

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The loss of sales tax revenue accompanying the closure of Shop 'N Save in Jerome has resulted in a significant financial impact on the Village. The Board of Trustees and I continue to work to address the gaps in revenues vs. expenses. The Board voted to cancel the Annual Large Item Pickup for this year.

The Board of Trustees and I are hopeful that if and when a new business establishment goes into operation at the former Shop 'N Save location that sales taxes will again be generated. When this happens, we will collectively reassess Your Village's financial situation regarding Village services.

Moving forward, the priorities must be OUR roads, OUR water system, OUR community facilities, and OUR police protection. The Board of Trustees and I appreciate your cooperation as we all work together to move our village forward.

Michael Lopez
Jerome Village President

VILLAGE INFORMATION

The Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center. All residents are invited to attend.

The Village Office is open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. To stay updated on news and events in the Village visit our website

www.villageofjerome.com.

Ice Cream Social

On "National Night Out", Tuesday, August 6, 2019, from 6:00-8:00 pm the Jerome United Methodist Church invites everyone in Jerome for a free ice cream social. The church is located at the corner on Leonard Street and Reed Avenue, across from the Civic Center. The event will be held in the east parking lot and everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair, sit for a while, and visit with your Jerome neighbors while enjoying ice cream. In case of rain the event will move to the fellowship hall on the lower level of the church. There is an elevator for people who can't use stairs. Donations will be accepted but are neither expected nor requested. The Village Library will also be open during this event so please stop by!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

The annual children's Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 26th at the Jerome Civic Center. Costumed children will line up outside the building at 10:15 am and then parade inside for treats and hot dogs.

WEST GRAND COURT PROJECT

In the next several weeks, P.H. Broughton will start road construction on West Grand Court. It has been over thirty years since any work has been done to this cul-de-sac. The road is in such disrepair that it will need to be totally reconstructed. The plan is to work on one side of the street at a time. That way residents will still have access to their homes. Even with that, it will still be an inconvenience to the residents who live on West Grand Court. P. H Broughton will be excavating several layers of asphalt in order to properly reconstruct the street. Please be patient with the construction crews and also our own Public Works Staff. They are all working together to make this project as seamless as possible.

A public meeting will be held on Monday, July 29th at 6:30 pm in the Jerome Civic Center to answer some of the questions that may arise before construction is set to start. We hope to see you there.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

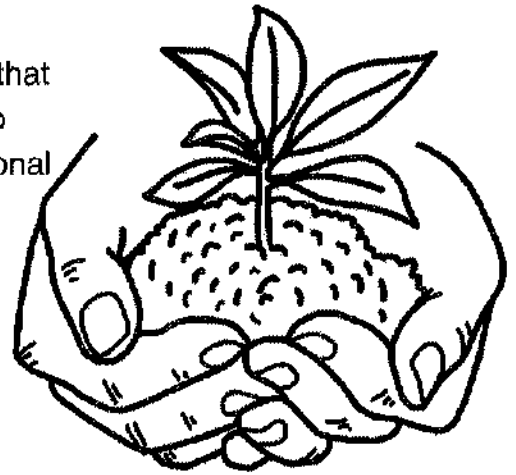
We need and want your feedback. Please tell us the days of the week and hours you would like to see the library open. Currently volunteers open the library for two-hour shifts. If you have any suggestion, please leave a written message for Trustee Kathy DeHart at the Village office or a voice message at 217-415-1132. In addition, we need volunteers to open our library consistently for the current hours of:

- Saturdays from 10:00 am to Noon
- Mondays from 1:00-3:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm
- New volunteers Kristen and Marley are opening the library on Thursday from 6:00-8:00 pm this summer as much as possible

Can you spare a couple hours to help?

GARDEN GROUP FORMING

Do you have a green thumb? Having one is good but not required! Trustee Kathy DeHart would like to see if there are any residents that like gardening and would be interested in forming a small group to help with watering, weeding, suggestions for new plantings, seasonal care, and lot of TLC (tender loving care) to maintain our plantings around the Village buildings, park, library, and entrance sign at Iles Avenue and Chatham Road. Contact Kathy at 217-415-1132 if interested.



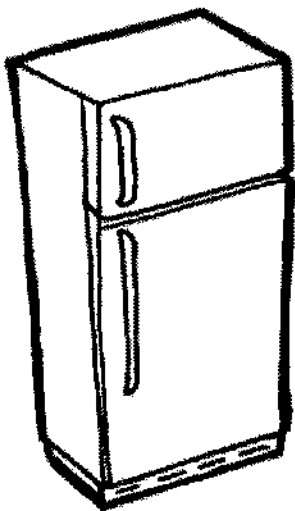
THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Trustee Jake Tripp and Tripp Landscaping for their generous donations of shrubs, plants, a tree, and lots of mulch to replace dead shrub and rose bushes at the Village Hall and Park. Donations of hanging flowers, annual flowers, yard art, and perennial black-eyed Susan plants by staff, trustees, and volunteers have added color to the landscape. We also want to thank residents who have volunteered and donated plantings in the past to improve the Village appearance and we hope to continue in their steps.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The annual flu shot clinic will be held in September or October.

Please check the Village website or bulletin board in front of the Civic Center later in the summer for information on the exact date and time.



LARGE ITEM PICKUP CANCELLED FOR 2019

The large item pickup is cancelled for 2019 so limited staff time and resources can be concentrated on our roads, water system, and community facilities. If you have large items to dispose of, please contact your garbage disposal company or a licensed waste hauler listed on the Sangamon County Department of Public Health website:

<https://scdph.org/environmental-health/#licensed-waste-haulers>.

2020 Christmas Tree Pickup

Live Christmas trees from the 2019 holiday season that are put at the curb by 7:00 am on Monday, January 6, 2020 will be picked up by the Village. Please note: Any trees put out after that time will not be picked up.



BRANCHES, LIMBS, YARD WASTE, AND WEEDS

There will be no branch and limb pickup for the remainder of 2019.

All Village of Jerome residents are responsible for removing branch and limb piles themselves. All branch and limb piles in yards and along the street are in violation of Ordinance 400.3 and must be removed.

DO NOT put branch piles in the street or gutters.

The Village of Jerome does not pick up leaves or yard waste. Leaf bags placed along the street in front of or to the side of a residence must have stickers from area waste haulers. Without stickers the bags are in violation of Ordinance 400.3 and must be removed.

All residents are responsible for keeping fence lines and easements free of weeds and brush in accordance with Ordinance 400.3

COMING SOON TO JEROME WATER CUSTOMERS - NEW WATER METERS!

The water meters in the Jerome Water System were installed decades ago, may no longer be functioning properly (some have been found to not register smaller amounts of water usage), and are very difficult for the Public Works staff to read. The Board of Trustees has authorized the replacement of water meters with Beacon smart meters at the residences and businesses that receive water from the Jerome Water Department. The cost of the purchase of the meters will be financed over a five-year period and will be paid from dedicated Water Department funds. These funds cannot be used for any expenses outside of the Water Department. When the project gets underway we will be having crews in the Village installing the meters. Expect water to be turned off for at least 15 minutes when your meter is being replaced. Some meters may require more extensive work and could take quite a bit longer.

These smart water meters will electronically send your water usage to the Village office, will help us detect water leaks, will provide more accurate readings, will eliminate the need to estimate bills during inclement weather, and will free up staff time for other work. There is a monthly charge to the Village per meter for the electronic transfer of water usage. The monthly water meter fee will increase \$1.00 to cover this charge.

A public meeting will be held to explain this project and answer any questions you might have before the project begins. The date and time of the meeting will be posted on the Village website and at the Village office.

Please note: This project does not apply to residents who receive water from City Water, Light and Power.

PARKING IS PROHIBITED IN YARDS

No parking is allowed in front yards or side yards except on a driveway.

Trailers cannot be parked or stored in front of your house or on the street.

No person shall keep, store, or park any boat, camping trailer, motor home vehicle, travel trailer, truck camper or yard tractor in the area between the front load-bearing wall of a residence and the front lot line of the property. These regulations are in Section 803.3 of the Village Code of Ordinances, which is posted on the Village website.

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