

A NOTE TO OUR RESIDENTS

The Board of Trustees and I take seriously the responsibility of governing our Village. We are accountable to the residents in our Village and are aware of the needs of the taxpayer. We try to make considered, sensible decisions necessary to move our community forward in a positive, productive and fiscally responsible manner.

Our community has a reputation for pitching in and helping each other out in times of need. We are fortunate to have the support of both local businesses and non-profit organizations.

Clearly our Village is looking messy and uncared for. Please make an effort to take pride in your home and property. Some action on your part will go a long way to tidy up our Village and make our community a place where families want to move into and stay.

Thank you for your efforts to improve our community.

Mike Lopez, Village President



REMEMBER TO VOTE

March 15, 2016

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Jerome Civic Center

Presidential Primary Election and State Primary Election Day

LET'S WALK & TALK

Beginning Sunday, April 3rd, and each Sunday thereafter, weather permitting, let's meet up at 2:30 p.m. at the parking lot behind the Village Hall and take a walk around the Village. All levels of walkers are welcome. This is not an exercise class. We just want to get out of the house, meet our neighbors and take a leisurely walk around the Village. No sign-ups necessary.

Just show up and walk.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- March 15
Primary Election
- April 3
Walking Group Begins
Sundays 2:30 p.m.
- April 4
Branch Pick-Up Begins
- June 4
Village Wide Garage Sale
8:00 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
- July 4th
Independence Day Parade
9:00 a.m.



Branch & Limb Pickup Schedule

The Village of Jerome will be picking up branches and limbs following the schedule below:

Monday, April 4th

Monday, May 2nd

Monday, June 6th

Tuesday, July 5th

Monday, August 1st

Monday, October 3rd

Please note there will be no branch pick-up in September due to Village Wide Clean Up.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BRANCH PICK-UP

1. Place branches and limbs in front of your residence near the road the weekend before the pick-up is scheduled.
2. Branches should be of reasonable length to handle (8 ft. or less).
3. Residents with limb piles greater than or equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ a truck load should contact James Foster at 546-9647 to inquire about charge for large load.
4. Remember, branches are not logs or twigs and we will not pick up tree trunks, even if they have been cut up.
5. No trees, bushes or yard waste (leaves or leaf bags) will be picked up. The facility where we dispose of our branches will not accept the items mentioned here.
6. No finished wood products (landscape timber, 2x4s, fence pieces, etc.) will be picked up.
7. Branches will not be picked up if trash is mixed in.
8. Please give our Public Works employees time to pick up branches. It will take several days each month to complete the pick-up.
9. When the branch pick-up is completed in October, please do not place branches or limbs near the road to remain there until the Spring of 2017. Doing so makes our Village appear messy and uncared for.

Evan's Recycling, our branch drop-off location, mulches the wood and uses it for bedding for animals. Animals can and do chew/eat the mulch. Treated lumber and trash could make the animals sick. Please be considerate. Any deviation from this policy could result in your branch piles not being picked up.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.



LEAF BAGS

Residents must have stickers from an area waste hauler on leaf/yard waste bags before placing them in front of their property for pick-up. Do not put your yard waste bags out until the required stickers are affixed. No one wants to see rotting yard waste bags along the side of our roads.



VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 4, 2016

The Village-wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Residents who wish to participate should plan to hold sales at their homes. The Village will place an ad in the State Journal-Register announcing the sale. The ad will list the time of the sale from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, June 5th. We hope many of our residents will take advantage of this annual opportunity.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



Monday, July 4, 2016

Our Independence Day Parade will be held on Monday, July 4, 2016. Children are welcome either walking, riding bikes or in strollers. We encourage the children to decorate their bikes, strollers, or even themselves. An entry form is not required for children unless on a motorized vehicle.

We urge individual adults and organizations to participate. If you are interested in a parade entry form please contact the Village office at 546-2203 or download the form from our Village website, villageofjerome.com. Entry forms are required for floats and all motorized vehicles. On parade day, entrants will need to register at the corner of Reed and Leonard Streets by the Jerome Municipal Building. Parade line up begins at 8:15 a.m. and at 9:00 a.m. the parade will begin.

After the parade, please join us at the Civic Center for refreshments.

Mike Lopez, Village President



TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Sadly, some areas of our Village have become unsightly. Please make sure you are doing your part to help keep our community an appealing place to live. The following ordinances, as well as other ordinances, will be strictly enforced. Taking steps to be in compliance with Village ordinances will avoid receiving a Ordinance Violation letter and possible fine.

Ordinance 803.3-4 prohibits parking vehicles in Front, Side or Rear Yards. No person shall keep, store or park any vehicle, trailer or other unit on any front, side or rear yard other than on a driveway or approved pad.

Ordinance 400.3 states that grass of 6 inches in height, brush, weeds, dead and dying trees or bushes, stumps, roots, limbs, garbage and trash is detrimental to public health and is declared to be a public nuisance.

Ordinance 400.3-5 requires that receptacles for garbage, ashes and rubbish shall be placed outside and to the rear of the residence or main building. Receptacles may be moved to the street on days scheduled for collection but must be removed to the rear of such residence or other main building as soon as possible after collection is made.

Ordinance 404.2-2 allows for fire pits to be used in the Village from April 1st through November 30th. However, a permit application must be approved each year. An application for an Evening Fire Permit is available at the Village Hall. Once the application is completed, please return the application to the Village Hall and you will be contacted to set up a time for the fire pit location to be inspected. The owner of the property must sign the permit. Renters must get the permission of the owner before the application can be approved.

Ordinance 400.3-6 requires that gutters and ditches in front of your residence be kept free of yard waste and debris. This will aid in the flow of rain water and reduce the amount of debris entering the storm sewers that restrict the flow of water.

Ordinance 400.3 requires that residents must have stickers from an area waste hauler on leaf/yard waste bags before placing them in front of their property for pick-up. Do not put your yard waste bags out until the required stickers are affixed. No one wants to see rotting yard waste bags along the side of our roads.

Ordinance 417.1-1 Violation of this ordinance includes: (a) Sound or noise which interferes with the peace or comfort or disturbs the quiet enjoyment of any person in the Village and (b) The use, playing or operating within the Village of any radio, tape recorder, cassette player or other device receiving broadcast sound or reproducing recorded sound if the sound generated by the device is clearly audible to a person with normal hearing at a distance greater than 75 feet.

Beth Monnat

Public Health Trustee



We'll Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends

We are pleased to announce that the CHWC organization (Catholic Heart Workcamp), has offered to lend their assistance to some of Jerome’s citizens who could use their help. From Monday, June 27 through Thursday, June 30, volunteers from this organization will work throughout the Village helping with some chores. Although workers will be from around the Springfield area, this is a national organization that helps communities throughout the country.

CHWC is particularly interested in helping senior citizens, or a citizen with disabilities, or a citizen who tends to someone with disabilities. Here are some of the types of jobs this organization could help with, although all requests will be considered.

- Landscaping, including shoveling, rock, mulch, planting flowers, pulling weeds, mowing, trimming bushes and general yard clean-up.
- Interior and exterior painting (you must supply paint).
- Hang drywall.
- Tuck point brick wall or mend fences.

No roof repairs and major electrical work.

No jobs will be started that cannot be completed by the end of the work days.

Each group of workers will be supervised.

If you would like some assistance around your property on the above dates (June 27 thru June 30), please fill out the form below and return it to the Village office ASAP. A CHWC representative will contact you to discuss your requests. If you have any questions, call Dave Knoepfle at (217) 691-6993. All requests may not be able to be fulfilled, depending on the amount of requests received. The Village of Jerome is neither affiliated with nor endorses Catholic Heart Workcamp or the services it provides. Any resident who requests or utilizes the services of Catholic Heart Workcamp does so at their own risk and holds the Village of Jerome harmless for the same.

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Name of Applicant: _____ **Applicant’s Phone No.** _____

Address where work will be done: _____, Village of Jerome

Work will be done between June 27 and June 30, 2016.

Describe type of work to be done and please be as specific as possible.

Return this form to Village Office promptly and it will be passed on to CHWC.

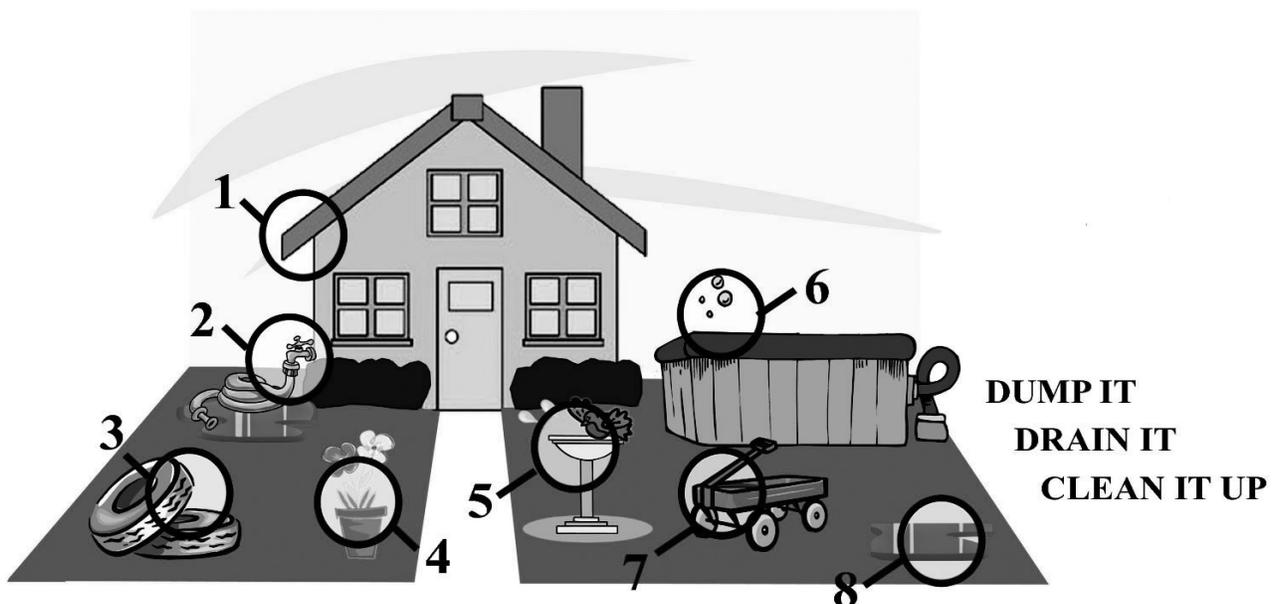


MOSQUITO SPRAYING PROGRAM TO BEGIN

The Village of Jerome Mosquito Abatement Program will begin near the end of May. Spraying will be on Thursday evenings between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. and will continue until the cooler weather is here to stay, and the mosquitos go into hibernation. Spraying will take place when weather and wind conditions are within recommended limits.

Remember, the most effective way to fight mosquitos is to eliminate breeding locations around your property. It takes only a teaspoon of water for an egg raft, and a female mosquito can make a new egg raft every 3-4 days depositing 100-300 eggs.

Mosquito Breeding Sites



**DUMP IT
DRAIN IT
CLEAN IT UP**

1. Keep gutters clean
2. Repair leaky faucets
3. Eliminate debris that holds water
4. Drain excess water from plant pots and saucers
5. Change birdbaths twice a week
6. Maintain pools and spas; keep water from pooling on covers
7. Turn toys and equipment upside down to prevent water from collecting inside
8. Avoid overwatering

Help your community reduce mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile Virus by keeping your property free from mosquito breeding sites



LET'S STOOP AND SCOOP

If you are a dog or cat owner, please review Ordinance 407.1 to become familiar with regulations regarding your pets. Picking up your pet's waste is regulated by ordinance and will keep our roadways clean and your neighbors happy. It also protects local waterways, since pet waste left on the ground washes into our sewer system and compromises water quality.

When walking your dogs at night, wear reflective patches to ensure your and their safety.

Dogs running at large in the Village will be at risk of being impounded and subject to the regulations and fees established by Sangamon County and the Village of Jerome. It is your responsibility to care for your pet.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Are you having work done around the house?

The Village of Jerome requires persons or companies working in Jerome to register and pay a registration fee.

Home repair scams become our number one problem this time of year, as the weather becomes warmer and there is more activity outside. Check with our Village Office to see if the company or person you are thinking of doing business with is registered with the Village of Jerome. This requirement helps to safeguard our residents from unprofessional work and unscrupulous scammers. A list of registered contractors is available at the Village office.

Additionally, Building Permits are required for many outdoor projects you may be considering this spring. Always check with me or the Village office to see if you need to complete a Building Permit Application. When in doubt—CHECK! Thank you.

Dale Lael, Trustee, Building & Zoning - 787-8388



To our senior citizens, and those who love them, please be advised that the Village has been made aware of scam artists operation within our area. These criminals are calling older residents, demanding that residents provide credit card information, banking information, social security numbers, or other confidential information. Please be aware that the IRS will never call you and will contact you by mail, if necessary.

If you receive any suspicious calls, hang up immediately and call the Sangamon County Non-Emergency Phone Number—217-753-6666. After you call, a Village of Jerome Police officer will be dispatched to your location to talk to you and prepare a police report.

STAY SAFE—DO NOT GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION TO STRANGERS.

In addition,

When you are outside doing yard work, etc., follow these tips:

Close your garage door.

Lock your house when you are outside.

Don't let people you don't know inside your house.

Watch out for your neighbors.



If you see anything unusual, call the police. It is their job to talk with people and ask questions.

Need Assistance? Call ...

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