, in order to identify you.

We investigated the last complaint and identified the call as being made from a "Magic Jack" phone with a Montana area code. Many of these calls originate in Nigeria, but by using the "Magic Jack," they make it appear as though the call came from within the United States.

If you suspect you are the victim of fraud, contact the police department and submit the information to the FBI at www.ic3.gov.

A Message from the Zoning Administrator

Announcement: The Planning and Zoning Department and Building Inspection Office have moved to the third floor at Town Hall.

Celebrate the Coming of Spring with a Birdhouse Created by Jerome Art Walk Members

Do you love birds? How about art?

On Saturday, April 26th, Jerome Art Walk will be hosting an event that merges the two. Fifty artists will create birdhouses, most

from the same basic kit, each with its own theme and personality. The masterpieces will be sold at Spook Hall in Jerome from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Proceeds for the sale have been earmarked for advertising the Art Walk event on Public Radio. The price will be \$55 for most birdhouses with a few special custom designs selling for more.

The sale coincides with the Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival in Cottonwood on April 24-27. This event at Dead Horse Ranch State Park raises the profile of the Verde River and its rich ecosystem.

Last year's event recorded the sighting of 198 species of birds. A portion of the profits will be donated to the festival.

Jerome Art Walk is the first Saturday of every month from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our small mountain community boasts 25 galleries and studios and has been a unified group for eight years. With the support of local merchants, the Town of Jerome and the Jerome Historical Society, this well-known event has become one of the highlights of the calendar of events.

Celebrate spring with a Birdhouse and support Jerome Art Walk! For more information visit jeromeartwalk.com or call Danny at 928.451.1883.

Wrenched Showing at Spook Hall

ML Lincoln's feature documentary *Wrenched* will be screened at Spook Hall on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.

The film *Wrenched* captures the passing of the monkey wrench from the pioneers of eco-activism to the new generation, which will carry Edward Abbey's legacy into the 21st century.

The fight continues to sustain the last bastion of the American wilderness – the spirit of the West.

Admission is free; donations are accepted.

For more information, please visit www.wrenched-themovie.com.

Town of Jerome Computer & Electronic Recycling Event

Time to bring in your unusable electric items. The Town of Jerome will again be partnering with Westech Recyclers for an electronic recycling event.

From Monday, March 10, till Monday, March 31, we will be accepting electronic items for recycling at Town Hall at 600 Clark Street.

Bring your items Monday thru Thursday, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and bring your fee in cash, if a fee is required (see below).

Items that can be recycled for free are:

- Computers, laptops, monitors
- Network cards
- Routers
- Hard drives and Floppy and CD-ROM drives
- Fax machines, telephones, cell phones
- Coffee makers, toasters
- Test equipment, wire and cable, power supplies, circuit boards
- Video game equipment
- Calculators, credit card machines, etc.
- Printers, copiers, typewriters
- Vacuum cleaners
- Stereo equipment



Items that require a fee are:

- CRT televisions \$10
- Rear projection televisions \$25

By recycling these kinds of items, you will help to keep lead, mercury and other harmful materials out of our landfills. Thank you for your participation in keeping our communities and Arizona clean and beautiful.

For more information, contact Rosemarie Shemaitis, 634-7943, or Tom Holland, Westech Recyclers, (602) 432-4046 or go to their website at www.westechrecyclers.com.

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Greetings From Haven UMC

Dear Jerome friends:

Spring is blooming all around us, albeit early, and with that comes the season of Lent and Easter.

Haven United Methodist Church joined with Mountain View UMC, Cottonwood; Sedona UMC; and Camp Verde UMC for an Ash Wednesday service at Mountain View UMC on March 5.

Haven will celebrate Maundy Thursday service on April 17th at 6:00 p.m. and Good Friday service at noon on April 18th in the sanctuary.

We will also be celebrating Easter on April 20th with two services - the first is a 6:00 a.m. Sunrise service at the 300 level parking lot and a second service will be in our Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., with



a brunch served in our Fellowship Hall in between the two. We would like to encourage you to join with us on the special day as we celebrate the resurrection.

Our food pantry remains open on Thursday mornings, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. If you know of someone who is in need of assistance, please let them know.

Haven UMC enjoys being part of the Jerome Community and we hope you will consider us part of your family.

Janet and Michael Keffer, Pastors

Spaces for Rent at Jerome Civic Center

Two studio/office spaces are available on the first floor at Town Hall. A third space is being renovated and will be ready to rent soon. Call 928-634-7943, if interested.

To move in to any of them, you will need first and last month's rent plus a key deposit.

There is a monthly utility charge of \$50 for each rental space.

Studio 1 is 608 sq. ft. for \$475.60 per month, including the utility charge and Studio 3 is 661 sq. ft. for \$512.70.

The income generated from these spaces directly supports the Jerome Public Library.

Police Dispatch Number

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

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

Jerome - A Town of Great Beauty!!

Spring is in the air and one can't help but look around the Town of Jerome and marvel at all the beauties of nature and created artifacts. The words of the poet, John Keats, might even come to mind: *"A thing of beauty is a joy for ever: Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass into nothingness..."*

There is the exceedingly picturesque view of the mountainous terrain, which makes up Jerome and surrounds the town! There are many, many shops throughout Jerome in which artisans display their creations: creations which came first from the imaginings of their mind and heart and then lovingly created with their hands so that others could share in the beauty of their visualized imaginings. One could even say that there is beauty sent forth from the restaurants, which serve delicious meals that are pleasing to the eye and to the palates.

And, in Jerome, there is a house of worship, which has been home to another thing of beauty - a Kilgen and Son pipe organ! Very recently we Friends of Holy Family Catholic Church were privileged to receive a visit from Mr. Charles Kegg, the President and Artistic Director of Kegg Pipe Organ Builders in Ohio. This very personable and knowledgeable CEO expressed amazement at how well preserved the pipe organ is, which may not have been played since after 1979, the year the Church's beloved pastor, Father John Atucha, passed away. Mr. Kegg stated in his letter of evaluation, "The Kilgen pipe organ is a most interesting and unusual instrument!"



In order to restore the pipe organ, estimated to have been built especially for the Church between 1900 and 1915, a fund-raising campaign shall be initiated. Hopefully, within a year, work can be commenced. Thereafter, the pipe organ will provide music for little concerts of sacred music. We invite all residents of Jerome and visitors to support us in these efforts by extending your well-wishes, passing the word to others, and even taking a moment to offer a prayer for the success of restoring to Holy Family, an instrument which provides beautiful sounds to please the ear and the soul. Yes, it is our desire that this thing of beauty not be allowed to pass into nothingness.

Happy Easter to all and have a beautiful Spring!
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