

# POINT OF VIEW

## JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

September – October 2018

### *From the Mayor*

#### Grants Are Making a Difference in Jerome

In a small town like Jerome, it is difficult to manage our revenues against all the things that:

- Need to be done
- Should be done
- And those things that we desire to accomplish

The staff of the Town of Jerome manage this difficult issue by pursuing grant opportunities. Jeromans should understand to what extent these grants play a role in Jerome. Here is a list of recent Grant Awards given to the Town of Jerome:

- \$680,000 – awarded thru NACOG for drainage improvements
- \$418,000 – awarded by FEMA for a new Type I fire engine
- \$322,654 – a CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant for needed improvements to low income housing in Jerome – Completed
- \$300,000 – another CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant for the same purpose, just awarded
- \$88,000 – Granted for new SCBA equipment for the Fire Department. SCBA stands for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. This equipment is used by our Fire Department personnel when entering burning structures
- \$16,000 – A Grant from Firehouse Subs for Turnout gear for our Fire Department. Turnout Gear is the Personal Protection Equipment worn by our fire fighters at fires and on rescue calls
- \$50,000 – Grant received from Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation for water planning
- \$60,000 – Grant received from USDA for the repair of the roof at the Hotel Jerome, as well as interior stairway railings
- \$56,500 – Pending grant from USDA for the replacement of all the windows at the Hotel Jerome
- \$30,000 – Received annually from Yavapai County Flood Control for ongoing drainage issues
- \$20,000 – Grant from Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation for access from School Street to Town Hall
- \$40,000 – for Wildland Fire Fighting
- \$3,600 – Fire Department Supplies
- \$3,000 – 100 Club grant for the Fire Department
- \$750 – Grant to send our Fire Fighters to the Wildland Fire Academy
- \$1,000 – APS grant to send our Fire Fighters to State Fire School
- \$20,000 – PAWUIC grant to fund our Firewise and Urban Interface activities
- **TOTAL - \$2,109,504**

We greatly appreciate the hard work and diligent efforts of our staff and volunteers (Tim Irwin wrote the grants for the new fire engine and the SCBA equipment).

### *Home Sweet Jerome*

Mayor Frank Vander Horst – 928-499-8421.



#### Meeting Dates for September, October and November 2018

**Regular Council Meeting**  
September 11th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
September 5th at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
September 10th at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
October 9th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
October 3rd at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
October 8th at 7:00 pm

**Regular Council Meeting**  
November 13th at 7:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**  
November 7th at 7:00 pm

**Design Review Board**  
November 12th at 7:00 pm

## Courtesy of the Jerome Historical Society

*Did you know*.....that Ghost Walk is coming up again? And that there will be three (3) free performances for the Town's citizens on Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, with shows starting at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM. Did I say **free**? Yes, I did! So, there's no excuse not to attend. Come out to Spook Hall on October 11<sup>th</sup> and help us get over our jitters before we go before paying customers that weekend.

You can join the Jerome Historical Society or renew your membership by visiting our website at [www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com) or by stopping by the Mine Museum at 200 Main Street open 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. Your membership gets you:

- Free admission to the JHS Museums
- 15% off Gift Shop and Online Purchases
- Subscription to the "Chronicle Newsletter"
- One Free Hour of Research

## Hello Friends and Neighbours.

By now we should all know who will be serving on our Town Council beginning in November. Thanks to everyone for exercising their voting rights, and congratulations to those who have been selected by the voters.

Regardless of who won the election, I'd like to give you, the electors and the winning candidates, some things to think about. Our Town Council is comprised of a group of volunteers. They do not receive monetary compensation for the time and effort they invest in our town. When a decision to invest town funds into a project is made, the project doesn't miraculously just begin. Someone has to drive the process, lay the groundwork, get the design and specifications in place, and begin the process of calling contractors to bid. Once a bid has been accepted, the timeline is established, notification has to be given to all affected parties, and logistics and cooperation between departments and trades has to be orchestrated. All by volunteering one's time. Lots of it. As it is said; "Time is Money" and the Town Council members give to the town almost every single day. I've heard the concern raised in Council, "We've been talking about this issue for 15 years. Why hasn't this been completed?" The simple answer is that because no one has stepped up to drive it, from beginning to completion. If you were elected to Town Council, be prepared to perform. If the Town of Jerome is considered as a project in its entirety, it is a very complex and sometimes overwhelming situation. You have to "eat the elephant" one bite at a time. Choose a project and put your back into it. Don't be distracted; finish it, check it off of the list, then move onto another "bite." There's no shortage of places to invest your time and efforts, and the best candidates will be those who are there with both, prepared to do some hard work. Not just by attending Town Council meetings. Be prepared to get out there and get dirty. That's how things get done, and that's what you've signed up for.

To the citizenry: Please do not contribute to, nor participate in the Rumor Mill. I've heard some real whoppers in the last two years and I know that you have as well. Offhand I can think of at least a dozen resources at Town Hall where you can get credible, accurate answers to any questions you may have regarding projects in town. All you have to do is pick up the phone or stop in.

Also, know this: The Town Council members are not there to position themselves to make money. They're not there to curry favor for friends, or to exact revenge on enemies. They're not there to deceive, nor connive, nor steal. The Town Council members are your neighbors, your friends and fellow citizens and there is not a dime to be made at Town Hall for any of them. They are there to do the best they can for Jerome, with the skills they possess, and the resources and information available to them. They are there to make sometimes-hard decisions, to the best of their ability with the information at hand. Come to the Town Council meetings, please, and participate in the process, but come with good-heartedness and objectivity, not suspicion and malice. To move forward, we've got to work together.

Compromise is inevitable, but derision and hostility don't contribute to progress, regardless of how you define it. Let's all give one another the benefit of the doubt. Let's first assume that everyone is there to help solve the problems that our wonderful, aging town has and to make life here better for everyone who lives here, for that is the truth and the reality.

Hunter Bachrach







44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JEROME FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY'S

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

AT SPOOK HALL

DOORS OPEN @ 8 P.M.  
BAND PLAYS FROM 9 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

BEST COSTUME  
CONTEST!

Prizes for  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Must be present to win

\$15 per person  
\$25 per couple



THE  
NAUGHTY BITS!

Full Bar - cash only. 21 & over only - Valid photo ID needed to enter.

If you leave the building and Spook Hall is at capacity when you return, you will have to wait to re-enter.



## Jerome Fire Department

P.O. Box 1025 Jerome, AZ 86331 Tel. (928) 649-3034 Fax (928) 649-3039

E-mail: [blair@jeromefire.us](mailto:blair@jeromefire.us)



### FEMA Grant Award(s)

We are excited to announce that our FEMA grant request for \$400,000 towards a fire engine to replace our current E-112, a 1961 Ford Boardman engine, and our request for new SCBA's has been approved! The Town of Jerome approved 5% of the \$400,000 as their share of the cost of the engine. The Town of Jerome also approved 10% of the funding for our SCBA request. SCBA's are taken out of service after 15 years. We are on year 13 for our SCBA tanks. We would like to thank the Town of Jerome, Mayor, Town Manager and Council for helping to approve the matching funds.



### Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) FY 2017 Award Recipients

Last Updated: 08/17/2018 - [www.fema.gov/firegrants/](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/)

Records are sorted in alphabetical order by Organization						
Organization	City	State	Program	Award Amount	Activity Breakdown	Award Date
City of Maricopa Fire Department	Maricopa	AZ	Regional Request	\$765,580	Training (\$880,416)	7/13/2018
Forest Lakes Fire District	Forest Lakes	AZ	Operations and Safety	\$24,951	Equipment (\$26,198)	7/13/2018
Pinion Pine Fire Dept	Kingman	AZ	Operations and Safety	\$123,410	Personal Protective Equipment (\$129,580)	7/13/2018
Hualapai Nation Emergency Services	Peach Springs	AZ	Operations and Safety	\$212,858	Equipment (\$223,500)	7/20/2018
Pinetop Fire Department	Pinetop	AZ	Regional Request	\$744,546	Personal Protective Equipment (\$819,000)	7/27/2018
Yarnell Fire Department	Yarnell	AZ	Operations and Safety	\$58,477	Modify Facilities (\$61,400)	7/27/2018
Jerome Fire Department	Jerome	AZ	Vehicle Acquisition	\$418,477	Vehicle Acquisition (\$400,000)	8/10/2018
Jerome Fire Department	Jerome	AZ	Operations and Safety	\$88,808	Personal Protective Equipment (\$81,600)	8/17/2018

### Jerome FD Wildland Crew

Jerome Wildland Engine Boss Bob Bouwman, EB trainee and Wildland Firefighter Jasper Lanning and Wildland Firefighter Chris Gonzales returned from fighting the Ribbon and Cranston fires in Southern California. A few weeks later, Bob, Jasper and James Paisano were dispatched to the Klondike fire in Southern Oregon. Please keep them in your thoughts.

### Firewise USA Community

We are marking our second year as a recognized Firewise Community. We just wanted to remind you that if you would like us to do a Firewise evaluation of your home, just give us a call. Also, if you have some fuel remediation needs and are unable to do the work yourself, give us a call and we will do what we can to assist you in order to make your home more fire safe.

### Jerome Town Picnic/Potluck on Thursday, 09-27-2018

It's time once again for our annual Town Picnic. We are looking forward to seeing as many of our townsfolk as possible at this gathering on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Middle Park, beginning at 5 pm. Don't forget to bring your favorite side dish. The Jerome FD Auxiliary will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, water and soda. This is always a wonderful time to talk with your neighbors while enjoying a great meal cooked by firefighters! There's a rumor that the Jerome Ukulele Orchestra will also be on hand for the third year running to provide for some much-needed home grown entertainment!

### Watch out for snakes!

As of August 20<sup>th</sup>, we've responded to 12 snake calls from Jerome citizens. There's an abundance of food available with the recent rains, which equates to more pests, hence, more snake calls. We just want to remind you that if you are out walking or hiking, please remember that snakes want to avoid you just as much as you wish to avoid them. Always remember to make noise when you are out hiking and if you can, take a walking stick with you and make noise ahead of you as you are hiking or walking on trails. Many snake bites actually happen on the back of people's calves as they step over a snake that they had no idea was there. If you can make distracting noises ahead of you, you may be able to avoid a surprise snake bite!

The Fire Department is always looking for new members for fire, EMS, and/or both. Free training, cool t-shirts and 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



## Planning and Zoning

Greetings everyone,

On September 5, the Planning & Zoning regular meeting will include a public hearing to review changes proposed to two Ordinances; Section 509, Temporary Signs and Section 502.M, Home Occupations. Information is posted on the website and at Town Hall. We welcome your input.

Join us in stewardship efforts for Jerome, Arizona. Our town is privileged to be a National Historic Landmark. The State Historic Preservation Office will attend Jerome's Design Review meeting on September 10, for a Question & Answer session with the Board. All are welcome!

*"National Historic Landmarks are nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Today, just over 2,500 historic places bear this national distinction."*

The tools we use to protect our National Historic Landmark status are the Town Zoning Ordinance and the Town Code. Some feel these guidelines are too strict, but they are not so different from most towns and they are the same for all residents.

Almost all building projects are required to submit information to Design Review and/or Planning & Zoning Commission for review. A preliminary review requires a formal submission. We are available to help with the process and explain the required details. Final review may be required, especially for complex projects. Either board may recommend a Neighborhood Meeting based on impact to the neighborhood. Final reviews may be waived for simple projects that are well presented, and rejected projects have appeal options.

**Building Permits are only issued after the review process is final!** There are a few exceptions, and we can guide you in the process. Usually, you can't just come in and get a building permit— it requires review.

**We appreciate your efforts to work with us as Stewards of this Historic Landmark.**

Charlotte Page, Acting Zoning Administration

<sup>1</sup> [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), National Park Service



### From Town Crew

Please be mindful of the weight of your trash cans, as there is a maximum weight of 40 lbs. per can. We realize some cans are heavy themselves, so if you could make sure that everything in the can is bagged, we can separate those from the can by hand. At times, we are lifting cans three to five feet above the ground to dump them in the truck and we would like to limit any injuries that can occur from this.

If you are unsure about what is prohibited from going in the trash, please go to the website at [www.jerome.az.gov](http://www.jerome.az.gov) and look at the list in Section 9-2-1 of the Town Code. There have been a lot of electronics set out lately that are prohibited. We will **not** pick up TV sets, toaster ovens, mattresses and large piles of lumber. Also, **no** heavy metal boxes or structures will be picked up, it puts holes in the back of the truck requiring us to do repairs.

Thank you.

Marty Boland, Public Works Director



### **Town Hall Electronics Recycling Event is Coming to an End**

The Jerome Community Art Workshop has been such a huge success that they need more space! So, our recycling event is coming to a close to accommodate their growing workshop. Please bring in your unusable electronic items no later than September 20, 2018 to Town Hall at 600 Clark Street, Monday thru Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. I don't know when we will be able to do this again so don't delay.

#### **SOME ITEMS THAT CAN NOT BE RECYCLED:**

Vacuums, freezers, refrigerators, toasters, coffee makers, hair dryers, microwaves, A/C Units, blenders, alkaline batteries and CRT Monitors/Televisions.

For a complete list of recyclable and non-recyclable items contact Joni Savage at 928-634-7943, or Tom Holland of Westech Recyclers at (602) 432-4046, or go to their website at [www.westechrecyclers.com](http://www.westechrecyclers.com) for a complete list.

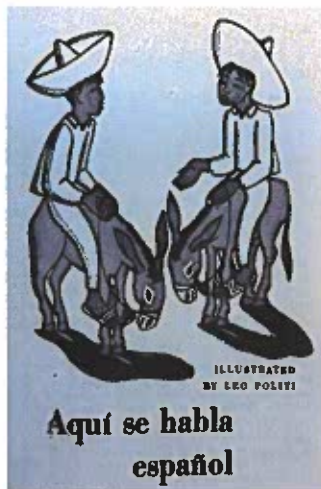


# Jerome Public Library

## The Old Bookroom

What are the necessities of life? To me, they are food, shelter, clothing and education. The passing on of acquired knowledge is essential for survival anywhere, as in one caveman telling another to steer clear of the sabre-tooth tiger.

Most people reading this newsletter know that Jerome's Town Hall/Library building was originally the grammar school. The Old Book Room located on the north end of the third floor, is next to the stairwell where, until recently, the charming "low" handrail for the smallest students was still in place. Inside the OBR are some amazing remnants of those bygone days – multiple copies of early 20<sup>th</sup> century textbooks for elementary school students along with teacher's guides, cursive handwriting manuals and more.



There are too many titles to list here, but the range and scope of this extraordinary collection is remarkable, and it goes far beyond nostalgia. They feature the "time period" approach to various subject matter and have high expectations of students and instructors. Perhaps best of all are the vintage photos and fabulous illustrations. As an example, "Aquí Se Habla Español" [Here We Speak Spanish] is enhanced by famous artist, Leo Politi.

Teachers, educational administrators, parents, students or anyone interested in the development of America's school system will find this particular area of the Old Book Room fascinating – and educational. *Ven a vernos* [Come see us]. I just learned that.

-Michael Gallagher

## JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

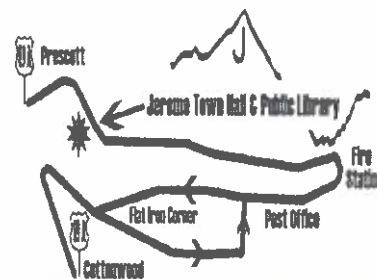
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Sunday 10 am - 2 pm    Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm  
Monday 10 am - 7 pm    Thursday 10 am - 7 pm  
Tuesday 10 am - 7 pm    Friday Noon - 6 pm  
Saturday Noon - 3 pm



### Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Noon – 2:00 p.m.

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

## AS THE EGG FRIES

The Town of Jerome is considering some way to address improved health care for our residents. Various ideas have been put forth: A Town nurse, for example, with an office in the Civic Center, or an occasional out-patient clinic, like the Humane Society has for our animals, or an arrangement with some health care provider... part time, full time, whatever. It's very early days. Nothing concrete has been put forward. Nothing may come of it. But...

Spectrum Healthcare has been mentioned as a possible resource or partner. So, I'm doing due diligence. I've never had any dealings with Spectrum, so I have no personal experience there. The two or three people I've talked to have given me their opinions, but that's too small a sample. I need a broader view.

If you or your friends or family have had dealings with Spectrum I'd love to hear your thoughts. Was it what you needed? Was it economically acceptable? Was it timely? Convenient? Did it have good points and not so good? Who are these folks? All info will be kept confidential. You don't need to identify yourself. But if you want to give me some input, please contact me at:

**Lew Currier**

Call: 928.274.4476, or mail: PO Box 848, Jerome, AZ 86331

Or email at: L.M.CURRIER@CENTURYLINK.NET



# Jerome Humane Society


**Mark Your Calendar** This year's fantastic fundraising Auction and Brunch will take place on Sunday, October 21 at 9 am. Our theme this year is Moulin Rouge - Don't miss it!



**COYOTES** Jerome PD has alerted JHS that there are reports of aggressive coyotes on our streets. To let coyotes be wild while keeping yourself and pets safe, please follow these pointers from [examiner.com](http://examiner.com)

- Never feed coyotes and do not leave pet food or other attractions outside.
- Keep cats and dogs indoors or in completely enclosed runs, especially at night, and do not assume that a fence will keep a coyote out of your back yard.
- Have noisemakers on hand to scare away coyotes that may enter your yard, such as whistles and horns.
- Don't run away or turn your back on a coyote.
- Do not allow a coyote to get in between you and your pet or child.

**YOU ARE NOT HIS FRIEND...  
AND HE KNOWS IT.**



**PLEASE BE CAREFUL.**  
COYOTES ARE THICK ON THE GROUND LATELY  
AND THEY'RE MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN USUAL.  
BEST KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON YOUR PETS.  
**BE CAUTIOUS YOURSELF  
IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE.**

**The Jerome Humane Society**

August 27, 2010

### Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

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

## Dear Jerome Friends,

Fall made its way around to us. The temperatures are beginning to cool. All our kids are back in school, and we get to wonder where all the time is gone. We know how difficult it can sometimes be to make transitions in life. And we want you to know that we are here for you, to love you, and help you the best that we can.

This season at Haven we are continuing to offer opportunities to worship at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings. We also have our food pantry on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until noon, which is open to anyone who needs help.

Peace,

Jonathan Hall, Pastor

Haven & Mountainview United Methodist Church



### Police Dispatch Number

For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.

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

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