

VILLAGE OF JEROME CIVIC CENTER RENTAL

Unfortunately, currently due to the pandemic, the Civic Center is not available for rental. When the numbers have dropped and it is safe to do so, the Civic Center will be open 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. **Included in the rental are:**

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

Rental inquiries may be made by phone at 217-546-2203 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday. Visit the Jerome website for additional information and a photo of the facility at www.villageofjerome.com.

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HAVE YOU BEEN VACCINATED YET?

If you are needing the vaccination, please call one of the below numbers to schedule a date and time. Sangamon County recommends you bring with you the COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Record to your appointment. Forms are available at the Village Hall for your convenience, or you can fill them out when you arrive.

COVID VACCINATION SITES

Jerome Village Office *ONE DAY ONLY*

May 11, 2021 | 9am - 11am
217-546-2203
(Call for appointments)

Orr Building

(IL State Fairgrounds)
66 4H Road
Springfield, IL 62702
217-210-8801
(Call for appointments)

Sangamon County Dept of Public Health

2833 South Grand Ave. East
Springfield, IL 62703
217-321-2606
(Call for appointments)

This is a very critical time in our fight against COVID-19. Over 2 million Americans are receiving the COVID vaccinations every day. Fueling hope that the end of the pandemic is near. But since the SARS-CoVid-2 virus emerged in Wuhan China 14 months ago, over 100 million people worldwide have been infected and with each infection the virus has a chance to mutate into genetic offspring called a variance. One of those variants first identified in the UK has spread across the US and is 50% more transmissible than the original virus and likely more deadly. Nationwide COVID-19 cases have fallen but Public Health officials are warning that if the variances continue to spread it could trigger a new surge of infections. Scientists are learning a lot about each strand of the virus that has mutated. There are thousands of strands of this disease. Out of these thousands there are 3 strands that the scientists are monitoring very closely that date back to September of 2020, the strand from UK, South Africa and one from Brazil. These strands are highly contagious. The CDC predicts that the UK variant will be the dominant strand in the US in the next month. The original COVID-19 virus changes each time it infects another individual.

In New York City, scientists began in January analyzing over 2,000 nasal swabs and discovered there is a home-grown variant strand that is not like the UK, South Africa or the Brazil variant, its brand new. The New York

City strand is more dominating and rapidly growing by doubling every 2 weeks. City health official announced they found the NYC variant in 39% of the positive cases they recently sequenced. The CDC and other scientist have been studying the effect on the vaccines that are offered in the US against the South African variant and UK variant. The vaccines should help with protecting you from becoming infected with those strands of the virus, but the current vaccines do not help with being infected with the NYC strand, but could help against serious illness, disease, or death. They are creating booster shots to help keep up with the variant strands that are popping up.

Now is not the time to give up. Let's all remain diligent and do our part to put COVID-19 in the past. Get vaccinated, avoid large gatherings, and wear masks to prevent the virus from spreading and mutating!

*Congratulations to all Jerome Seniors graduating this Spring!
Any Student from Jerome, please send their name and school graduating from to jeromeclerk@comcast.net*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Village President Lopez and the Jerome Board of Trustees remain committed to working closely together to maintain essential services for residents and to provide all the latest information for the health, safety and welfare of residents and businesses pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The village greatly appreciates the residents' support and patience as we all their work through this pandemic. I wish to thank our Village Board for their leadership and partnership in ensuring that the public is protected now and in the aftermath. We will continue focusing on providing the essential services and ensuring that they flow as smoothly as possible for our residents.

We appreciate the efforts of our village employees while getting through this pandemic together. Please stay informed of village announcements and events by logging on www.villageofjerome.com

Stay safe and healthy!

Michael Lopez
Village Jerome President



COPS CORNER

In the past year, Jerome Police Department has welcomed new full-time officer Derek Hull. Officer Hull completed his Full Time Officer certification in March 2021, and we are glad to welcome him to the force. Also added to the force last year is part-time officer John Albright who is a veteran officer with 9 years' experience with (Christian County Sheriff's Dept, Secretary of State Capital Police and Nokomis Police department). Sergeant Brian Brewer who has been with the Jerome PD for 19 years will be retiring at the end of May. We thank him for his years of service to our Village and his dedication to keeping Jerome safe. The Police Department will be looking to fill a full-time and several part-time positions this year.

Please remember to keep all vehicles on your property locked overnight. All doors and windows to your home should be locked also and please report all suspicious activities to Sangamon County Dispatch 217-753-6666 or use 911 in an emergency!

VILLAGE OF JEROME LIBRARY

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. We will post the opening date on the village website and at the library. When the library is open, the "OPEN" sign will be posted outside.

The library is dependent on the generosity of residents that volunteer to open and staff it for our use. The library hours are under review with a goal of being open year-round, adding hours and changing the days/hours.

To work towards this goal, we need your input on days and hours to open the library to best fit the needs of Village residents. We also need residents to volunteer. Please consider donating 2 hours per shift and perhaps 2-4 times per month if you can. If interested in volunteering or suggesting days and hours of operation, please contact

Trustee Kathy DeHart at trusteedehart@gmail.com, drop a note at the Village Hall mailbox or call 217-415-1132. We would like to have special programs, readings and events in the future and as the pandemic improves to do so safely.

The Village is hoping to begin a few 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.

JULY 4TH PARADE AND CELEBRATION

Jerome Independence Parade will be held:

Saturday, July 3rd, 2021

Parade line up starts at 8:15am! Parade starts at 9:00am!

No food or drinks will be served this year! Check website and or call VOJ office @ 217-546-2203 for more information!!

STAFF CHANGES

Great News! The Village of Jerome is pleased to announce that Diane Ahern has returned as the Water Clerk for the Village. We are happy to see her back in the office. Welcome Back Diane!

William "Billy" Schlich Jr. has joined our Public Works Staff! Billy has been employed with the Village since late August of 2020. Welcome Billy!

APRIL 6TH CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS RESULTS:

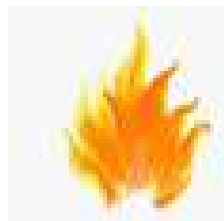
Trustee Kathy Dehart
Trustee Phillip Raftis
Village President Mike Lopez



Were re-elected to serve additional term in office.
Congratulations to these individuals!!

RECREATIONAL FIRE PIT PERMITS

Fire pit permit applications are available at the Village office or log onto www.villageofjerome.com to download a permit. Outdoor recreational fires are allowed between April 1st and November 30th with a proper permit.



LARGE ITEM PICKUP

Due to Covid Village Pandemic and 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 canceled 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:

scdph.org/environmental-health/#licensed-waste-haulers

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Hours

Village of Jerome Office and Water Department Hours
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

COVID protocol:

Any individuals conducting office business with staff, please call ahead 1-217-546-2203 to be permitted into office, wearing a face mask is required.

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.

PETS

Remember there is a Village Ordinance that requires you to put your pets on a leash when walking your pets off your premises. Whether you are walking down the street or walking your pet in the Village Park it is imperative that you have control of your animal. There are people that walk in our parks and roadways that are afraid of animals. Please be respectful and courteous to others.



DO NOT let your dog out unattended to relieve themselves in your neighbors' yard. Pick up your dog's droppings. *This is your responsibility!!* If not picked up, you could be faced with a fine by our Village of Jerome Police Department.

SALES TAX

When purchasing items online and you fill out your shipping address, make sure you list Jerome as your City. Jerome's current tax rate is 8.25% and the City of Springfield is 9.75%. Makes a big difference on your total purchase and keeps your tax dollars at work here in Jerome. If you use the City of Springfield, they will receive the tax dollars not us!! We have some great local businesses in our Village and wish them continued growth and prosperity. Please patronage our village businesses!

JEROME'S BUSINESSES

Please consider patronizing Jerome Businesses! These businesses create Local Jobs! Here are just a few of Jerome's businesses that would welcome your visit.

It's All About Wine	Penny Lane	Gyros Stop
The Barrel Head	Sonic	Pizza Hut
Food Fantasy	Food Fantasy	Benchmark Auto
Subway	Asian Market	Sound
Lauterbach	Moroleon Tropical	Little Saigon
Tire & Auto	Antonio's Pizza	Oh Icee
	Osaka	

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT?

Some call it the ditch, for some it is 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 pickup and the annual wide clean up or arrangements you have made with your waste hauler for disposing of those items.

If you have the chance to walk through the Village of Jerome, you will 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 Ave. It is difficult to catch people fly dumping, 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 is 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 the front yard and the street for an endless period or at a stop sign in hopes it will 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.

If you have any suggestions for a neighbor block clean-up or something similar, please contact the Village Office. Let us 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 continued cooperation!

FULL & PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Full-Time Patrolman; Part-Time Patrolman

Starting Compensation: Annual salary of up to \$38,760.00 (*commensurate with experience and training*)

Hourly wage of up to \$17.00 (*commensurate with experience and training*)

Possible Hires: 1 Full Time, 2-3 Part-Time

The Village of Jerome Illinois is seeking Qualified and motivated individuals to serve and protect the citizens in the Village of Jerome as a Police Officer. Full-time and part time positions are available. Must be willing to work flexible hours, including evenings, weekends, and holidays. This position involves vehicle patrol, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, community relations, and local ordinance enforcement.

Qualifications

- Be of good moral character, of temperate habits, of sound health, and physically and mentally able to perform assigned duties.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Pass a medical examination.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate (*college experience in criminal, law enforcement, related field preferred*)
- Possess a valid State of Illinois driver's license.
- Possess no prior felony convictions.
- If served in the U.S. military, must have been honorably discharged.
- Pass a background check.
- Appropriate Training and certification:
- Full-Time Patrolman Applicants must be Full-time Police Training Certified
- Part-Time Patrolman Applicants must have completed or be currently enrolled in Part-Time Illinois Law Enforcement Officer Basic Training

Full-time patrolmen will receive paid time off and paid holidays and are eligible for health, dental, vision, and life insurance as well as participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).

Applications can be picked up or dropped off Monday through Friday 10:00am - 1:00pm at the Village of Jerome, 2901 Leonard Ave., Springfield, IL 62704. You can also request an application by emailing Jeromepdchief@gmail.com.

The Village of Jerome is committed to providing equal opportunity in all aspects of employment for all employees and applicants.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

If a business is doing any construction or alterations on your property, that business is required to register with the village of Jerome. Fences, decks, porches, or any other type of construction with a person or company in this type of business, a contractor registration is necessary. Contact the Jerome office at 217-546-2203 or call Dale Lael at 217-787-8388.

ANY AND ALL BUSINESSES

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. Contact the Jerome office at 546-2203 for more information.

DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONICS

Illinois law prohibits the disposal of TVs and other electronic equipment in landfills. They must be recycled. BLH Computers is located at 1832 Stevenson Drive and 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 www.blhcomputers.com for a list of what can be recycled. Please do not put these items at the curb.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Jerome Board of Trustees meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. The Board will continue to meet by zoom amidst the pandemic. Everyone is encouraged to join any board meeting by the current zoom link available the week of the meeting on the Village of Jerome's website at www.villageofjerome.com.

DITCHES

With the spring season, we wanted to remind residents to remove all debris from their ditches and curbing, examples include sticks, leaves, debris etc. This is your responsibility. This will help avoid any blockage and possible flooding problems within your neighborhood. This helps you and your neighbors! Hopefully, with your help our storm water drainage system will be able to handle any weather that comes our way!

LIMB PICKUP

Limb pickup will take place the week of May 17th, 2021. All limb piles must be placed along the street edge BEFORE 7:00am the morning of the 17th. Any piles placed after 7:00am on the 17th WILL NOT be picked up. Also, piles must not be placed out any earlier than 1 WEEK prior to May 17th. (per 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.

YARD WASTE AND YARD BAGS

The Village of Jerome does not pick up leaves/yard waste. Leaves, grass clippings, twigs, weeds and other yard waste are picked up only by waste hauler. 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.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER BILL

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. Water bills for Jerome water customers are usually mailed on the 5th day of the month and are due 21 days later. Mailing date and due date may occasionally vary. A water bill for two months' water usage must be paid in full by the due date shown or water service will be disconnected, and a \$50.00 fee is charged to have water service restored. A \$25.00 charge will be assessed for a bounced (NSF) check. If we receive two NSF checks in one year you will be required to pay your water bill by cash only. Questions about water service are handled by the Village Office Monday through Friday 10am - 1pm via phone at 217-546-2203.



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 persons 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 these sections of the ordinance is subject to a fine for each day of the violation.



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



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

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 217-529-3352 and we will be happy to sign you up through the internet for you!

WHAT'S NEW?

To keep up on what is happening in the Village please visit our website at www.villageofjerome.com.

Information on events, news, services, board meeting agendas, board meeting minutes, and the Village Code of Ordinances are items on the website.



GRASS CLIPPINGS

Did you know that it is ILLEGAL to leave your grass clippings on the roadway? Not to mention it is very dangerous for any motorcycle riders, it is like driving on black ice for them. Please remove your grass from the roadway. If not, you could receive a fine!

ADDRESSES

The Chief of Police would like to remind you to have your house number visible from the street. There are quite a few of our residences that do not have any house number. Displaying your number is VITAL in an emergency situation. Please make every effort to ensure your house number is visible from the street.



VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Village will not be sponsoring a village wide garage sale this year due to the COVID pandemic. Residents may choose to host a garage sale any time, social distancing is advised.

MOSQUITOES

The Jerome Public Works Dept would like to remind residents that you can help prevent the spread of mosquitoes by a few simple preventive measures at home. Help us by ensuring that you have eliminated any breeding grounds on your residence. The list below will help you determine what to look for on your property to stop the spread of these pesky insects.

- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house.
- Fill in any low places in the yard that puddles accumulate.
- Dispose of any tires.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers and garbage containers.
- Clear roof gutters of debris.
- Clean pet water dishes regularly.
- Empty out children's toys that have water accumulated.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
- Canoes and boars should be turned over.
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers.
- Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles.
- Plug tree holes.
- Do not allow water to collect in any containers. They can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes (*bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage lids etc.*).

IN MEMORIUM

The Village of Jerome was saddened to hear of Officer Ron Hughes passing in April of 2021. Ron worked for the Jerome Police Department from August of 1984 to January of 2008 when he retired after 24 years of service. During his career at the Jerome Police Department, Ron had held the rank of Sergeant and he was also on the department's tactical response team for Sangamon County.

Ron was a people person and it showed. He was always helping others and always did his job with compassion and pride. He was the kind of officer you knew that would be there for you when you needed it the most.

Thank you Ron Hughes for being a Jerome Officer and your 24 years of service with the Jerome Police Department.

IN RECOGNITION

Some of you may remember Aidan Fein, grandson of long-time Jerome residents Lynda and David Chilton. Jordan has marched in many July 4th parades and attended many Halloween parties over the years. Lynda and David are proud grandparents.



Aidan Fein, a 2016 FMS alum, was a member of the 2021 Vanderbilt University National Championship Quiz Bowl Team. This was not Aidan's first championship in team academic competitions, as Aidan was team captain of the 2016 Franklin Scholastic Bowl Team that won the IESA State Championship. Aidan is a freshman at the prestigious Vanderbilt University and is majoring in Chemical Engineering. Aidan is pictured below in the top left hand corner with his championship team members as they flex the hand symbol of Vanderbilt. We are Falcon proud of Aidan!



National Champions: Vanderbilt Quiz Bowl does Music City proud

Vanderbilt's Quiz Bowl team takes home winning title at the Intercollegiate Championship Tournament

