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FINAL LIMB PICK UP FOR 2023

October 2-6, 2023, Public Works will begin limb pickup. This will be the final limb pickup for 2023. Please do not put any brush or limbs out after October 6, 2023. All limb piles must be placed along the street edge BEFORE 7:00am the morning of September 25, 2023. Any piles placed after 7:00am on October 2nd WILL NOT be picked up. Piles must not be placed out any earlier than 1 WEEK prior to pick up dates. (per Village Ordinance) Size of pile restrictions are still in place per Ordinance. Any piles larger than 6ft wide x 4ft tall x 8ft long are considered oversize and will require a \$75.00 fee to be paid before pickup will occur. Residents who either have “Oversized” piles, or were late setting piles out will be notified via a letter stating why their pile was not removed, and any fees owed, and where to pay fees. Any questions can be directed to Public Works Supervisor David Wilken directly at 217-546-9647.

CIVIC CENTER

The Civic Center is available for event rentals by residents, private individuals, and non-profit groups. The rental includes the large Civic Center room for up to 150 people, tables and chairs, a piano, kitchen, and restrooms. Please contact the Village Secretary at 217-546-2203 to see the facility, pick up a rental application with rules and regulations and pay fees.

STORM DAMAGE

The Village suffered severe storm damage on Thursday, June 29, 2023. The damage left trees and power lines down across the Village and Sangamon County. The Public Works Department worked that afternoon to ensure all roadways were clear of debris and residents could get in and out of the Village. Public Works hauled away 100 loads of debris by themselves. The Village would like to thank the Public Works Department for their efficient removal of the debris and making the Village of Jerome look great again. This storm has damaged a lot of our aging trees, some are lopsided or could have broken branches stuck up in the tree that will eventually fall when the leaves are gone. Please look over your property and make sure that your trees are in good condition. If there are trees in the easement and you feel that it could be a danger, please reach out to the Public Works Supervisor at 217-546-9647 and report the tree.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

ANY AND ALL BUSINESSES working in Jerome on residential or commercial properties need to register with the Village of Jerome to obtain a contractor’s permit. Before hiring anyone to work on your property be sure they have a contractor’s permit and building permit. Contact the Jerome office at 217-546-2203.

MEMORIAL PARK AND PLAYGROUND

The park is open March 1 – November 30 weather permitting and subject to spring and occasional maintenance in the park. The park is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

STORM COSTS

With 100 loads of debris, the Village took a big hit on the removal. Illinois Emergency Management applied for disaster relief to FEMA on behalf of multiple counties and municipalities. To be declared a disaster the event must have suffered over \$23 million dollars of damage. The Village of Jerome along with other municipalities, Sangamon County and the City of Springfield have applied together for the relief. The Village anticipates the costs of removing the debris to be \$5,500.00 and that does not include the man hours spent or the equipment. The Village met with IEMA at the end of July and estimated the total damages of \$33,559.49, this does not include any additional trees that may need removed due to the Storm. Those trees are currently being assessed if removal is necessary. If FEMA approves the disaster, the Village will be able to recoup 75% of the costs of the storm damage. Those funds will not be immediate. The federal government is slow at processing the funds so it could be 2 years before the Village recoups any funds.

A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

I write this message and reflect on how fast summer has gone by again this year. It is my hope that everyone had a chance to get together with family and friends to enjoy the season of swimming, relaxing, picnics and outdoor fun. As we see people out and about the Village this can serve as a reminder to keep your yard looking nice. Village ordinances require basic maintenance and upkeep of properties. Cut your lawn on a regular basis and make sure to stop the spread of any obnoxious weeds. The Village of Jerome has recently submitted to IEMA AND TO FEMA documents for potential reimbursement for costs incurred as result of June 29th storms.

A BIG THANK YOU! TO VILLAGE JEROME PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND EFFORTS IN REMOVING LIMBS FROM ROADWAYS ON THE DAY OF STORM AND REMOVAL OF LIMBS PLACED ON CURBS BY RESIDENTS. This project was completed in less than 4 weeks!!

The July 4th Parade was a tremendous success this year! The event was well attended by many and drew many parade entries. Thanks for our Parade Grand Marshal Bob Richardson. Big thanks to HY-VEE for their generous donation of refreshments, hot dogs and buns for the after parade gathering.

We shall continue to work actively on additional business development along the Wabash Avenue commercial corridor. Development concerning former shop-n-save site. Neimann Foods has acquired this location. I will be meeting with this group in the future, to be informed of their planned business developments.

Again, thanks to all who attended, participated and volunteered in the Village of Jerome 4th of July Parade Celebration. It is often said “it takes a Village” and that statement is very true in Jerome. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your Village President!

Michael Lopez, Jerome Village President

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS

Do You Need Them? Fences? To replace a fence or to install a new fence, a building permit is required. Are you building or remodeling? Before hiring anyone to work on your property be sure they have a contractor’s permit. BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED Any resident wishing to alter, in any way, the use of land or buildings in the Village, must comply with Building Codes. An application for permit is required if any construction and/or alteration on land or structures in the Village. These permits must be obtained before the work starts. A Building Permit Application form can be obtained at the Village office or online at www.villageofjerome.com and should be submitted with a plan drawing. The cost of the permit is moderate. If you have any questions, please call the Jerome office at 217-546-2203 or call Dale Lael at 217-787-8388.



VILLAGE LIBRARY

We are looking forward to welcoming residents back to borrowing books and hosting special programs for our community at the library. The library will re-open in September 2023 and the days and hours will be posted on outdoor signs and social media. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at trusteedehart@villageofjerome.com. The Village Library is located at 1621 Reed Ave between Jerome Memorial Park and the Jerome Police Department and is ADA accessible.



UPCOMNG EVENTS AND DATES:

Limb Pickup	October 2-6, 2023
Large Item Drop Off	October 14, 2023, 8am - Noon
Flu Clinic	October 17, 2023, 2pm - 3pm
Halloween Trick or Treat	October 31 from, 4pm - 8pm
Bingo	3 rd Sunday Jan-March, 2024, 2pm - 4pm
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, March 24, 2024
Village Garage/Yard Sale	Friday-Saturday, June 7 & 8, 2024

VILLAGE BUSINESSES

The Village of Jerome is very fortunate to have a diverse number of locally owned and operated businesses. These businesses generate jobs and revenues into the local economy, specifically Village of Jerome.

Encourage all residents to patronize our local businesses. Here are a few highlighted businesses: In upcoming bulletins, we will mention other businesses!

Illini Veterinary Clinic	Lauterbach Tire & Auto	All About Wine
Wing Stop	Blue Moon	Hunan
Impulse Vape Shop	Benchmark	Allied Plumbing Heating & Cooling
Osaka	Little Saigon	Hyperion
Jerome Marathon	Pizza Hut	Gyro Stop
Arnold Monument	TC Nail Salon	Penny Lane
Subway	Oh-icee	CarQuest
Lucy’s Place	Package & Postal	Sonic
Barrel Head	Maxamillions	

The Village is thankful for these businesses and their owners for operating in Jerome!!
Thank you!



TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Help us help others! The Village will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots one afternoon in December. No official date has been set when they will pick up but residents may bring an unwrapped gift to deposit in the Toys for Tots donation box from December 1-18 during office hours.

SANGAMON ALERT MESSAGING SYSTEM (SAM)

Sangamon Alert Messaging System or SAM sends alerts to your mobile device or your landline via text message, phone call, or email if an emergency is happening in your neighborhood. Sign up to receive emergency alerts from your local Office of Emergency Management. Texting; SAM to 99411, will take to you directly to the SAM Community Notification Enrollment form.

Features & Benefits

Sangamon Alert Messaging (SAM) will allow County officials to be able to more effectively communicate time-sensitive messages using the SAM’s robust dialing infrastructure that is entirely managed by its parent company, OnSolve. This access will allow calls to be delivered seconds after public safety officials launch a message. Additionally, the County will have the ability to better target notifications geographically, only notifying those community members impacted by an alert.

Personal Contact Information

Contact information accessed through Sangamon Alert Messaging (SAM) will only be used by Public Safety Officials for emergency notification purposes your information will not be shared or sold.

If you do not have a cell phone or a computer and would like notices called directly to your home phone call the Village of Jerome Office at 217-546-2203 and we will be happy to sign you up through the internet for you!

ENROLL TODAY!

Get COVID-19 Vaccination Alerts sent directly to your phone!

Plus all other Sangamon County notifications.

SIGN UP: co.sangamon.il.us/SAM OR text SAM to 99411

stay safe **save lives**

Sangamon County Department of Public Health | www.scdph.org

DO YOU HAVE A NON WORKING VEHICLE?

There are several vehicles in the village that have not been moved in a long time and appear to be OR are non-working and do not have a current state license plate registration sticker. Vehicles parked in the Village of Jerome are subject to the Village Ordinance: Section 804.1-2 states Inoperable motor vehicles. All inoperable motor vehicles, whether on public property or private property in view of the general public are hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person having control of such inoperable motor vehicle must dispose of such vehicle within seven (7) days after written notice has been given by the village as hereinafter provided. However, nothing in this section shall apply to any inoperable motor vehicle that is kept within an enclosed building when not in use, or to operable historic vehicles, or to operable antique vehicles.”

The notice provided for in this section may be sent by certified mail to the registered owner of such vehicle or other person known by the police department or towing service to be legally entitled to the possession of the vehicle. Notice may also be given by the police department by posting a copy of such notice on the inoperable motor vehicle, and 139 at one or more entryways or doorways to any dwelling house on the premises on which the inoperable motor vehicle is located. Any person owning or having control of any inoperable motor vehicle who fails to remove and dispose of such inoperable motor vehicle under his or her control after notice has been given as herein provided shall be, upon conviction thereof, fined as provided by Section 804.1-14. If the owner or person having control of any inoperable motor vehicle fails to remove or dispose of any such vehicle under his or her control within the time specified by the notice provided for herein, then the police department of the Village of Jerome, after seven (7) days from the issuance of the notice provided for herein, may remove such motor vehicle or parts thereof. Any costs incurred by the Village to correct the violation shall become a debt due and owing to the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code. All costs so incurred by the Village may be collected in any manner authorized by the Illinois Municipal Code (2-3-05)

Please take steps to remedy the situation so you are not in violation of the ordinance by removing the vehicle, get it registered with the IL Secretary of State, donate it to a charity or have a junkyard tow it away.



VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE FOR 2024

The 2024 Village Wide Garage and Yard Sales will be held on Friday, June 7th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 8th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Village of Jerome will advertise the event. The Village does not pick up any of the leftovers from the garage sales and residents will need to move them after the sales hours and dispose of them. There will not be a village supported garage and yard sale this Fall 2023. Residents may hold a garage sale at any time.



NO PARKING 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, recreational 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 803.3-7 of the Village Code of Ordinances, which is posted on the Village website. Violation of this section of the ordinances is subject to a fine for each day of violation.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Jerome holds regular board meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month. The Jerome Board of Trustees meets in person at the Village Hall at 6:30 pm. All Village residents are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, residents may send an email to jeromeclerk@villageofjerome.com or drop a note in the water payment slot at the Village Hall by 6:00 pm the day of the meeting to have your comment or question addressed to the board of trustees.



BINGO

Trustee Leigh Irons will be holding Bingo on the 3rd Sunday of January, February, and March in the Jerome Civic Center from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt event will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 1-3 PM in the Village Park. The egg hunt is open for ages up to 12 years old and will include snacks, candy, and activities in the park. Bring your baskets and let's hope March goes out like a lamb!



FRONT YARDS, BACKYARDS, SIDE YARDS AND IN BETWEEN

Please remember it is a violation of the Village ordinances to allow your grass or weeds over six inches. Property that allows their weeds and grass to be overgrown will be subject to a fine. Please mow the front, back and side yards weekly to help beautify the Village of Jerome.

It is each resident (owner's) responsibility to maintain the front, side, and backyard and its landscape. Many complaints were received last year on the health and safety condition of backyards and side yards especially from overgrown areas, piles of vegetation, trash bags, shrubs, trees, vines, and weeds that are growing out of control and into neighbors' fences and yards. All properties need to be maintained, mowed, and cleaned up of any debris, weeds, and branches, this includes the area between the rear of the properties commonly known as the utility easements. The Village does not allow dumping in those areas. The utility easement must be kept clear of debris to allow access for utility companies.



Front yards

- Maintain the front yard right up to the street pavement
- Mow grass regularly not letting it grow over 6 inches
- Keep all areas clear of litter, trash, furniture, and other items
- Don't blow grass clippings into the street
- Remove leaves, tall weeds, and branches from the ditch area

Backyards and side yards

- Mow grass regularly not letting it grow over 6 inches
- Keep the areas clear of litter, trash both bagged and not bagged, furniture and other items that can attract rodents, snakes, raccoons, opossums, and bugs
- Keep all vegetation on your side of the fence or lot line. Trim or cut it so it does not encroach through or over fences to your neighbor's yard.



PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Jerome Police Department would like to remind all residents to always lock their doors on their residences and on their vehicles. Also do not leave any property of value or key fobs in your vehicles. Please report any crimes or suspicious activities or persons as soon as they are observed to the main radio communications line at (217) 753-6666. Please do not contact a board member or leave a message on the police voicemail or **social media** when reporting a crime. All emergency calls should be reported to 911.

EMPLOYEES

The Village of Jerome is thankful to our staff, with their efforts they are consistently saving the Village money and ensuring everything runs smoothly from answering phones, calculating out water bills, road work, and repairing water main breaks just to name a few. A big thank you for all you do!

Public Works

Dave Wilken
Brandon Jackson
Matt Turner

Office Staff

Jessica Thornton, Secretary

Please welcome our newest employee:
Elizabeth “Beth” Monnat, Water Clerk

Police Department

Chief Alison Tolley
Officer Jimmy Montgomery
Officer Aaron Jahns

VILLAGE WEBSITE

To keep up on what is happening in the Village please visit our website villageofjerome.com. Here you will find information about events, news, services, Board meeting agendas and minutes, and the Village Code of Ordinances. The Village has updated email addresses for the elected officials and staff. The new list of emails is included in this bulletin and has been updated on the Village website. The website will also be getting an upgrade on looks and function in hopes it will be easier for residents to gather any information they may need.

FLU CLINIC

Sangamon County Public Health will Flu Clinic at the Jerome Civic Center 2023, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Please your insurance cards.



PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

The Public Works Department has been busy the last few years with different street projects. The Village is still ironing out the Iles Street Project and looking into obtaining additional funding for its completion. The Village has completed the following street projects completed since December 2018.

- 2019

W. Grand Ct. total reconstruction, and drainage along Filmore St.
- 2020

Mill and overlay Reed Ave. from Corbin St. - Fillmore St.
- 2021

Permanent street repairs (mill and fill) on Welch St., Homewood Ave., W. Glenn Ave, Leonard St., & Maple Ave.

Street sweeping of Valley gutters.

Installation of Speed Humps on Park Ave.
- 2022

Permanent patching (mill and fill) on Leonard St., W. Glenn Ave., Homewood Ave., Welch St., Maple Ave., Thayer St., Lincoln Ave. (between Urban Ave. and Wabash Ave.), and Urban Ave.

Crackfill application on those listed above.

- 2022 (cont)

Microsurface pavement application to those above, which equals 53% of total street surface of the Village.

Street Sweeping of Valley gutters and reclaiming loose aggregate from remainder of Village streets.

Received donated street sweeping machine from Federal Surplus Property Program.

Speed Humps installed on Iles Ave.
- 2023

Permanent patching (mill and fill) to Homewood Ct. and Lincoln Ave. (from Iles Ave. to Maple Ave.) and various water main repair areas.

June 29th, 2023, Storm cleanup. 100 loads removed from the Village in 4 weeks with ZERO outside help from other entities.

Purchased surplus roller from State of Illinois CMS.

SNOW

The Village Public Works Department is responsible for clearing the streets and salting them to allow drivers access out-side of the Village. A friendly reminder when there is more than 2 inches of snow predicted, we want to remind residents to move their vehicles off the street. It is a hazard for our Public Works Department to clear the street and spread salt on our roadways if there are vehicles they must avoid. If there are 2 inches or more that has fallen and there is a vehicle on the street, it will be towed, and you will be responsible for the tow fee. Please be courteous.

HALLOWEEN

The Annual Village of Jerome Halloween Event will be held in conjunction with Jerome Methodist Church Trunk or Treat event on Halloween night, Tuesday, Oc-tober 31st, 2023, 4:00pm to 8:00pm. The Village of Jerome will be handing out candy outside of Jerome civic center. While supplies last. The Village of Jerome is asking for can food donations to be brought up to village hall on Halloween night! The Village will be donating what is collected to the less fortunate in our commu-nity! Questions, please contact Village Jerome Office @ 217-546-2203



Remember to turn on your porch light for trick or treaters if you are passing out candy. **Remind** children of the Rules of Halloween: Do not go to any home that does not have their porch light on, respect personal property, only knock or ring the bell once, don't forget to use the magic words, please and thank you, and don't eat any candy until an adult has checked your treats.



FIRE PIT PERMITS

An annual permit is required for fire pits in the Village and is valid from April 1 through November 30. Evening Fire Permit applications are available at the Village office. The application must be signed by the property owner. After the application is submitted to the office, the Public Health Trustee will contact the applicant to set up an inspection time. There is no charge for a permit. Only dry, seasoned wood logs can be burned in a fire pit and fires must be extinguished by 11:00 p.m. on weeknights and 11:59 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night. Trash and yard waste cannot be burned.

BARKING DOG COMPLAINTS

The Village has received many complaints of barking dogs, and Ordinance 407.1-5 prohibits owners from allowing an animal to bark or howl for 15 minutes or more that disturbs the peace. No animal shall be outside from 10 pm to 7 am without being chaperoned. Please make every effort you can to ensure that your animal is not causing issues to your neighbors. Violation of this Ordinance may result in the owners being fined.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER BILL

DUE DATE VS. PENALTY DATE - Please read your water bill carefully. There are two dates shown. Payment must be received by the due date. **A penalty will be applied if payment is received on or after the penalty date.** If you have any questions about your bill, call the Water Department at 217-546-2203.

VILLAGE OF JEROME WATER CUSTOMERS HAVE NEW WAYS TO PAY THE WATER BILL

Effective April 18, 2022, the Village of Jerome Water Customers will be able to pay their water bills through three different methods, and for the first time, use a credit/debit card to do so.



The first method is through a new website, where payments are on-line and allow the payment by credit card or e-check (customer's checking account). To pay your water bill on-line, a Water Customer will access the payment website through the following link:

<https://magic.collectorsolutions.com/magic-ui/en-US/Login/village-of-jerome>

Water Customers can set up their own account to pay their bill or use the one-time payment option.

The second method is for a Water Customer, who does not have an account number with a letter in it, to pay their bill through the phone. Water customers can call (217) 319-2199 to access the phone payment system. Again, if your account number has a letter in it, you will not be able to access and pay by phone.

Third is the current method of mailing payment or dropping payment off at the Village office. However, if you come into the office during business hours, you can pay your Water bill using a credit/debit card.

For any one of these processes, if the Water Customer uses a credit/debit card, there will be a fee of 2.25% of your bill or minimum fee of \$1.00, whichever is greater. On a bill of \$100.00 for example the fee will be \$2.25. If the resident chooses to pay their bill by e-check (using your bank account information), the cost will be \$.50 per transaction.

In addition, we will be collecting e-mail addresses of our Water Customers so that we can begin to send your monthly bill via e-mail rather than regular mail. If you would like to get your bill by e-mail, please complete the form that is on the Village of Jerome website. A copy of the form is also being sent to Water Customers via mail with this information attached.

We hope this will assist all residents in paying their Water bills through these new resources. If you have questions, please

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village of Jerome will be closed the following days in 2023

Monday, Oct. 9, 2023	Columbus Day	Friday, Dec. 22, 2023	Christmas Eve Observed
Friday, Nov. 10, 2023	Veteran's Day	Monday, Dec. 25, 2023	Christmas Day Observed
Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day	Friday, Dec. 29, 2023	New Year's Eve Observed
Friday, Nov. 24, 2023	Day after Thanksgiving	Monday Jan. 1, 2024	New Year's Day Observed