



SPRING 2020 BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL P. LOPEZ

The Village of Jerome is a great community in which to live, work, and raise a family. Our top priority is ensuring an open, efficient, and responsive staff to serve our residents and guests. "Our residents are our number one customer."

We are pro-business and place a great deal of emphasis on being a business-friendly partner. During the last year the Village has welcomed Pizza Hut, The Barn, Oh-Icee, Moroleon Tropical Restaurant, and Valvoline Instant Oil Change. These businesses generate local jobs and revenue for the Village. We encourage you to patronize these fine businesses.

A proud tradition, dating back to the mid-1990s, is the Village of Jerome Parade in celebration of Independence Day each year. This parade is a family tradition that has been attended by many generations of families. In addition, Civic Events occur during the year including an Easter Egg Hunt in the spring, Neighbors Night Out, Halloween Partly, Trick or Treat with the Police, a Santa Program in December, and Sunday afternoon Bingo in the winter.

As Village President I am very interested in your constructive input to make our Village the very best it can be. Moving forward collectively we will continue our path to success.

2020 CALENDAR

March

~~29 Bingo~~

April

~~1 Fire Pit Permit Registration Begins~~

~~4 Easter Egg Hunt~~

~~4 Census Day at Village Office~~

~~26 Bingo~~

May

11 Branch Pick-up

June

12 & 13 Village-wide Garage Sales

13 Salvation Army Donation Truck

July

4 Independence Day Parade

August

4 Ice Cream Social on National Night Out

September or October

Flu Shot Clinic (Date TBD)

October

31 Village Halloween Party

31 Trick or Treating in the Village

December

13 Village Christmas Santa Program

January 2021

11 Christmas Tree Pick-up

Village of Jerome Office and Water Department Hours

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Jerome Library Hours

Monday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. & Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Also, in June, July and August: Monday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
The outdoor "OPEN" sign will be posted when Library is open.

Community Involvement

- The Village Library is open year-round and needs volunteers to staff the library and to expand our hours. If interested in volunteering contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at 217-415-1132.

- Trustee DeHart would also like feedback on the best days and hours for the library to be open to best fit the needs of Village residents.

- The Garden Group helps to maintain landscaping on Village property. If you are interested in volunteering contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at 217-415-1132.

- We are looking for people interested in starting a chess club for adults and or kids. Can you teach others how to play? We could use the park picnic tables or the Civic Center. If this is of interest to you contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at 217-415-1132.



To stay updated on community events visit villageofjerome.com.

Bingo

Sunday, March 29th and April 26th

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The village is hosting bingo at the Jerome Civic Center. There is no cost to attend. Soda and popcorn will be provided. Contact Trustee Leigh Irons at 217-553-3520 for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

1:00 p.m.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Jerome Memorial Park. The rain date is Sunday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m. Donations of plastic eggs and candy will be needed as well as volunteers to set-up and run the event. Contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at 217-415-1132.

Census Day at the Village Office Board Room

Saturday, April 4th

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The U. S. Census questionnaire will be answered online this year for the first time. On April 4th computers will be set up in the Village Office Board Room for you to use in responding to the questionnaire. Census workers will also be available to answer any questions you have. Refreshments will be on hand so take advantage of this opportunity to be counted as a resident of Jerome!

Only Branch Pick-up

Monday, May 11th

7:00 a.m.

There is only one branch pickup scheduled for 2020.

Branches must be out at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on May 11th.

Any branches put out after that time will not be picked up. This is the only way to assure that Public Works staff time is used efficiently. Branches put out any other time will result in a fine.

Branches will be picked up for free, up to piles 4' tall by 6' wide by 8' long, a standard truck bed size. Any pile bigger than that will not be picked up until a fee is paid. Fees start at \$75.

Branches should be under 8' long. Longer branches will need to be cut before being picked up and a fee of \$25 must be paid for this service prior to pick up.

Jerome Memorial Park and Playground Park Entry Hours

8:00 a.m. – dusk

from March 1 – November 30, weather permitting

Neighborhood Spring Cleaning

Let's all commit to **NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEANING** with the first day of Spring 2020 right around the corner on March 19. Please include picking up trash and debris that has been thrown into our front yards, ditches and at many intersections and leaves accumulating in the ditches from last fall. Please assist a neighbor if they are unable to do so.



If students need school service hours or anyone would like to help pick up debris along certain streets, please contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at 217-415-1132. Safety vests and pick up grabbers are available to use.

Please keep all ditches and gutters in front of your residence free of yard waste and debris. This will aid in the flow of rain water and will reduce the amount of debris entering the storm sewers that restricts the flow of water.

Village-Wide Garage Sales

Friday, June 12th

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13th

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Village-wide garage sales will be held on two days again this year. Residents who wish to participate should plan to hold a garage sale at their home. The Village will place an ad in the State Journal Register announcing the sales. Once again, the Salvation Army will have a truck at the municipal center at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Salvation Army Donation Truck

Saturday, June 13th

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On the Saturday of the Village-wide garage sales the Salvation Army will have a truck in front of the Jerome Civic Center on Leonard Street to accept donations. Please visit the Salvation Army website satruck.org to see what items they will accept.

Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 4th

9:00 a.m.

Refreshments after parade

Join in our community celebration of Independence Day with the annual parade starting at 9:00 a.m. and refreshments in the Civic Center afterwards! Children are encouraged to participate in the parade either by walking, riding bikes, or in strollers with decorations. An entry form is not required for children unless they are on a motorized vehicle. Individual adults and organizations are urged to participate and can obtain an entry form by calling the Village office at 546-2203 or downloading the form at villageofjerome.com. Entry forms should be submitted to the Village by close of business on Friday, June 26th. Parade line up begins at 8:15 a.m.

Ice Cream Social on National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

On National Night Out the Jerome United Methodist Church invites everyone in Jerome for free ice cream in their east parking lot. The church is located at the corner of Leonard Street and Reed Avenue, across from the Jerome Civic Center. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair, sit for a while, and visit with your Jerome neighbors.

Yard Waste and Branches

The Village of Jerome does not pick up leaves/yard waste. Yard waste bags put out by the road must have a sticker on them purchased from your waste hauler. Not all waste haulers pick up yard waste year-round so please check with your waste hauler regarding the time of year when they provide this service. Yard waste stickers can be purchased at most local hardware stores.

There is one branch pick-up scheduled this year, on May 11th. Branches should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. and should be put out no sooner than one week before that date. Except for this one-week period, branches should not be at the street.



Recreational Fire Pit Permits

Fire pit permit applications are available at the Village office. Outdoor recreational fires are allowed between April 1st and November 30th with a proper permit.

Flu Shot Clinic

September or October

The Village of Jerome sponsors a flu shot clinic every year. Please check our website or bulletin board closer to fall to find the exact date and time.

Halloween Party

Saturday, October 31st

10:15 a.m.

Join us for the annual Halloween Party at the Civic Center. Children and families will line up for the costume contest at 10:15 a.m. and parade into the Civic Center at 10:30 a.m. where lots of treats await!

Trick or Treating in the Village

Saturday, October 31st

4:30 p.m. – 8:00 P.M.

Our Jerome Police Officers look forward to meeting with trick or treaters and handing out candy in front of the Civic Center. The Jerome United Methodist Church will sponsor a Trunk or Treat in their parking lot.

Village Christmas Santa Program

Sunday, December 13th

2:00 p.m.

Santa, music, activities and fun for all ages.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:00 a.m.

Live Christmas trees from the 2020 holiday season that are put at the curb by 7:00 am on Monday, January 11, 2021 will be picked up by the Village. Please note: Any trees put out after that time will not be picked up.

Large Item Pick-up Cancelled for 2020

Due to the need to concentrate Village Public Works staff time and resources on our roads, water system and community facilities, the large item pick-up, normally held in August and September, is cancelled again this year.

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>.

When Work is Done at Your Home or Business

If you are going to do any construction or have services performed on your property, the contractor of any type must register with the Village of Jerome. Any residential or commercial property must have contractors register before work is performed.

Contractors must provide proof of general liability insurance and workers compensation insurance and pay a \$50.00 fee.

A list of registered contractors is available at the Village office.

Building permits are required for fences and other work done to the exterior of homes.



Make the 2020 Census Count!

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place. The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency and is dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects. The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries.
- Each year the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on census population numbers.
- Census data is also used for State funding and grant awards.

This year will be the first time you will be able to respond to the census questionnaire online. Watch your mailbox for your Census Invitation during the week of March 12, 2020. It will contain a Census ID to use when responding online.

Households that do not respond will get several reminders and eventually a paper questionnaire. If this is not returned then a Census worker will come to the residence.

You are encouraged to respond promptly when receiving the invitation. Population numbers are used to distribute money to communities by the State and Federal governments. Everyone needs to be counted!

~~A Census Day will be held on April 4, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Village Office Board Room when Census workers will be here to answer questions and computers will be available to use for responding to the questionnaire.~~



Visit the Census website at 2020census.gov for additional information on the 2020 Census.

Village Board Meetings

6:30 p.m.

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

Jerome Civic Center

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