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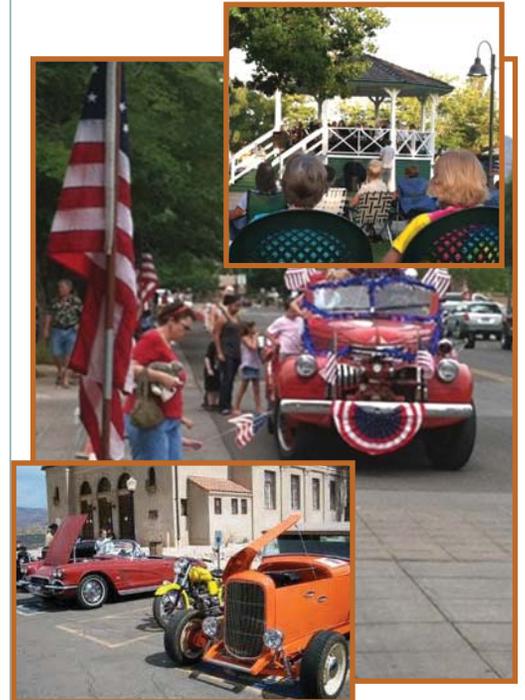
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Verde Valley Regional Economic
Organization**



Welcome Town of Clarkdale

Founded in 1912 and incorporated in 1957, Clarkdale is one of the first master-planned communities in Arizona, built to provide housing and amenities for employees of the copper mines in Jerome. The original town site is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, Clarkdale is a vibrant home town with friendly people, beautiful vistas, thriving small businesses and global industries.



A place that makes sense

1928 Clarkdale Bank Robbery

On an early spring morning in 1928, infamous criminals Willard Forrester and Earl Nelson attempted to rob the Clarkdale branch of the Bank of Arizona of the \$50,000 United Verde payroll.



The robbery was thwarted by several citizens, including Deputy Sheriff Jim Roberts, famous western lawman.

Willard Forrester was shot and killed during the attempt, and Edward Nelson was arrested. There were no other casualties except for the pocket watch of citizen Omar Twitty which was hit by a bullet, saving Mr. Twitty from grievous injury.

No one ever attempted to rob a Clarkdale bank again.

The Verde River @ Clarkdale

Since 2011 the Town has been working on a project to enhance and protect the Verde River, one of the last flowing



Rivers in Arizona. In 2014 two River Access Points were opened to the public: the TAPCO RAP, located approximately 2.2 miles north of the Town boundary, and the Tuzigoot RAP located on the road to the Tuzigoot National Monument.

Sustainable Clarkdale

We are an Arizona Solar City-over five percent of homes are solar-powered.

In July 2012 the Town dedicated Centennial Plaza, a rainwater-harvesting permaculture garden in front of the historic Clarkdale Clubhouse.



Annual Events

Clarkdale-Jerome Lion's Club Car Show (March)
Summer Concerts in the Park Series
4th of July Parade
Halloween Costume Contest
Historic home tour and Bank Robbery Re-enactment (December)

Things to do

Float the Verde River
Visit museums and art galleries
Ride the Rails
Enjoy family-friendly dining
Visit the Verde Valley Wine Consortiums' wine-tasting room
Refresh at two historic taverns
Hike and Bike



The Town of Clarkdale's historic facilities are available for rental for private events.