

POINT OF VIEW

JEROME'S NEWSLETTER

January – February 2014

From the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Thankfully, this Holiday season was pretty quiet. It made me start thinking of what big issues, new or old, we might address in 2014. Perhaps a quiet time is the perfect time to rip into a big complicated topic. Then again, we seem to rake up a few of those fairly naturally and consistently, so I'm not too concerned that 2014 will end up being a productive year for the Town and for Council. Think of all the things we managed to do in 2013!



We have been able to address the refurbishing of the water tanks on Cleopatra Hill (a daunting task for anyone – we were lucky to receive a bid on the project at all and now have nearly completed one tank.) We also have the 300 level sidewalk project well underway after much collaboration with the county and with Freeport-McMoRan, it should be ready to go very soon. Our Civil Union ordinance proved to be a trendsetter with Sedona, Clarkdale, and Cottonwood approving similar ordinances shortly after ours passed. The Grand Hotel litigation was successfully mediated in a way that will improve the Hotel's safety. And though the vacation rental ordinance was referred, I still feel

that the year we spent working on that topic was very helpful in sorting through a tough issue that affects many other municipalities – of that we can be proud! Ahead for 2014 we'll continue to work on the issue of shared sewer lines, begin improvements on the sewer plant road, get the sidewalk to the 300 level complete and continue to address anything else that gets thrown our way!

In the meantime, Happy New Year! Let us know if you have anything to get onto the agenda in 2014!

Wishing you all the best,

Mayor Nikki Check
n.check@jerome.az.gov

Dear Jeromans

Hope 2014 is fabulous for us all!

Reflecting on my last several terms serving you on Council, I am so proud of our accomplishments. Some of my favorites are: finally burying a dangerous gas main while getting a leaky water line on Clark Street replaced; getting outdated, inconsistent, conflicting and sexist language changes made to Town documents; getting Town Yard moved; creating a workable and enforceable Ordinance to restrict & regulate "vacation rentals" in Jerome; replacing stretches of sewer & water lines instead of just patching over & over; ending a draining lawsuit; and especially building two new water tanks on Sunshine Hill & now refurbishing our two old Cleopatra Hill tanks.

Another point of pride is that the 444 or so of us fill over 100 volunteer positions (including Council) in Jerome!



Please come & be involved in your Town.

Love, **Anne Bassett**

Town Holiday Schedule

January 20, Monday – Martin Luther King Day
Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, January 20.

February 17, Monday – President's Day
Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, February 18.

Meeting Dates for January, February, and March 2014

Regular Council Meeting
January 14 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
January 8 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
January 13 at 7:00 pm **Regular**

Council Meeting
February 11 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
February 5 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
February 10 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
March 11 at 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning
March 5 at 7:00 pm

Design Review Board
March 10 at 7:00 pm

Jerome Fire Department

Rusty Blair, Chief JVFD



Community Brush Disposal

Our community brush disposal site is a great asset for our town. Please call the fire station or Chief Blair and we will unlock the gate for your brush, leaves and tree limbs. Do not throw brush over the fence. This causes a lot of work for us because we have to move the brush into the center area – we do not want to burn near the fence line. Call the station at 649-3034 and we will be happy to open the gate for you.

During 2013, your Jerome Fire Department responded to 404 calls for service. These calls were for emergency medical services, fire, rescue, vehicle accidents, Hazmat and special duties. Several of these calls were to the Verde Valley to assist other fire agencies. We have standing agreements for automatic aid with all the Verde Valley agencies and they also respond to Jerome as needed.

Year - Number of Calls

1976 - 11	1977 - 11	1978 - 15
1979 - 17	1980 - 15	1981 - 4
1982 - 14	1983 - 9	1984 - 10
1985 - 15	1986 - 7	1987 - 9
1988 - 27	1989 - 61	1990 - 61
1991 - 81	1992 - 58	1993 - 72
1994 - 74	1995 - 58	1996 - 53
1997 - 58	1998 - 66	1999 - 71
2000 - 75	2001 - 72	2002 - 94
2003 - 115	2004 - 127	2005 - 124
2006 - 119	2007 - 127	2008 - 181
2009 - 161	2010 - 221	2011 - 224
2012 - 298	2013 - 404	

Our volunteer members participated in 89 training exercises in 2013. Future exciting training sessions this coming year include vehicle extrication and vehicle firefighting in Jerome and ongoing rope rescue drills. Also, we have two structures in Jerome that we will use for fire drills and then let the structure burn to the ground. This will help the property owners in removing unwanted buildings and help the fire department with training. Both structures are just outside the Town limits and are small, about 400 square feet of modern construction.

On February 5, 2014, we will be having the fire department's fire extinguishers serviced. The B & W service company will be here most of the day. If you would like your extinguishers checked and serviced for \$5.00, bring them to the fire station between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on February 5. They will also have fire extinguishers for sale. Payment for service or a new



extinguisher should be made out to B & W Fire Service. For further information call 649-3034.

The annual Mardi Gras Dance will be on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there. We are requesting volunteers for this upcoming dance. We need volunteers to set up on the 13th and 14th. We will also need personnel for the door, security personnel, costume judges and bar help on the night of the event on the 15th. Then, we will need help with cleanup on Sunday, the 16th. If you wish to volunteer for any of these days, please contact Chief Blair at 928 300-8701, or you can e-mail your preferences to jeromeauxiliarysecretary@gmail.com or blair@jeromefire.us.

Thanks to all that have helped with our events as it helps us support our Fire Department. If you are interested in how this money is spent you may check with our President Burt Doss, Treasurer Nancy Smith, Chief Blair or any of our other board members – our books are always open.

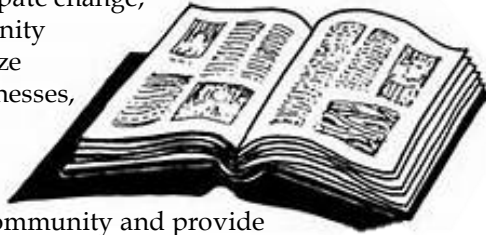
The Fire Department is always looking for new members for fire or EMS or both. Free training, cool t-shirts, and drive big trucks with red lights. 5:00 PM, every Thursday. Come on down and see what we do. Everybody is welcome.

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.

A Message from the Zoning Administrator

One of the most rewarding duties in my position as Planning and Zoning Administrator is involvement with the Town of Jerome General Plan update. The General Plan helps Jerome: prepare for the future, accommodate the present, anticipate change, maximize community strengths, minimize community weaknesses, secure a sense of community coordination, build a sense of community and provide for the public health, safety and welfare. It fulfills a legislative requirement to set forth the goals, policies and directions that the Town will take in managing its future. The General Plan is the Town's "blueprint" and guide to achieving the citizens' vision.



The General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) has been hard at work since February 2013, dedicating hours of volunteer time on the draft document. Currently, the Committee is working on the Introduction and Land Use Element, gathering information, compiling statistics and editing policies, goals and strategies.

Public meetings of the GPSC are held at the Fire Station, usually on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. (meeting dates are subject to change for holidays). The meetings are primarily work sessions, however public input is always on the agenda. Citizens of Jerome are invited – and encouraged – to attend!

Meeting Dates:

January - 15th and 29th

February - 12th and 26th

March - 12th and 26th

If you have any questions, or would like to be placed on the e-mailing list for future GPSC agendas, please contact me at 928.634.7943 or r.borowski@jerome.az.gov.

Wishing you all the best for a happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2014.

For the Love of Jerome,

Rebecca Borowski

Zoning Administrator & Historic Preservation Officer

A VISION FOR THE TOWN

"The Town of Jerome maintains its historic character, livability and status as a National Historic Landmark. We welcome visitors and encourage a viable and diverse business and arts community, while preserving the balance that protects a high quality of life for its residents."

Household Battery Disposal

Many Jeromans have been asking what to do with their used batteries. Someone even went so far as to place a battery recycle bin in front of the library. However, whoever placed it was not managing it so it eventually was filled with batteries and garbage and the whole thing was removed.

After doing some research, I came up with the following information.

Over three billion batteries are sold annually in the United States (more than 350 million are rechargeable batteries). The average person owns about two button batteries, ten normal batteries, and throws out about eight household batteries per year. To prevent the release of hazardous substances into the environment, the "Battery Act" was signed into law on May 13, 1996.



Battery Type and Disposal Method

Alkaline batteries come in many sizes and are commonly referred to as disposable or non-rechargeable batteries. Alkaline batteries are non-hazardous and *can be safely disposed with household garbage*.

Rechargeable batteries contain metals and other hazardous ingredients and should not be disposed of with household trash. Exchange them at the time of purchase or deliver to a collection site, such as Sedona Recycles.

Sedona Recycles now collects batteries seven days a week, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bring the batteries inside the facility and read the signs with the battery recycling instructions. There is a suggested donation of \$1 per pound to cover their expenses for shipping and recycling batteries.

Most household batteries are accepted for recycling, including:

- A through D
- 9-volt
- Rechargeable or single use
- Cell phone batteries
- Drill batteries
- Watch batteries

Sedona Recycles does not accept auto batteries. Those must be brought to Checker Auto Parts or Napa Auto Parts.

NOTE: Some rechargeable batteries look like alkaline batteries. However, they contain Nickel and Cadmium and should be recycled. *If in doubt, deliver the batteries to a collection site.*

NOTE: Sometimes rechargeable batteries are built into a machine, tool or appliance. Do not attempt to

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The Jerome Library, A Year in Review

The Library currently has 347 active users. During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, Jerome users borrowed 9,854 items. Material sent to other libraries totaled 2,578 items and the online catalog search tool was used 3,767 times. However, the Jerome Library isn't just about books.

On February 26, 2013, the library hosted the first ever art show and sale for our beloved Les MacDowell. The evening was a fabulous event. Les donated the remainder of his paintings to the library for ongoing fundraising. Original *Arrrt* is available in the library.

Later that year, on September 27, author Bill Carter came to the Jerome Public Library and read from his new book *Boom Bust Boom*, starting a town wide discussion on Copper Mining in the Jerome area. Signed copies of his book are still available.

The Old Book Room underwent a major renovation and reopened to the public in October. We still need volunteers for the Old Book Room; see the librarian for more information.

Old Book Room Hours

Tuesday Noon – 5 pm

Thursday Noon – 5 pm

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



The Old Book Room of the Jerome Public Library houses many collections, including Voltaire, Shakespeare, biographies, local art and old photos.



JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOKS * VIDEOS * INTERNET * FAX
COPY MACHINE * SCANNER * PRINTER

Phone/Fax 928-639-0574
Drawer I, Jerome, AZ 86331

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		

A map showing the location of the Jerome Town Hall & Public Library. The map includes labels for Prescott, Cottonwood, Flat Iron Corner, Post Office, and Fire Station. The library is located near the intersection of Highway 89A and Highway 89.



**... where they will not be judged
by the color of their skin
but by the content of their character.**
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Household Battery Disposal continued from previous page
disassemble the equipment. Bring the whole unit to a collection site.

Button batteries often contain metals and other hazardous. Many shops that replace watch and hearing aid batteries accept your batteries for recycling at no charge. You may also bring your batteries to a collection site.

Lithium batteries contain lithium metal compounds and should be recycled. Exchange lithium batteries at the time of purchase or deliver to a collection site.

Car/Motorcycle batteries contain lead and acid and must be recycled. Most businesses require a trade-in when you purchase a new battery, or you will be assessed a fee (core charge). Trade in your old lead-acid battery at the time of purchase (or return your old battery to the retailer for a refund). Lead-acid batteries are prohibited from being disposed of with household refuse and cannot enter the landfill. Lead-acid batteries should be delivered to a collection site or store that is willing to accept them.

– Rosemarie Shemaitis

Light Up the Mountain and other Holiday Events

Thank you Jerome!!!

Once again the Holidays are over and it is time to relax a little! Fred and I would personally like to thank the following people for all your help during the Holiday Season.

Holiday Event Committee: I want to thank the following people who were on my committee for the holiday events. Amy Joe, Andy and Laurie Hartman, Michael Gamble, Sharon Bowerman, Gary Ferguson and Charina Daamiano. I could not have done this without you.

Park Decorating: Mark Ondera, Carla Ginter, Janet Farwell, Carl Miller, Gary Ferguson, Eric Roberts, Laurie Hartnett and Jay Kinsella. The park looked great. Thank you all.

The Polar Express was a huge success with over 190 people attending. Thank you to La Donna Smith, Lynne Chambal, Janet Farwell, Leigh Martin, Jeff, Laurie and Andy Hartman, Amy Jo and her son, Rosemarie Shemaitis, Ruth Brown, Deni and Bill Phinney, Joni Savage and some others that I did not get the names of. Thank you so much for all my volunteers. You made the event the success it was.

Light up the Mountain: Thank you to the businesses that participated. I am still being asked what the "Ho's" are about. It was a great event. I appreciated that so many of you decorating your windows. We had over 150 ballots.

Luminaries: We had the Luminaries lit in 15 minutes. All 500 of them! Thank you to everyone who helped with this event. It was our best ever. Thanks to Gary Ferguson for doing the Luminaries and everyone who helped fill the bags. Amy Jo and her son helped on Main Street and Laurie Hartman sold tickets for the raffle. We sold over \$800.00 in raffle tickets. We had several High School Volunteers who helped with this event. I believe we had over 30 Volunteers in all. Thank you so much to all of you. I apologize to all I did not mention. Your efforts were truly appreciated.

Thank you to Grapes, Bobby D's and Mile High for cooking the meat this year for the Town Holiday Dinner. Thanks to Rusty Blair, Ron Richie, Gary Shapiro and Tom Lantz for carving. I hope everyone had a great time.

As I mentioned at the dinner, this is Fred and my last year for doing the Holiday Decorating and the events. I can't begin to tell you how much we have enjoyed it. We appreciate everyone's help and donations towards making the Holidays in Jerome memorable. We have made so many friends in our town and appreciate your help and friendship and we thank you all. We want to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

With Much Love
Diana and Fred Martin



Photo courtesy of Donna Chesler

Jerome Humane Society Report

Here we go 2014 . . . Are your furry friends due for vaccinations and annual checkup? We can review your records . . . call Marge 639-1341.

Anybody interested in Boris? A Jerome Humane Society rescue, Boris is a beautiful brindle, 8-month-old Pit Bull mix in need of foot surgery. We will sponsor surgery and all medical rehab. We urgently need a foster or forever home for this sweet, energetic boy! Call Mary 301-7797 or Sally 301-5079 for more details.



We are also looking for the purrfect indoor-only home for Bob and Carol. Two loving kitties, very connected to each other. Do you have room in your heart and home? Call Sally 301-5079.

As usual, we take donations for our flea markets anytime.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
JEROME!



Bob and Carol

Jerome Humane Society Clinic Hours

Thursdays Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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

Appt. Phone: 639-1341

Greetings From Haven UMC

Our congregation is blessed to be starting 2014 in Jerome. It is the 90th year since our church was built on the side of the hill, and, as we look over our past, we are grateful for all the good that has happened in this place. The many people who have been a part of the History of Haven UMC are also a part of the history of Jerome.

We hope to continue Haven's tradition of being a welcoming place for all who settle in and near Jerome and we intend to be a refuge for those who need one.

Our food pantry has been assisting many Jerome residents and we are grateful to the people of Jerome for their contributions to this ministry. Without the support of so many Jeromites we would have much less to offer our community. We also have been able to add a clothing closet to this ministry and through this have been keeping many people warm on the cold Jerome nights.

Our church also offers a monthly brunch to our friends and neighbors and we hope that folks from the community will attend. It is usually the third Sunday of the month following worship, but you can call the church office for exact dates and time.

All of us at Haven wish all of Jerome a wonderful and blessed 2014.

Janet and Michael Keffer, Pastors



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.

Police Dispatch Number

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

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

Great to be in Jerome

Blessed New Year 2014!!

After six great months of residency in Jerome, we Friends of the Holy Family Catholic Church give thanks for the warm welcome received from so many Jeromites!



Having relocated from Virginia in June 2013, and taking up the caretaking of Holy Family Catholic Church, it is our desire to reestablish the spiritual life in the Church by inviting the community of Jerome to participate spiritually with us. The Church is open seven days a week, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with Holy Mass being offered every 3rd Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Additionally, spiritual devotions take place throughout the day.

Also, we are asking for help to revitalize and to sustain the historical and sentimental memories of this Church established in 1894, rebuilt, then rededicated in 1900. This is a house of worship, which remains a much visited and very interesting landmark in Jerome. Please consider submitting your memories: (1) Via regular mail to: Holy Family Catholic Church, P. O. Box 906, Jerome, AZ 86631; (2) Via e-mail: ibenothing2@yahoo.com, Subject line: Holy Family Memoires; or (3) Stop by the Church to write your remembrances in a notebook maintained in the Confessional Room.

Stay tuned to us because more interesting projects are in formation! Looking forward to greeting and meeting all who stop in to visit the Church!

Again, Happy and Blessed New Year 2014 to all,
Friends of Holy Family Catholic Church



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