

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

November-December 2019

THE JEROME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LIGHTS UP THE MOUNTAIN!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH 2019

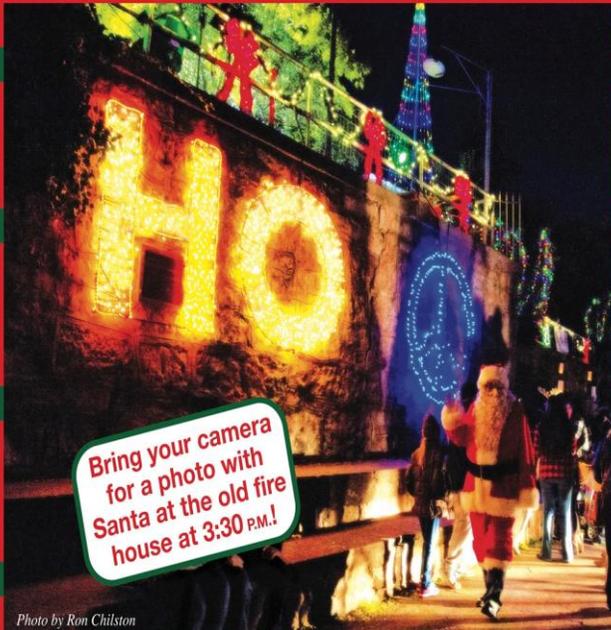


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JOIN US BY THE STEPS ON MAIN STREET FOR
LUMINARIAS • TREE LIGHTING • HOLIDAY MUSIC

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M.

Santa will throw the switch to light up the park at 6:00, officially starting the holiday season. Join us on this special night in Jerome and help us start the holidays at the top!

Greetings from The Chamber

Volunteerism is one of the things that makes Jerome so special. We have a lot of holiday opportunities to help with over the next two months. On **November 30th, Jerome Lights up the Mountain** with the arrival of Santa in the antique fire truck. We will also set up luminaria throughout the town early that day. **Mingus Union High School Choir** will again perform throughout town. Visit our website for details, prior to the event. **Please send us an email if you are able to help us facilitate these events.**

We need your help!!

We will be sponsoring a **Holiday Lights Contest**. Prizes will be **\$100** for the Best Residential display and **\$100** for the Best Commercial display. Please have your lights up by **November 30th** so our visitors can see the town at its most brilliant! That same evening is when the contest judging will take place!

The **Town Dinner Party** follows two weeks later. Everyone is invited to the dinner on **December 14th** at Spook Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the meal starts at 6:00 pm. Easy Listening - **Live Entertainment** will be provided. There will be a wine and beer cash donation bar and main course meats provided by The Chamber, Town of Jerome and Historical Society. As always, bring a dish to share. After our meal we will **announce the winners** of the Holiday Lights Contest!

We hope to see you for all of these holiday events and especially hope to see you at the dinner.

Happy Holidays!
info@jeromechamber.com

Meeting Dates for November, December 2019 and January 2020

Regular Council Meeting
November 12th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
November 6th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
November 13th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
December 10th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
December 4th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
December 9th at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
January 14th at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
January 8th at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
January 13th at 7:00 pm



Jerome Fire Department

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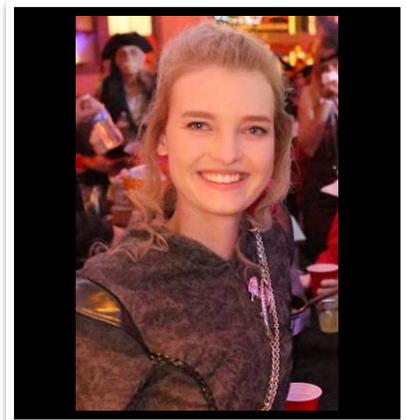
FEMA Grant Award(s)

Once again Jerome fire Department has been awarded \$63,000 from a FEMA grant for new extrication equipment to replace our aging equipment with new battery powered tools. We are very pleased that our firefighters will have some of the latest and greatest gear and equipment in order to help them do their job protecting our community while staying safe.

The 44th Annual Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 26th marked the 45th consecutive year that the Jerome FD Auxiliary has hosted the Halloween Dance and fundraiser. This annual dance is our largest fund- raising event for the year and typically accounts for 60 – 70% of our discretionary spending funds. This year's dance grossed \$13,600 while netting the Auxiliary \$9,000 after all expenses were accounted for. Thanks to everyone who attended, and we will see you next year at the 46th Annual Halloween Dance, which falls on Halloween next year.

Jerome Fire Department would also like to wish everybody Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season.



New Jerome Fire Employee

We are proud to announce that the Duty Officer position has been filled by Kylie Streck. She has FFI&II, EMT, and HAZ-MAT certifications. We look forward to having her knowledge added to this Department.

Please remember that if you need assistance with Firewise activities you must fill out a Firewise application and submit it to the Fire Department before work can be approved. Applications can be obtained at Town Hall, the Fire Department or at www.jerome.az.gov.

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

On Behalf of the Jerome Historical Society We Are Throwing Down The 2020 Ghost Walk Challenge

In 2020 we'll be looking for a new Producer/Director of the show. After a 5-year run, our current Producer/Director has decided to step down from those responsibilities so we're in the market for a fresh face. If you are interested, please submit a script along with a commitment to produce the show through to its conclusion. The 2020 show dates will be Friday and Saturday Oct. 9th & Oct. 10th with the free town preview shows on Thursday Oct. 8th.

Script Requirements:

- The show must be based on a Jerome historical event and/or characters.
- The show needs to run from approximately 45-60 minutes. (Note: Recent shows usually required a script of 22-25 pages to meet this requirement).

The deadline for submission is **April 3rd, 2020**. The JHS Board of Directors will take up all submitted proposals at the April Board Meeting to decide which, if any, proposals will be approved for the 2020 production.

All submissions must be delivered on or before April 3rd either to P.O. Box 156, Jerome 86331 or be emailed to James Tomlinson at: jtomlinson@jeromehistoricalsociety.com

Good Luck!

Happy Fall Jerome,

"Be Kind America Month" is in November, together we can make a difference. Let's face it, incivility is a national epidemic, but we have a solution. Be kind. The Be Kind People, a 501C Organization, are encouraging Mayors to officially proclaim November as the "Be Kind Month," personally I'd like to see that every month. You all know how much I love Jerome. Just keep in mind, it is the people that make this Town special. You may not agree with everyone, but I encourage you to show respect to your neighbors.

Just to clear things up. Revenue from the parking kiosks will go to infrastructure, streets and sidewalks and public safety. This Council has put a lot of funds in the budget toward improvements to our Town; including filling potholes, new curb and gutter and paving in our parking areas. The additional revenue from the parking kiosks will make it possible to continue with these much needed Town improvements. I want to personally thank Chief Allen Muma and his staff, all of Public Works and of course Chief Rusty Blair, for the additional work they have done in getting this project going. And a huge thank you to Vice Mayor Harvey for assisting with the "roll-out" on her day's off!

In honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2019, I want to share with you how grateful I was to meet William Shuttleworth who walked across America to support Veterans' legislation, policy and advocacy. Jerome was lucky enough to host him on his trek earlier this year.

Be Kind,

Mayor Christina "Alex" Barber



Happy Fall Everyone!

The season of celebration is upon us once again. We all have different traditions. But it is our similar attitude of love and thanksgiving that unites us. Not just at these special times of joy, but in the joy of everyday living together as community. I experience that kind of joy each Wednesday with many of you at our food pantry.

The holidays can be a stressful time for many of us. Taking time for moments of quiet and refocusing on the joys of life can make a big difference to our state of mind. For that reason, Haven will open the sanctuary at 9a.m. on food pantry days in December beginning Dec. 4th. We invite you to use our convenient place for prayer and quiet meditation. Pets are always welcome as your companions.

We now have a prayer box in the food pantry on Wednesdays for you to place prayer requests. Haven will include them in Sunday worship, unless otherwise noted. If you would like to have a pastoral call you can put that on your request as well. Our Christmas Eve celebration will be at 5:30 p.m. this year. If you are blessed with a musical talent you're willing to share, we would love to hear from you! We do a lot of singing on that evening and could use your support. May we all take time to just breathe deeply, gratefully, and feel blessed.

Peace to you all,

Pastor Vicki VICLYNNL@yahoo.com



ABOUT OUR WATER AND SEWER RATES:

At the regular meeting of August 13, 2019, the Town Council approved an agreement with Willdan Financial Services for them to review and analyze the Town's water and wastewater rate structure and prepare several alternative proposed rate structures for the Council to consider. This will include the development of a volume-based rate. Willdan will provide a detailed analysis and comparison of the Town's current and proposed rates to the state average as well as to other surrounding communities, and will prepare additional scenarios should Council so choose in determining which is the most just and reasonable.

The project team is in the process of reviewing customer and volume data, budgets, operating expenses and debt service schedules and will use the data to prepare a water and wastewater cost of service forecast model. The model will identify current and forecast operating expenses, capital outlays and debt service for the period FY 2020- FY 2028. The model will adhere to AWWA ratemaking standards to ensure that the cost of service for each customer class is just, reasonable and accurate.

The firm will present its findings to Council at a public meeting, after which Council will decide, at a future meeting, on the preferred rate plan. These meetings will be open to the public and posted on the Town's website at www.jerome.az.gov.

Willdan Financial Services is an economic and financial consulting firm with offices in Plano, Texas and throughout the United States. Their principal clients are national, state and local governments, and they have decades of experience in water and wastewater utility operations and economic/financial management.

-Candace Gallagher, Town Manager/Clerk

Jerome Kid's Annual Christmas Party

Please sign up Jerome kids 11 years and under using their full names and yours. Our signup sheet is at Paul & Jerry's Saloon. The **requirements** for having a **child** attend are: If you **work** in Jerome, **live** in Jerome or have a **business** in Jerome your **child/grandchild** is welcome to sign up.

Due to budgeting constraints we ask that you only sign up children who meet the above criteria and can attend the party on December 14, 2019 at 9:00am at Spook Hall.

Raffle tickets are available at Paul & Jerry's Saloon, hours 10am to 2am daily. 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 (Keep in mind this is how we keep the gift giving going!) Questions: Call Burt @928-301-3125, Rebekah @ 928-554-3477 or Cid @ Paul & Jerry's Monday thru Friday from 12 to 7pm @ 928-634-2603.

Ye Old Bookroom

Katie Lee's personal library is now on display along with articles and memorabilia about Jerome's former feisty First Lady. Come visit "Katie's Corner." While we're on the subject, may I recommend the current exhibit about Katie at the Cline Library on the NAU campus in Flagstaff.

- Several months back, we highlighted "the oldest book in the Old Book Room." Recently, a generous donation has set a new benchmark, bumping our collection into the 18th century with PETRARCH'S VIEW OF HUMAN LIFE, published in 1791. We accept vintage books on any subjects, so please consider giving them to us instead of the landfill. You can bring them to the Library during regular hours.

Another interesting discovery is a small, autographed book of watercolor paintings by Winston Churchill, who is well known to have a genealogical connection to Jerome.

Research confirms that the signature is genuine, so if philography or "Winnie" interests you, come on over.

- There has also been a sizeable increase in our collection of vintage books about art and art instruction as well as a cluster of classic CONAN adventures for sword and sorcery fans. In addition, we've acquired some new items to add to our unique Jerome display, including a photograph with a directory of the families and businesses that once populated the area known as El Barrio Chicano or Mexican Town.

Stop by the OBR Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2 or by appointment.

-Michael Gallagher

Jerome Public Library

JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

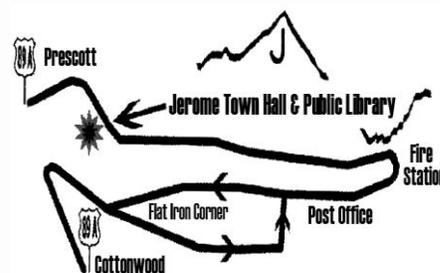
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| Sunday | 10 am – 2 pm | Wednesday | 10 am – 5 pm |
| Monday | 10 am – 5 pm | Thursday | 10 am – 7 pm |
| Tuesday | 10 am – 7 pm | Friday | Noon – 5 pm |
| | Saturday Noon -2pm | | |



Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday & Thursday Noon – 2:00 p.m.

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

Library Fundraiser

The new book by Pat Jacobson and Midge Steuber, "HAUNTED JEROME," is now available in the Library. Support your Library this Season.

Community Art Program -November 2019 Schedule of Classes

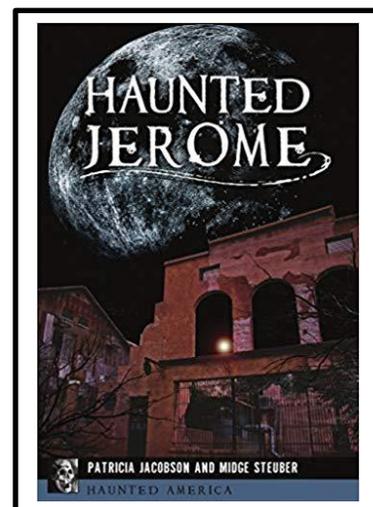
Sunday Nov. 10th from 1 to 4 pm Beginning Quilting with Kristen. Beginners are welcome to attend, all supplies are included and the colors of fabric are up to the student. We have many fabrics to choose from. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Saturday, Nov. 16th from 1 to 4 pm Kaleidoscopes with Kathleen.

Make a 3-inch flame-colored copper kaleidoscope with glitter wand, marble or interchangeable tube. Each student will be able to make and take two (2) of these kaleidoscopes. All supplies are included. \$45 Donation per student.

We are planning a Make and Take Class for Christmas Ornaments for the beginning of December. More information will follow so keep an eye on your inboxes. To sign up for the Community Art Program information send an e-mail to jeromeartworkshop@gmail.com

Volunteer Teachers for the Art Program are needed and welcome to Join us for classes in the New Year. Contact Kristen or Kathleen at the Library 938-639-0574.



Jerome Humane Society

Hello Jerome!

A big shout-out to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2019 JHS Brunch and Auction! It's our biggest fundraiser and goes a long way toward helping us help Jerome's animals. So, to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended - THANK YOU!



Just in time for the HOLIDAYS, our big Fall Flea Market will be held at Spook Hall on December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on the 8th and the 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

Thanks to the Town of Jerome, the clinic has a new, dedicated thermostat and HVAC system. This will help everyone stay comfy, including our volunteers, clients and clinic cats.

Speaking of cats, we have several adorable kittens and their mama seeking homes. Please check with us to see who is currently available!



Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Clinic Phone: 634-6166 (during clinic hours only)
Appt. Phone: 235-5960

Jerome Police Department

Recently, we have had an increase in complaints of people and their dogs "caught misbehaving." Here are a few helpful reminders regarding our four-legged family members:

Please walk your dog on leash. This is for everyone's protection and required per Town Code Ordinance 6-3-3. Please consider using a muzzle if your dog isn't comfortable being in the vicinity of other dogs.

Please pick up after your dog! There are doggie stations with bags and trash cans in various locations around town. Please be a responsible pet owner and be considerate of neighbors and guests by keeping our town clean.

Please be aware of the time you are walking your dog. Early morning or late night is not prohibited, but potentially causing all the neighborhood dogs to start barking isn't being a considerate neighbor.

Barking Dogs - Please respect your neighbors. Incessantly barking dogs, whether inside your house or outside in the yard, disturb the peace and can cause undue stress on neighbors. Please take this into consideration and do not leave your dog(s) alone for lengthy periods.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!! If you need to report a violation, please contact the station @ 928-634-8992 or dispatch @ 928-634-2245.

Thank you!
Chief Muma



Police Dispatch Number

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

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

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