

VILLAGE OF JEROME

BULLETIN

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Summer 2018



A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

The Village of Jerome offers an array of civic events. We are home to the Village of Jerome 4th of July Parade and Celebration. This event brings generations together to celebrate our nation's birthday. Other events include the annual Village of Jerome Health Fair typically held in the fall of each year to provide low-cost flu immunization to our residents and safe Halloween festivities for children with a trick-or-treat event in our Village Civic Center.

The Village of Jerome is a community full of growth, culture, families and more. We work hard as a community to provide residents, businesses and visitors a welcoming place to be.

The Village Board and I are always open to hearing from you. Please follow us on the Village website www.villageofjerome.com to read about the latest events, programs and news.

Welcome to the Village of Jerome where we continue to be "A Friendly, Family Community and a Proud and Progressive Village for All People"! I, as well as our Village Board of Trustees, look forward to seeing you at our many community events throughout the year.

Michael Lopez
Jerome Village President

New Village Employees

- **Scotty Clark**, Public Works Supervisor
- **Joe Gragg**, Part-time Public Works Laborer
- **Tim Marsh**, Part-time Police Officer
- **Terry Mays**, Public Works Laborer
- **Jimmy Montgomery**, Part-time Police Officer
- **Kathrin Roberts**, Water Clerk
- **Tricia Summerson**, Part-time Police Officer
- **Walter Williams**, Temporary Public Works Laborer

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 6 — August Branch Pickup begins
- 20 — Large Item Pickup begins

SEPTEMBER

- 3 — Labor Day holiday
- 4 — September Branch Pickup begins
- 13 — Townhall Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm (see p. 6)

OCTOBER

- 1 — October Branch Pickup begins
- 8 — Columbus Day holiday
- 27 — Village Halloween Party, 10am
- 31 — Trick-or-Treating in Village, 4:30-8:30pm

Village Board Meetings (6:30pm): Aug. 2, Aug. 16, Sept. 6, Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18.

Yard Waste

The Village of Jerome does not pick up yard waste. Leaves, grass clippings, twigs, weeds, and other yard waste are picked up by your waste hauler. ***Yard waste bags must have a sticker on them, purchased from your waste hauler, before being put out by the road for pickup.***

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.

2018 Branch Pickups Remaining

- Monday, August 6th
- Tuesday, September 4th
- Monday, October 1st
- Monday, November 5th

- Branches should be placed in front of your residence near the road the weekend before the pickup is scheduled. Please do not put them out any earlier.
- Branches should be no longer than 8 feet.
- No logs, tree trunks, whole or partial trees, bushes, twigs, or yard waste bags will be picked up.
- Residents with branch piles of ½ truck load or more should contact the Public Works Department at **546-9647** to inquire about the charge for a large load.
- It will take several days for the Public Works staff to work their way through the Village to pick up the branches.

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.

2018 LARGE ITEM PICKUP

The annual large item pickup is scheduled as follows:

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018: Homewood Avenue, Homewood Court, Barbara Court, Reed Avenue, Reed Court, 2800 block of Welch Avenue, Leonard Street, Fillmore Street

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018: Calland Drive, Park Avenue, Urban Avenue, Maple Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, 1300 and 1400 blocks of West Glenn Avenue, Alberta Lane, Evergreen Court, Scott Court, Thayer Avenue, Douglas Avenue

WEEK BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018: Vernon Avenue; Jerome Avenue; West Grand Court; 2900, 3000, and 3100 blocks of Leonard Street and Fillmore Street; Corbin Street; residents on Wabash Avenue and Chatham Road

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018: Iles Avenue; 2600 and 2700 blocks of Welch Avenue, Leonard Street, and Fillmore Street; Owens Lane; 1500, 1600, and 1700 blocks of West Glenn Avenue

Have items next to the street on the Monday of the week your street is scheduled for pick up. DO NOT put items out until the weekend before your scheduled week.

Items put out after the first day designated for your street will not be picked up. However, do not be concerned if everything you put out is not picked up at the same time. We plan to make special loads of similar items.

Items eligible for pickup are those that are too large to be picked up in your regular trash and include, but are not limited to, furniture, appliances, and mattresses. **However, no televisions or other electronics will be picked up.** For the protection of small children, please remove the doors of all airtight cabinets, refrigerators, and freezers and lay them down so they won't fall over on a child.

The Village reserves the right to refuse any or all items.

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.

What You Can Do to Control Mosquitoes

An important part of mosquito control around homes is making sure that mosquitoes don't have a place to lay their eggs. Because mosquitoes need water for two stages of their life cycle, it is important to monitor standing water sources.

- Be sure to clean out your gutters every year to prevent debris from causing standing water.
- Any containers that may create a breeding ground for mosquitoes should be eliminated. For example - old tires, buckets, plastic containers, and toys.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week to eliminate potential mosquito habitat.
- Drain temporary pools of water or fill them in with dirt.
- Keep swimming pool water treated and circulating.
- Leaky outdoor water faucets can also cause puddles in which mosquitoes can breed.
- Uncovered refuse containers and junk piles can cause water to accumulate.
- Clean up leaf litter, but don't rake it into gutters, storm drains, or the street. Doing so may cause water to stop flowing and create ponds where mosquitoes may lay eggs.

Parking 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, 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 803.3-4 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.

Section 803.3-10—Penalty for Violations: Any person who violates this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of no less than \$150.00 and no more than \$500.00 for each violation.



Village Board Meetings

The Village Board of Trustees meeting time changed in 2018 to **6:30 p.m.** The meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month. All Village residents are invited to attend.

SUMMER BUMMER BLUES



The sun shines high in the sky, the sounds of children laughing at play fill the streets, flowers dance in the spot light of the sun and the sweet smell of BBQ cookouts are underway - summer is officially here! We are ready to dive into the pool of fun times and great memories built with our friends and family with signs out that read, "Welcome, summer, we've waited all winter for you!" However, we are not the only ones who have been waiting for summer to arrive. The birds are busy building nests, and other animals are scurrying about and chasing one another like a scene from Bambi. Is there anything that could ruin this perfect summer?

Actually, there is... the warm breeze of spoiled trash, the influx of mosquitoes swimming around in stagnant water and the uninvited varmint interrupting our backyard barbeques because of a home that has not been cared for nearby. All of these things hinder our summer fun.

Summer is not all about applying sun screen and splashing around in the pool. It's also about minimizing the risk for water- and mosquito-borne diseases, it's about reducing unwanted pests resulting from overflowing trash, and it's about respecting one another by keeping our properties clean and well-maintained. We are a community and when we do not take care of our homes, yards, trash and debris then we cause the community to go down. It says to our neighbors that we are not concerned with the ways in which our actions impact their lives.

So let us remember the following points of information from our Village ordinances and don't make our neighbors sing the "**Summer Bummer Blues:**"

- Grass should not be over 6 inches and please mow out to the road pavement;
- Yard waste should be disposed of using proper waste bags/containers with stickers;
- All residents must have weekly garbage service and all trash must be in a can with a lid;
- Trash and debris should not be stored in backyards where animals can get to it;
- Make sure there are no receptacles in your yard collecting water which can become stagnant and a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

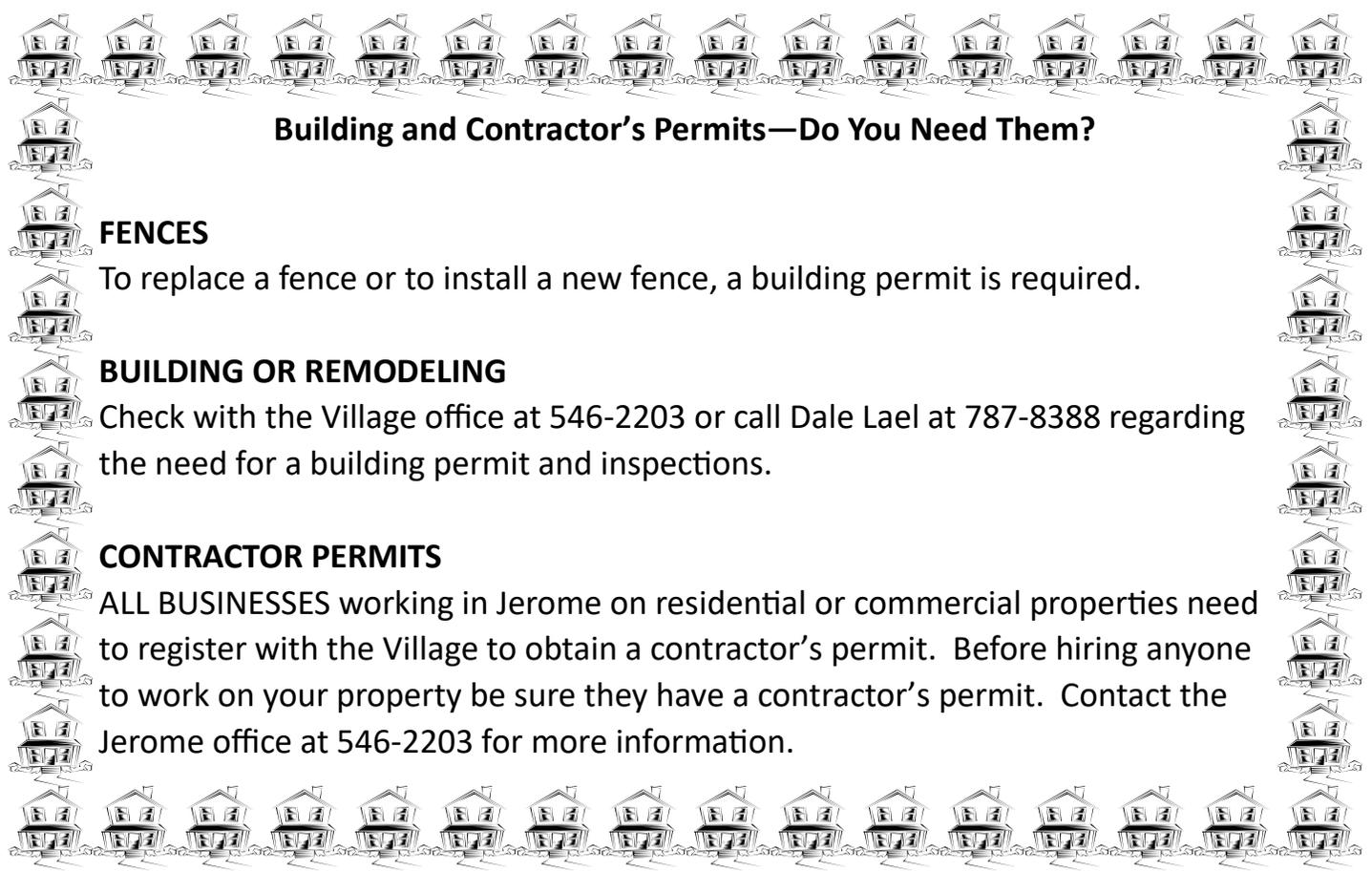
Let's all do our part, work together and keep Jerome a clean and wonderful place to live.

Shirley Johnson
Trustee, Public Health

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 546-2203.





Building and Contractor's Permits—Do You Need Them?

FENCES

To replace a fence or to install a new fence, a building permit is required.

BUILDING OR REMODELING

Check with the Village office at 546-2203 or call Dale Lael at 787-8388 regarding the need for a building permit and inspections.

CONTRACTOR PERMITS

ALL BUSINESSES working in Jerome on residential or commercial properties need to register with the Village to obtain a contractor's permit. Before hiring anyone to work on your property be sure they have a contractor's permit. Contact the Jerome office at 546-2203 for more information.

TOWNHALL MEETING

On Thursday, September 13, 2018, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, a Townhall Meeting will be held at the Civic Center to discuss Village Road Projects/Community Involvement. Please join us.

Disposing of TVs and Other Electronic Equipment

Illinois law prohibits the disposal of TVs and other electronic equipment in landfills. They must be recycled.

BLH Computers at 1832 Stevenson Drive accepts these items for recycling. Most items can be dropped off for free although there is a fee for TVs.

Check out their website at blhcomputers.com for a list of what can be recycled. Please do not put these items at the curb.





Village of Jerome Library Update



Are you looking for a good book to read this summer? Stop in and visit the Village Library and see what we have to offer. The Library is free of charge to Village residents with proof of residency. We have a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction in hardback and paperback books. Bring your children and grandchildren so they can select books in the children's reading room.

The Library is located next to the Village Park on Reed Avenue and is accessible. The current hours of operation are Monday 1-3 PM and 6-8 PM. We hope to open on Saturdays from 10 am until noon as soon as possible.

We thank the dedicated Village residents who volunteer their time to keep the Library open. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at 217-415-1132 or trusteedehart@gmail.com.

The Library recently had some improvements with the installation of new windows on the first floor and basement.

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful resource that we have in our community.

Village of Jerome Civic Center Rental

Did you know that the Village of Jerome Civic Center is available for event rentals by residents, private individuals, non-profit, and commercial use? It is available for rent for day or evening or both. Rental rates vary from \$100 - \$350 based on the type of event and time used. A deposit is required.

The building is accessible and the main room is 38 feet by 48 feet and holds up to 150 people. Also included in the rental are:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- A piano
- 20 tables (8 feet by 3 feet)
- 130 chairs

Rental inquiries may be made by phone at 546-2203 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or in person at the Village Office. Visit the Jerome website for additional information and a photo of the facility at <https://www.villageofjerome.com/>.

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