



POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

September – October 2014

From the Mayor

Dear Jerome residents,

Though it's been nearly two weeks since the primary election, as I write, the official results of the election have just come back to us. As many things are different about this election, I want to thank Candace for all the work she has done to understand the processes, procedures and policies that were involved here. There are many things that Jerome is not used to in this election, on a local, county, and statewide level and I wanted to go through some of this with you because I feel it's important that we know how elected officials get elected!



Usually, things are pretty simple in Jerome, as not more than a handful of people run. We also usually have a spring election, which has changed due to legislative action in 2013. Normally, we don't even think about a general election, as five people are usually elected in the primary. It seemed there was a chance we could have gone onto a general election. All candidates, elected in either election, would be seated within 20 days of Election Day November 4th.

Corresponding with County regulations and interpreting the Town Code seemed to indicate that receiving more than 50% of the number of ballots (169) not the number of votes (626 - each darkened circle would equal a vote) would elect a candidate in the primary. This is good logic, as it keeps elected officials responsible to over half the voting population. However, unbeknownst to us until recently, Governor Brewer signed HB 2126 into law in April, which mandates that officials be elected based

on receiving more than 50% of the number of votes, not ballots, divided by the number of seats available to come up with the amount of votes it takes to win. Jerome's official results count was 626 votes, which, divided by 5 would equal 125.2 and 50% of that would be 62.6 rounding up to 63 votes for a win. Five candidates of the 11 had 63 votes or more, and therefore, we have elected our council and do not need to go to a general election. In order, Lew Currier, Doug Freund, myself, Alex Barber and Abe Stewart will be your new council for the coming two years.

Cheers to all the newly elected officials and thanks for voting!

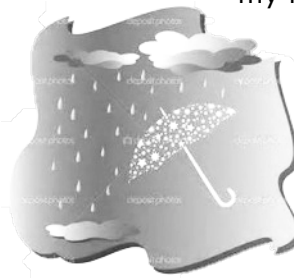
Mayor Nikki Check

Wonderful rain! Gardens are happy. Lost a part of my rock wall, oh well. Who would have guessed that Jerome homeowners might need flood insurance? Your Council is now enabling that.

We are on a roll with infrastructure replacements. It is up to you whether we will be able to keep on with major improvements we have budgeted for this fiscal year. It is so exciting to make a positive difference by fixing weaknesses instead of just patching them.

Have a lovely autumn, friends & neighbors.

Anne Bassett



Meeting Dates for September, October and November 2014

Council Meeting
September 9 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
September 3 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
September 8 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
October 14 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
October 1 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
October 13 at 7:00 pm

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

AS THE EGG FRIES



Fare thee well, Bill Phinney.

Lew Currier

Town of Jerome Drainage Master Plan Request for Information

Please be sure to fill out and return the enclosed Request for Information. Shephard-Wesnitzer is working on behalf of the Town to develop a drainage master plan. We need your input regarding storm water drainage issues that affect your property or the area near you.

Thank you for your help with this project.



Congratulations to our Incoming Council!

Lew Currier
Douglas Freund
Nikki Check
Christina "Alex" Barber
Abe Stewart

The new Council will be seated at the November 12 Regular Council Meeting.

Benefit for Jerome Public Library with Diane Rapaport

Diane Sward Rapaport will be reading excerpts from her new book, *Home Sweet Jerome: Death and Rebirth of Arizona's Richest Copper Mining City*, Thursday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jerome Public Library. The event is a benefit to help raise money for the Jerome Public Library.

"This is a well-loved library and should be supported by everyone who lives here," said Diane Rapaport. "I

especially love the rare book room upstairs."

Rapaport will read stories of diligence, courage and American fortitude that drove this little community from near ruin to prosperity when copper mining abandoned it in 1953.

"...entertaining, colorful, well written, fun, descriptive, and

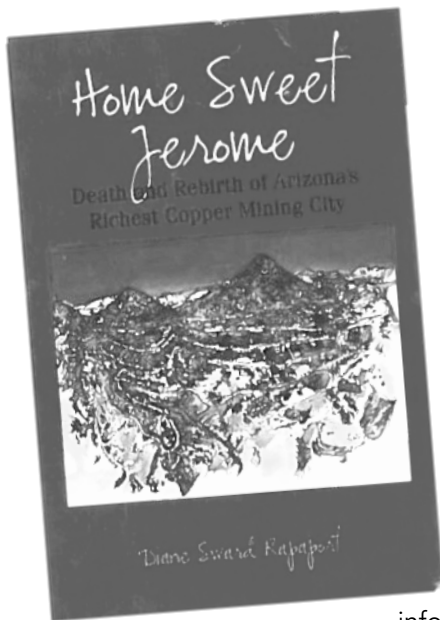
informative. This book

illustrates the power and strength of a diverse group of people as they struggled and came together to save and build a community."—Paul Handverger, *Clarkdale, AZ, geologist and author.*

"If you want to know about the history of one of the quirkiest and strangest and most fascinating places in this country, you've got a great treat in store for you. Priceless"—Bob Swanson, *Weed, CA, architectural photographer*

For thirty-two years, Rapaport was immersed in Jerome's social and political life. She served as President and board member of the Jerome Historical Society and member and Chair of Planning and Zoning for the Jerome town government. Her advertising and public relations business, Jerome Headlands Press, had many local clients, including Jerome Instrument Corporation.

Home Sweet Jerome was published in May 2014 by Johnson Books (Big Earth Publishing). Reviews have been stellar.



The Jerome Library

In July, the Jerome Public Library was awarded **STEAM Kits** from the Arizona State Library. **STEAM** is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. These **kits** are targeted for community libraries in small and rural towns in order to encourage a greater interest in science and the arts in libraries.

The Jerome Public Library received Magnetic Science, Kaleido Gears, Roominate and Snap Circuits. The **kits** are available for use in the Children's area of the library during open hours. Parent and child are encouraged to work together while exploring the kits.



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.

Sedona Plein Air Festival Returns for Jerome for Paint Out

The 10th Annual Sedona Plein Air Festival will once again return to Jerome with some of the top painters in the country arriving to experience the visual delights of Jerome. In the past, top honors have been awarded to painters whose subject has been the back streets of Jerome or the treasures of The Gold King Mine.



Cody DeLong has just completed this new painting of the iconic Flatiron Building.

The event will take place on October 21st, rain or shine, with a tent in Middle Park. The artists arrive early so a simple bagel breakfast is provided and snacks are offered throughout the day.

If you would like to help out, contact Donna at 301.3004. Your duties would

include setting up (taking down too) the tent and refreshments, signing in artists, telling visitors where to find the painters, giving suggestions of locations to the painters, walking the town to offer water or snacks to the working artists or talking with Sedona Art Center representatives. If you work through lunchtime, expect a free lunch. Even a few hours is appreciated. This is a really enjoyable day in Jerome and a good way to meet new people.



**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

As fall approaches we are gearing up for a fun and eventful fundraising season. Hopefully, as you read this newsletter, we will have all had a wonderful time at the Dog Days of Summer event at the Spirit Room! Thanks to the generosity of Llory McDonald, Moon Dog and friends...The music was great and because the residents of our little town love a good time...the silent auction bids will have been spirited too! Thank you Jeromans.

Next up... The Sunday, October 19, brunch, kaleidoscope and quilt auction at the Honeymoon Cottage. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Nellie Bly or at the door. Shuttle service from Nellie Bly, music by Tommy Rocks!

Whew... Then it's a sprint to the fall Flea Market! It will be November 15 and 16th at Spook Hall. Remember we take donations anytime. Call Sally at 301-5079 or Mary 301-7797 for drop off or pick-ups.

On a different note, Dr. Virginia has some interesting facts for us to review about pet toxins. If you would like a copy of this information for your "fridge," call Sally at 301-5079

Top 10 toxins for dogs

- 1) Chocolate
- 2) Mouse and rat poison
- 3) Vitamins and minerals
- 4) Human and veterinary pain relievers
- 5) Heart medications
- 6) Cold and allergy medications
- 7) Anti-depressants
- 8) Xylitol (e.g. Sugar-free gum)
- 9) Acetaminophen
- 10) Caffeine pills

Top 10 toxins for cats

- 1) Topical spot on insecticides
- 2) Household cleaners
- 3) Anti-depressant
- 4) Lilies
- 5) Insoluble oxalate plants, such as dumb cane (*Dieffenbachia*), rhubarb (in large quantities in the leaves), taro, kiwi fruit, tea leaves, agaves and in spinach in varying amounts.
- 6) Human and veterinary pain relievers
- 7) Acetaminophen
- 8) Glow sticks
- 9) ADD/ADHD medications
- 10) Mouse and rat poisons



Happy fall y'all... Hope to see you soon.

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



The Annual Jerome Fire Department Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, September 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Fire Department will provide the hot dogs, hamburger and chicken; you bring your favorite dish or desert! We'll do the cooking! Hope to see as many folks from our community as possible.

The 40th Annual Jerome Fire Auxiliary Halloween Dance will be held at Spook Hall on Saturday, October 25th. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m. with Llory McDonald and Combo Deluxe

providing the spooky jams from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Don't miss this legendary celebration of Halloween in Jerome. Make sure you dress your best as we will be awarding first, second and third place prizes

for best, most creative costumes. Tickets are available at the door only.



The monsoon rains have arrived in full force! Jerome had only received 1.08 inches of precipitation by June of this year. Average rainfall in July is 1.69 inches. We had 1.87 inches of rainfall this July, and, by all accounts, should surpass the normal August rainfall amount of 2.02 inches. Now is still a good time to reevaluate the

defensible space around your home. Native vegetation plants are beautiful and green now, but they will dry later this season, become fuels and will burn at a violent pace.

Currently, we are under no fire restrictions. The

increased moisture due to the monsoon rains is a welcome event, but always be prepared and be safe!

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 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Allen Muma, Chief of Police



We continue to have problems with dogs running at large in Jerome, and last month we had another dog bite from a dog that was not leashed. Please remember there is a leash law in Jerome, and dogs must be kept on a

leash or within a fenced in area if outside.



There was an incident in August involving a suspected voyeur possibly attempting to observe a female in the Gulch area. There was at least one other confirmed sighting of a suspicious person after this incident as well. In both incidents, the event was not reported to police at the time of occurrence, but hours or days later. Then, after these events, the RUMORS spread like wildfire. There were all kinds of unsubstantiated reports that were never reported to police, just being reported from citizen to citizen. Please understand that it dramatically reduces the chances of successful apprehension of the suspect, if you don't report it to police when it happens. Additionally, misinformation causes unwarranted fears and concerns. Please report incidents to the police when they happen.

The Jerome Kids Art Workshop Tamale Feast Fundraiser

This fundraiser will be at SPOOK HALL on September 20th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.*

Live Music & Art, DJ, Piñata, and a HOT TAMALE sale! Fun for ALL AGES! Entry is Free.

The goal of Jerome Kids Art Workshop is to extend services to local families by offering a safe space for after school, half-day and school break/holiday workshops. Free of charge to all parents/guardians who live or work in Jerome with children ages 6 and up. Along with these extended services, JKAW is in the process of planning some "School of Rock" Workshops.

*to volunteer for this event or donate food, non-alcoholic beverages, paper plates, etc., please contact Penelope at (928) 708-9674 or lopedavis@yahoo.com.



Greetings From Haven UMC

Dear Jerome Friends:

We have an exciting event coming up... at our regular 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 21st, we will be



hosting a singing group from New York called "Final Harvest." This trio of women's voices is a nationally acclaimed group who has



performed all across the country! We would like to invite all of you to come and hear them. There is no charge but there will be a love offering taken. You won't want to miss this special event!! I know that Jerome is a town full of music lovers who will really appreciate the talents of this group.

Remember that Haven UMC is Jerome's church and we are anxious to welcome all who live in Jerome as well as any who are just visiting! Come and see what we have to offer!

Janet Keffer, Pastor

The Popular Jerome Ghostwalk will return to Jerome in 2015

Due to unforeseen circumstances,
the Jerome Historical Society's 2014 GHOSTWALK
will not be held this season.

The next Ghostwalk will be performed in
Jerome on the second weekend of October 2015.

For further information,
contact Jay Kinsella, 928-634-1066.

Police Dispatch Number

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

Jerome – Thank you!

Hvala (Croatian), Goraibh maith agaibh (Gaelic), Mille Grazie (Italian), 谢谢 (Xiè Xiè) (Chinese), Muchas Gracias (from Mexico and Spain.) In the languages of some of the nationalities whose lives were spent building up families and taking care of the mining livelihood of the town which came to be called Jerome, Friends of Holy Family Catholic Church extend their heartfelt gratitude for the many months of support from the community of Jerome, particularly those who have had bricks inscribed for some of the town's memorable citizens and families: naming a few, Giovanni Bruno, Ester Burton, The Rabagos, The Grosetas, The Krmpotichs, and Dr. and Mrs. James Walsh. To date, we have 85 inscribed bricks!

Since the 2013 arrival from Virginia of the two friends, much labor has been carried out around and throughout the Church. Yet, the most important aspect of their presence at Holy

Family has been their outreach to many of the Church's visitors. Over 10,000 pieces of faith-related correspondence and religious articles have been freely



distributed (without request for any donation) and at least 613 visitors have been given personal tours. These visitors have been from Japan, Italy, Canada, France, Australia, Spain, South African and many, many States throughout the USA.

In closing, a quote from Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet:" "Parting is such sweet sorrow." One of the friends is moving away from Jerome. Deep sorrow, yes!; but, also GREAT JOY at being allowed to live as a member of the community for these past 10 months. However, as long as Holy Family remains a part of Jerome's spiritual and historical ambience, this friend will continue to visit.

Praying the best for all!
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