

VILLAGE OF JEROME

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

I write this 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 noxious weeds.

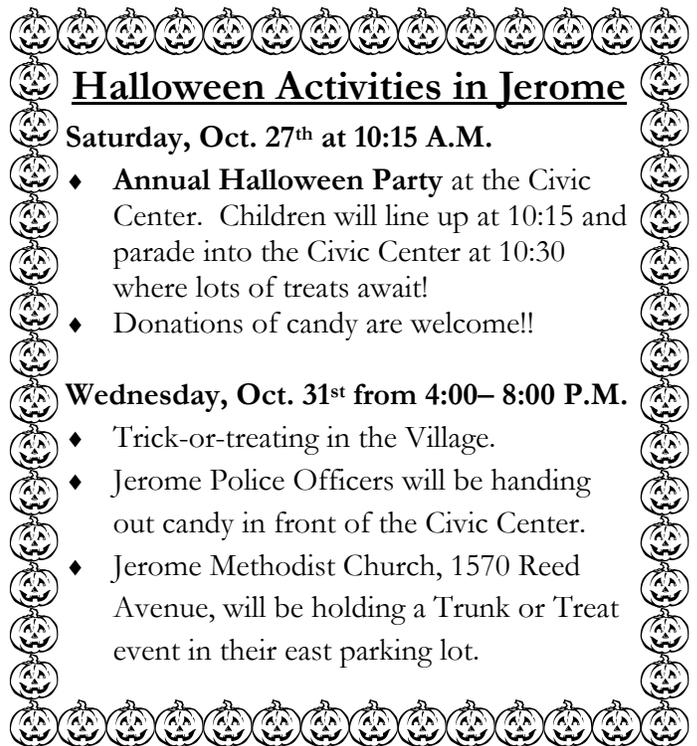
The Village of Jerome has recently approved \$121,450, for road work in Jerome. I and the Board of Trustees spent \$246,225 on road work over the last (2) fiscal years. A grand total of \$367,675. This commitment for road work speaks volumes about our work and the task at hand is not complete but ongoing.

We shall continue to work actively on additional business development along the Wabash Avenue commercial corridor.

Thank you 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



Halloween Activities in Jerome

Saturday, Oct. 27th at 10:15 A.M.

- ◆ **Annual Halloween Party** at the Civic Center. Children will line up at 10:15 and parade into the Civic Center at 10:30 where lots of treats await!
- ◆ Donations of candy are welcome!!

Wednesday, Oct. 31st from 4:00– 8:00 P.M.

- ◆ Trick-or-treating in the Village.
- ◆ Jerome Police Officers will be handing out candy in front of the Civic Center.
- ◆ Jerome Methodist Church, 1570 Reed Avenue, will be holding a Trunk or Treat event in their east parking lot.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 1 — October Branch Pickup begins
- 8 — Columbus Day holiday
- 15 — Flu Shot Clinic, 9-11am (see p. 4)
- 27 — Village Halloween Party, 10:15am
- 31 — Trick-or-Treating in Village, 4:00-8:00pm

NOVEMBER

- 5 — Final 2018 Branch Pickup begins
- 6 — General Election (see p. 3)
- 12 — Veterans Day holiday
- 22-23 — Thanksgiving holiday (Village offices closed both days)

Village Board Meetings (6:30pm): Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Dec. 20.

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, 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.

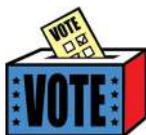
ELECTION INFORMATION: 2018

PROPOSITION FOR TAX LEVY ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

The Jerome Board of Trustees voted at the August 16th Board meeting to ask residents whether they support a property tax levy to provide dedicated revenue to pay the employer's portion of employee pension costs. The question will be on the November 6th General Election ballot as follows:

Shall the corporate authorities of the Village of Jerome, Sangamon County, Illinois be authorized to levy a new tax for the purpose of covering the Village's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund employer contribution and have an additional tax of 0.16% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein extended for such purposes?

Many municipalities and other governmental bodies already assess this tax. The revenue could only be spent on the Village's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund employer contribution. This contribution is currently paid from the General Revenue Fund (GRF), so that amount from the GRF would be available for other projects. For a house with a fair market value of \$100,000 the levy would add about \$55 to the property tax bill.



ELECTION INFORMATION: 2019

CANDIDACY PACKETS AVAILABLE FOR APRIL 2019 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Five Village Board trustee positions will be on the ballot in the April 2019 consolidated election. Three of the positions are four-year terms and two of the positions are two-year terms. Candidates must specify the term they are running for. Candidacy packets are now available at the Village office, at the Sangamon County Clerk's office, and on the Sangamon County Clerk's website. All candidates run as Independents. Candidates must file petitions and supporting documents with the Jerome Village Clerk between December 10th and 17th, 2018.

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 in Jerome.**

Flu Shot Clinic

The Village of Jerome has coordinated a Flu Shot Clinic. It is scheduled for Monday, October 15th, from 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. at the Jerome Civic Center and will be administered by the Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH).

The flu vaccination is no cost to all Medicare B and Medicaid recipients upon presentation of their respective cards. People under the age of 65 who are not Medicare B or Medicaid recipients may also receive the influenza immunization for \$35.00. Those who are 65 years and older have the option of receiving the High-Dose influenza vaccination for \$60.00.



SCDPH also accepts numerous health insurance plans and will bill those participating companies upon presentation of the applicable insurance card. The list of insurance plans accepted by SCDPH includes Blue Cross, Aetna, Humana, Cigna, Molina, Coventry, Harmony, Meridian, Illinicare, and Health Alliance.

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 803.3-7 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 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.



WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT?

Some call it the ditch, for some it's the flat grassy area, others have a parking space and most residents put trash cans, yard waste bags and limbs for pick-up there.



Question: Whichever way you refer to it, have you wondered who should maintain it or if you should keep up the area between the street and your front yard?

Answer: It is each resident's (owner's) responsibility to maintain the space between the front yard and the street. Maintaining it includes mowing just as you do for your front and back yards and raking leaves for disposal. It also includes keeping the area clear of trash, furniture and other miscellaneous items except during the Village's scheduled limb pick-up and the annual Village-wide clean up or arrangements you have made with your waste hauler for disposing of items.

If you have the chance to walk through the Village of Jerome, you'll see trash/debris that appears to be thrown from cars and sometimes it ends up in that area near the street in front of your house. It appears to be more common on our busier through streets like Iles Avenue. It's difficult to catch people doing it but it can be made better if we pick up the improperly disposed trash like cans, bottles and fast food wrappers and get rid of it ourselves. It's not always possible for some residents to do that, so perhaps we can look out for our neighbors and clean up their area for them.

We also should not be leaving items for someone to possibly pick up for "free" in the space between front yard and street for an endless period or at a stop sign in hopes it'll be taken. If you have items to dispose of, contact your waste hauler to make sure they can pick up what you wish to dispose of before hauling it out or save it for the annual Village-wide clean up.

If you have any suggestions for a neighbor block clean-up or something similar, please let us know.

Let's all work together to keep our village clean and safe and show it in the best light possible. As the saying goes, "it takes a village."

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.





Village of Jerome Library—Looking For Volunteers . . . and Your Input!



We could use your assistance if you have an interest and time available to volunteer and keep our Village Library open on the current schedule and as we look toward increasing hours of operation and plan special programs at our Library.

- The current hours of operation are Monday 1-3 PM and 6-8 PM. We would like to open the Library again on Saturdays from 10 am until noon but need additional volunteers to do that.
- We would also like your input for suggestions on an operating schedule to consider in the future.
- We are looking to begin special programs and events at the Library and would like your input and comments. Some suggestions include reading programs based around holidays and popular themes, children's reading and cookies, "guest readers" and book clubs. Can you add to these or suggest something new? Please let us know.
- Contact Trustee Kathy DeHart at trusteedehart@gmail.com or 217-415-1132 for volunteer interest and comments.

The Library is located next to the Village Park on Reed Avenue and is ADA accessible. We continue to thank our dedicated Village of Jerome residents who volunteer their time to keep the library open and hope you can take advantage of this wonderful resource that we have in our community.

On another note, we can report that **the mortgage on the Library has been paid as of August 2018!**

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 and requires a deposit.

The building is ADA 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 (217) 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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