



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

November – December 2014

From the Mayor

Dear Jeromans,

It's autumn now and change is in the air. While, at times, it can seem as though the moments of life are dripping by in a slow, monotonous manner, and that perhaps some form of great equilibrium or consistency has been achieved, it is at times like this when it is easy to see the pure illusory value of such a thought.



Along with the seating of the new council, set for November 12th, there is much change occurring so very quickly for me personally. You may have caught a glimpse of me around town and wondered if I might be suffering from an abdominal tumor, or perhaps a bad case of bloating. Indeed, the truth is that I only have another three months to countdown before I take on an additional (though very welcome)

role in the form of motherhood. In addition, after the primary election, my dear fiancé decided that he would rather be my husband and quickly set a wedding date for November 15th. It has been a whirlwind couple of months for me and I know I'm not the only person adjusting to some major life events.

So, in the spirit of autumn, let us embrace the changes that are before us all, and support each other through the great transitions that are sometimes thrust upon us. At this moment, I am so grateful to be a part of this community, and I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to serve you as Mayor. It has been a life changing experience for me, and I do hope that I have provided some good work for you all in my service. I look forward to serving you on council for just as long as I am able.

Wishing you the best,
Mayor Nikki Check

AS THE EGG FRIES

Leaves are falling, Thanksgiving is close, time to harvest the year and get ready for winter. We got the tanks on Cleopatra refurbished and the sidewalk to the 300 level built. We've a new Council and a new Zoning Administrator. Sales receipts are up over last year, so Main Street should be happy. For other townies, for several years now utility rates and property taxes have NOT gone up...and there has been inflation. So I hope that helps.

The Fire Department Picnic, the Halloween Dance and the Humane Society Brunch were fun. The Chamber's Holiday Lighting, Kid's Party and Town Potluck Dinner are almost upon us. We passed the Civil Union bill (it's



been used already). I hope that makes folks happy as well.

I wish we had done more: solved the rentals problem, fixed the O'Keefe wall and rebuilt the road to the sewer plant. Put a chicken in every pot. But there are always projects that don't come as fast as you want.

So for now, it's lay in your wood or propane, winterize the car, dig out the sweaters and scarves. Some things did go right. When the snow is falling, when we're sitting sipping brandy (or hot chocolate) by the fire, then we can look at next year and spin new plans.

Lew Currier

Meeting Dates for November & December 2014 and January 2015

Regular Council Meeting
November 12 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
November 5 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
November 10 at 7:00 pm

Council Meeting
December 9 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
December 3 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
December 8 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
January 13 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
January 7 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
January 12 at 7:00 pm



What a fabulous few terms on Jerome Town Council it has been! Thanks to Council action (including paying off a bond early) and planning, grant-writing and organizing by Candace & staff, we turn

Jerome over to the new Council in good financial shape and in better infrastructure condition than it has been in a long time. It has been so gratifying to be part of proactive work, replacing problem areas instead of just patching.

During the budget process, we have planned for other, urgently needed work. One of my favorites, although less critical than some others, is fixing the stairs between School Street and the bottom floor of Town Hall. I hope that this may help get those rooms, whose rents help support our library, leased out.

This next Council, because of how the State changed the method by which votes are counted, is the first one elected (four of five seats) by a minority of the ballots cast. Please do watch what happens next. You can monitor by coming to Council meetings or by getting minutes, either hard copy or over the net. **Please see if what you were told about the effect of your vote is what really happens.** Maybe, if your Council is not getting Jerome what was promised, you can change the outcome.

I do fervently hope that Council will continue with funded plans to get the horseshoe pits back, remove chronic water leaks on Hampshire, upgrade the Gulch septic system, and address the School Street steps.

Best wishes

Anne Bassett



Town Holiday Schedule

Veteran's Day, November 11
Thanksgiving, November 27 & 28
Christmas, December 25
New Year's Day, January 1

*Happy Holidays from
the Town of Jerome*

The Jerome Kids Christmas Party

The Jerome Kids Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 13, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Spook Hall.

In order for Santa to confirm this year's list of children, please contact Burt Doss at 928-301-3125 to make sure your little one is listed at the right age with their name spelled correctly. Make sure to tell Santa what they would like. All requests for "anything" will be taken literally, so please take the time to let Santa's Helpers know what your child really wants.



All JEROME children up to age 12 are eligible to participate; if you own a business in town or live here, your children/grandchildren qualify to participate. There will be a sign up sheet at Paul & Jerry's Saloon and a raffle prize window there as well so that any local artists and merchants can donate prizes.

As always, we ask PARENTS to bring

snacks for the kids, and beverages will be provided by Santa's helpers.

For questions please contact Burt Doss at 928-301-3125 or Rebekah Kennedy at 928-554-3477.

"THOSE WHOM WE LOVE AND LOSE ARE NO LONGER WHERE THEY WERE BEFORE. THEY ARE NOW WHEREVER WE ARE."

— ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

IN MEMORIAM

Gayle Bellotte

Dora Gallardo

Andrew Kosek

Peggy Mason

Bill Phinney

Paula Taylor

Margaret Thede

Mary Lou Thompson

Don Walsh

Hello Jerome!

By Al Sengstock, Zoning Administrator

It is my pleasure to be your new Zoning Administrator. As a matter of introduction, I have been a Zoning and Planning Professional for twenty-seven (27) years; and many of those years have been spent in Yavapai County. I began my career working out of the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning office in Cottonwood as a Zoning Inspector, covering all unincorporated areas on this side of the mountain. I have been professionally responsible for the administration of everything from Code Enforcement, affordable housing programs and alternative energy efforts and programs, to Neighborhood and Community Service divisions and programs. Additionally, while working in California, I was a Certified Peace Officer where I worked out of two different police departments and became certified as an environmental investigator and enforcement officer. So you can see that I have been involved in almost every aspect of County and municipal government. However, prior to entering this profession, I owned and operated a family retail business, so I understand the pressures and challenges of the small business owner.

I see my profession as a true customer service....if you use me as a resource. My/our objective is actually to help our citizens to achieve their goals and objectives, while following the codes and ordinances, which the Town of Jerome has established to guide itself, and to which we are all obligated; *not* to prevent or obstruct your objectives. Whenever you plan on making any improvements or additions to your property, or if you wish to change from one use to another (mostly commercial) stop by, and let's talk about your plans *ahead of time*.

No one knows how to navigate the codes better than a zoning professional. If there is a way to get you to where you want to go...land-use wise, while still complying with the intent of our codes and laws, we'll find it. If, for

some code-related reason we can't get you there, it will not be for a lack of looking at all *legitimate* options.

I Love Jerome, and as funny as this sounds, when I first visited Jerome in the mid 70's, I actually went to the Disco which used to be in what is now Town Hall, where I work today! Talk about full circle! Maybe I should wear my bell bottoms and gold chains.

I look forward to serving you for a long time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me...*ahead of time*, at 928-634-0715, or email me at a.sengstock@jerome.az.gov



The Jerome Library Fundraiser a Success

The October 23rd fundraiser and silent auction brought in a total of \$870, thanks to the efforts of Diane Rapaport who read excerpts from her new book "Home Sweet Jerome."

Donated art by Anne Bassett, Mark Hemleben, Jo Van Leeuwen and the late Les MacDowell provided Jerome art lovers with many paintings to choose from.

If you did not get a chance to bid at the auction the library still has many paintings by Les to choose from.

Signed copies of "Home Sweet Jerome" are also available for sale.

Kathleen Jarvis



JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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		



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.

Library Holiday Closures

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 27, 28 - Thanksgiving

December 24, 25 - Christmas

January 1, 2015 - New Years Day





TOWN OF JEROME DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Dear Resident,

Shephard Wesnitzer, Inc. is acting on behalf on the Town of Jerome to develop a Drainage Master Plan for the Jerome area. The project is being funded by the Yavapai County Flood Control District. This Notice of Community Meeting is being provided so that you may attend the meeting and provide comments to us in regard to storm water drainage issues that may be affecting your property.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with an overview of the project and gather information that would assist us in our preparation of the final report. We will have aerial photo base maps of the Town with the known drainage facilities shown. We would appreciate it if you would attend the meeting and provide any insight you might have in regard to localized drainage issues. The meeting date and time are as follows:

LOCATION: Town of Jerome Town Hall Council Chambers
600 Clark Street
Jerome, AZ 86331
DATE: December 3, 2014
TIME: 5:00 PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT

Manager's Dugout



DID YOU KNOW ... that the State of Arizona Tax Credit program enables you to contribute \$200 (for a single taxpayer) or \$400 (for taxpayers filing a joint return) and receive a **dollar for dollar tax credit** on your Arizona tax bill?

The full amount can be given to the qualified charitable organization of your choice AND a school of your choice, and no itemization is necessary.

As a way of spreading the word, and encouraging charitable donations, the Town Council has declared

November 2014 as Charitable Tax Credit Giving Month in Jerome, urging residents to keep their money local by making a donation to a qualified local charity and school.

For more information, and to view a list of qualifying charitable organizations for 2014, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue's website at <http://www.azdor.gov/taxcredits.aspx>.



- Candace Gallagher

From the Jerome Chamber of Commerce

The holidays are around the corner and Jerome will be center stage for some memorable events. First up will be Light up the Mountain on November 29th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. A hearty troupe of lighting volunteers will decorate the park prior to the event. To donate LED lights to the display, bring them to Diana Martin at Mooey Christmas or call 301.9765. Santa will come to town to officially start off the season, photos will be taken with Santa, the Mingus Union High School Choir will be on hand for the entire afternoon and luminaria will be lit throughout the town. If you can



Photo by Donna Chesler

help with lighting or placing the luminaria around town on November 29th, contact Diana. The Polar Express Party comes to town once again on December 5th. This yearly event delights our Verde Valley children and has become a sold out favorite. Want to volunteer? Call Diana to help from about 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. We need servers, ticket people and, in general, extra hands.

There will be a contest for best holiday lighting in the business district with cash prizes awarded at the town dinner on December 13th. We encourage all of our businesses to get in the spirit of things and have the lights up by Thanksgiving weekend. Voting will be open to everyone until December 12th and ballot boxes will be at the post office and various places in town.

Also thanks to our volunteers that helped to make the Sedona Plein Air Festival Jerome Day a huge success. We were wonderful hosts, as usual, and some fantastic art was created on October 21st.

From the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, we wish you all a happy, healthy holiday filled with love and joy.

Liz Gale

Jerome Chamber President

**Town offices will be CLOSED
on Tuesday, November 11
in observance of
Veteran's Day.**

**The Regular Council meeting
will take place on
Wednesday, November 12.**

Jerome Humane Society



In spite of that, The Jerome Humane Society Brunch was an enthusiastically attended soggy success! Apparently the attraction of Marge Mitchell cooking and the spectacular

Honeymoon Cottage

venue was enough for a dedicated crowd to brave the storm. Certainly the four, yes four, renditions of The Beatles' "Here Comes The Sunday," by Tommy Rocks saved the day! The sun came out at 10:15, spirits were high, the auction and Carrie Anderson (auctioneer) delightful. We raised fifteen thousand dollars for our Humane Society and a good time was had by all. Whew!

Next on the agenda ... FLEA MARKET. November 15th and 16th. As usual, we open the doors for locals at 8:00 a.m. We are still taking donations. Call Sally 301-5079 or Mary 301-7797 for pickups. "Stuff" can be dropped off at the clinic anytime.

We are still looking for a forever home for 9-year-old sister cats "Amber and Greeneyes." Black, declawed and very, very sweet... they just want a comfortable lap to nap on! Could that be you? Call Marge at 639-1341 for more on the story.

If cats aren't your thing, how about a couple of burros? Mother and son combo need a home. Inquiries to Judy Pemberton, (602) 432-8670.

Western Heritage kitty "Chop" was hit by a car on 89A last month. Due to a quick thinking combination of Tara Mullins, Cid Barber, Steve Harris, Kate Roberge and the Jerome Humane Society, Chop is recovering and will be chasing mice again soon. He had extensive injuries to his jaw and was wired back together by specialist mobile vet Dr. Vasquez in Camp Verde. He had a feeding tube for a short time and nurse Kate has taken excellent care of him during his recovery.

On another note, Vi Bruno has moved away from Jerome and could not take her 8-year-old kitty, "Sue." Fortunately, a fan of the Jerome Humane Society living in Sedona stepped forward and has taken Sue into her home. She is doing well and, we have been told, loves to sit in the window at the very top of the scratching tower enjoying the red rock views... Don't you just love happy endings!

THANK YOU JEROME!

Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



It seems as though the Holidays are upon us. Yes, we're talking about Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve. It just doesn't seem possible that we are at the tail end of 2014. We at the Jerome Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

We would like to bring you up to date on a few items. You may have noticed the new completed sidewalk from the 300 level parking lot to the fire station. A \$22,000 Grant from Freeport-McMoRan ensured that we were able to obtain all the materials and labor needed for the



project. Yavapai County supplied all the surveying, easement and guardrail work. The town crew also helped with the project as well as several volunteers who donated time and equipment. It is a wonderful thing to see our visitors using the sidewalk safely as they descend from the 300 level parking lot, sometimes stopping and leaning against the rail to take in the wonderful view of the Verde Valley. Thank You Freeport-McMoRan, the Jerome town crew, Yavapai County and all of the other folks who donated their time! This important project was only made possible by the cooperation of all who participated.

Saturday, October 25th marked the 40th Annual Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary's annual Halloween Dance. This year's theme was "Ghostly Miners & Soiled Doves of the Past". There were prizes awarded for the top

costumes with the grand prize going to the best representation of the theme, voted on by the crowd. This is our big fundraiser for the year, grossing \$9,387, netting \$6,741, which helps the Auxiliary with providing water, t-shirts, pants, boots and many other items for our volunteer firefighters. A big Thank You goes out to all of the businesses that donated items for our costume contest! They include the Jerome Grand Hotel, The Asylum, The Connor Hotel, The Surgeon's House, the Mile High Grill & Inn, The Bordello of Jerome, Bobby D's BBQ, Grapes, The Haunted Hamburger and the Flat Iron Café. We would like to thank all of the Volunteers who also donated their time and energy to make this event possible.

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.

**Join your friends and neighbors at
the Jerome Holiday Dinner on
December 13, at Spook Hall.**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass! Cash bar.



Police Dispatch Number

For emergencies, always call **9-1-1**.
For all other situations, call police
dispatch at **634-2245**.

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