

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

September – October 2013

From the Mayor

Without much noise, Jerome quietly passed and enacted a civil union ordinance. No one showed up to the meetings to speak out against, or fervently support this issue... and I know its not because we lack civic engagement in this town! How wonderful that our town held up no opposition to supporting our delightfully diverse population!

So, what have we done? How is it different than marriage? How will the rest of Arizona respond? Our civil union ordinance is certainly not as broad as a proper marriage. First, it isn't accompanied by marriage & divorce law, which maps out alimony and such. It does, however provide room for a committed, previously unmarried couple to scribble down some agreements about property, finances, and medical care and have it available on file in the Town of Jerome for a one-time fee of \$73. And if both parties agree, it can be ripped up as well. While many are fighting or the full rights of marriage, not everyone wants the full responsibility that comes with it and I think this ordinance could be quite meaningful for all of the less-conventional couples in Jerome!

This ordinance also extends the option of spousal benefits to the civilly united. This is certainly the case for Town employees but other companies, within town limits or not, can choose to honor this civil union in the same fashion. Nurses Network Inc. has done this for many years now for insurance purposes.

While the majority of Jerome residents feel this is a wonderful thing, we must also be sensitive to the fact that this is an extremely controversial topic and it may be more difficult for other municipalities to follow this lead – though I would strongly encourage it!

While preparing to speak to the press about this (*The Verde Independent* and KTAR have covered this so far) I began thinking deeply about this issue and how it relates

to civil rights and ideological tyranny. I find it so interesting that, thus far, the ideological discomfort of those that oppose gay marriage has been honored over the rights of the LGBT community – Which I assume provides ideological discomfort by just existing for some people. It's silly to think that those bothered will magically change their mind on the topic, but it is simply outrageous to continue to deny basic rights to a section of the population.

And so, dear residents, I hope that you can all be proud of what Jerome has accomplished here, and I hope to have your continued support, even if we receive some negative attention for enacting this ordinance. Thank You!

Mayor Nikki Check

Hi Neighbors

Soon we will be putting some nasty, persistent, snarling, booby-trapped, agonizing problems to rest, yeah!

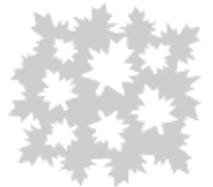
Work has begun on the Cleopatra Hill water tanks, yippee! When they are off-line, our water pressure is a bit less.

One of the next big, hairy projects your Council will undertake will be making our water & sewer rates closer to reality and fairer.

Do watch us, come to meetings, give us your ideas & opinions. I still dream of the Gulch Radio getting from Town a relay (booster?) on top of the Hotel Jerome in trade for live broadcasting of Council meetings plus any other controversial meetings. That way you could all hear how those you elected are representing you.

Have a great autumn!

Anne Bassett



Meeting Dates for September, October, November 2013

Regular Council Meeting
September 10 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
September 4 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
September 9 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
October 8 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
October 2 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
October 14 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
November 12 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
November 6 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
November 18 at 7:00 pm

AS THE EGG FRIES

Not everything hinges on Town politics.

Cole Hemleben is having a birthday party, and I've been commissioned to produce a birthday cake. I like Cole, and you're only eleven once, so I want to do something snazzy. Today I've chosen a *Gâteau St. Honoré*, a great collection of puff pastry, cream puffs, pastry cream, Italian meringue, caramel and – in this case – strawberries and chocolate shavings. I hope he likes it.

Saint Honoré is the patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs. He was a French bishop in the late 500s...it's a long story, but his cake (gâteau) is fun to make and more fun to eat. Nobody says he was a cook, or even if he was interested in food, but the bakers' guild in fifteenth century Paris certainly liked him, and set up their headquarters in his



church. Then they created this confection in his honor.

As I write this I'm running between my office and my kitchen, between my computer and my oven. At this point I've laid out the puff pastry base, made the choux layer, and baked it up with some extra puffs. I've made the *crème pâtissière* and chilled it overnight. I have yet to make the meringue, caramelize the puffs, finish the *Chiboust* cream, stuff and spread, pipe a bunch of whipped cream rosettes, crown it all with the berries and chocolate. But then poof! She is done!

What a nice change from the stew at Town

Hall.

Yikes! It's already noon and the party's at four! Got to go.

Lew Carrier

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



The Jerome Volunteer Fire Department will be having its annual picnic on Thursday, September 12th. Please join us at Middle Park at 5:00 p.m. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken. Water

and soda will be provided also. Bring a dish to share with our friends and neighbors. **Everybody is welcome.**

It is that time of year once again and back by popular demand the Jerome Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary presents Halloween 2013. This is the auxiliary's 39th year for this event, which will be held October 26, 2013, at Spook Hall, 260 Hull Avenue. The doors open at 8:00 p.m., and the band plays from 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. This year, the auxiliary is presenting Combo Deluxe for your dancing enjoyment. Suggested theme is **Jerome 2113: a town oddity**. There will be costume prizes, a full cash-only bar, and \$10 at the door, cash only!! Must be 21 or older – we will be carding everyone at the door. Please tell your friends and come join us for a night of spooky fun.

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!! We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming Halloween dance on October 26. We need participation to set up on the 25th and we also need door personnel, security personnel, costume judges and bar help the night of the event, and help with cleanup on Sunday, the 27th. If you wish to volunteer for any of these days, please contact Chief Blair at 928 300-8701 or you can e-mail your wishes to jeromeauxiliarysecretary@gmail.com or blair@jeromefire.us.

Thank you for your continued support.

2013 Pink Heals Event

This year's event was held on August 10, at Windmill Park in Cornville. There was a \$5 dinner, from hotdogs off the grill to strawberry soup, and many raffle prizes and silent auction items.



The Switchbacks entertained with their Tuck & Roll and Rockabilly Soul – lots of dancing!

Money is still coming in so there is no final count yet, but it looks to be around \$2,000.

There were no big pink trucks but we had a little red truck, which will soon be painted pink, and there was a banner for people to sign.



Thank you all who supported this year's event!

Police Dispatch Number

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

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

Plein Air Festival Comes to Jerome

On October 22, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Jerome will once more be the location for a favorite painting day for talented artists from all over the United States. These artists have come to participate in the week-long Sedona Plein Air Festival.

The artists' day in Jerome is co-sponsored by the Jerome Chamber of Commerce and Jerome Art Walk. A welcome tent will be set up again in the lower park and food and friendly faces will be on hand to welcome the artists. Staffed by volunteers from The Sedona Art Center and volunteers from Jerome, helpers are always welcome.

Please contact Donna Chesler, at 928.649.2277, if you would like to participate in this really fun day. Spend an hour in the tent or help set up or take down. Any time you can give is appreciated.



City on a Hill by Susan Pitcairn. Ms. Pitcairn, who has donated two of her works to the Town's art collection, will be painting in Jerome during the Sedona Plein Air Festival.

Jerome Library to Feature Author Bill Carter

On Friday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m., the Jerome Library will be featuring renowned author, Bill Carter.



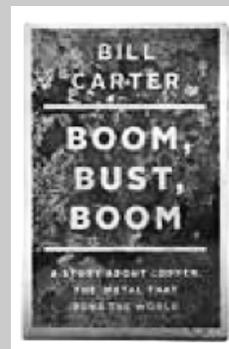
journalist. He's the director of the documentary film, MISS SARAJEVO (produced by Bono, of the Irish rock band U2) and author of the books *Fools Rush In* and *Red Summer*.

Come and hear Mr. Carter talk about his new book, *Boom, Bust, Boom: A Story about Copper, the Metal That Runs the World*.

Starting in his own backyard in the old mining town of Bisbee – where he discovers that the dirt in his garden contains double the acceptable level of arsenic – Carter has created a sweeping account of civilization's complete dependence on copper and what it means for humanity, the environment, and our global economy.

Bill Carter manages to make the story of Copper both fascinating and accessible. He asks the important questions and finds the answers we can all do something with... *Boom, Bust, Boom* is no less than a call to action. In our own backyard

Bill Carter, a native Californian, is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, photographer and



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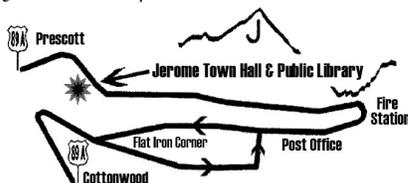
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Sunday 10 am – 2 pm **Thursday** Noon – 8 pm
Monday 10 am – 5 pm **Friday** Noon – 6 pm
Tuesday Noon – 8 pm **Saturday** CLOSED
Wednesday 10 am – 5 pm



Greetings From Haven UMC

Well, it's hard to believe that Janet and I have been at Haven UMC for a year now, the "little closer to Heaven" church on the hill. We have made many friends in Jerome and hope to add more to the list.

We at Haven, of course, invite all Jeromites to come to worship at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.

The "Food Pantry" has new hours on Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We are here to serve the community in all their needs, and will continue adding clothes to the "Food Pantry" as well. None of this could happen if not for the generosity of the community.



Peace and grace,

Pastors Janet & Mike

Items accepted at the Food Pantry:

- Peanut butter/ jams/jellies
- Tuna/canned meats
- Soups/ chili/stew
- Rice/beans
- Noodles/pasta
- Spaghetti/tomato sauce
- Condiments/salad dressing
- Bottled/canned juice
- Toilet paper/paper towels
- Toothpaste/toiletries
- Cereal/breakfast bars



As seen from Jerome Town Hall.



Spaces for Rent at Jerome Civic Center

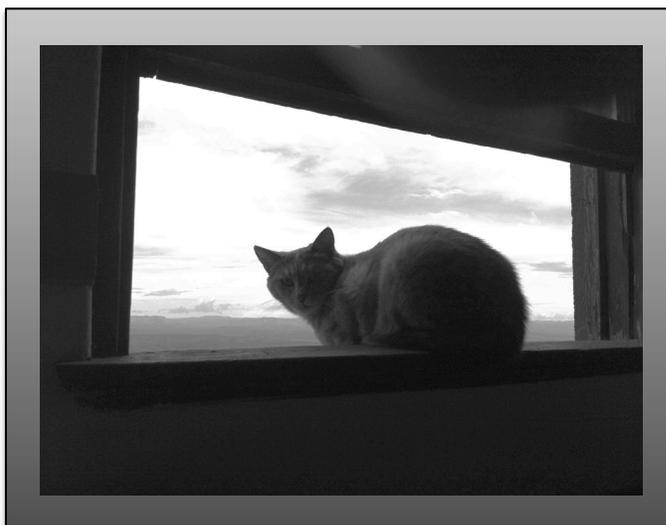
Two studio/office spaces are available on the first floor at Town Hall. Call 928-634-7943, if interested.

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.



Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon – 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

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