



# "SMALL TALK"

March 2010  
Volume 9



## CLARKDALE SUSTAINABILITY PARK PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

WHERE: Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge  
19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale

WHEN: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Please join Mayor Von Gausig and Town Manager Gayle Mabery to learn about the Clarkdale Sustainability Park concept. A series of public presentations will be ongoing at different dates and times so as many people as possible can attend. There will be a Power Point shown with time afterwards for open discussion of comments and questions. We hope to see you there!

*The core concept of the Park: To produce energy, water and economic vitality with as little environmental impact as is possible today.*  
*The Vision: To be an evolutionary solution for a sustainable community. For more information please visit our website [www.clarkdale.az.gov](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov) or contact Town Hall at 639 - 2400.*



Census questionnaires should start arriving to your home soon! The Census Bureau does not send Census questionnaires to post office boxes so for those residents who receive their mail at a post office box, you will receive your questionnaire at your home on your door. It's important that you fill out your questionnaire and return it as soon as possible.

If your questionnaire is not returned by mid-April you may be placed on the Non-Response follow-up list; this is the list of people who will be visited by a Census worker, provided a new questionnaire, and assisted in filling it out.

Participating in the 2010 Census is an opportunity to help our community! For every person not counted our community loses over \$1,000 in funding. Please fill out the form promptly and send it back so we can continue to lead Yavapai County in the best initial response rate of all communities, **and** continue to receive valuable funding for our community!

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 Census or the role the Town of Clarkdale has as a partner, please contact Dawn Norman at 639-2490 or via e-mail at Dawn.Norman@clarkdale.az.gov.

If you receive your questionnaire and have questions on how to fill it out or how to answer a particular item, you can get help at any Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC).



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

## CENSUS PARTNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Census Events		
Date	Time	Location
March 13	11a.m.-1 p.m.	Centerville Park 599 Avenida Centerville
March 13	2 p.m.-4 p.m.	Caballero Park 525 Fiesta Street
March 27	11a.m.-1p.m.	Bent River Apartment Area Bent River Rd & Broadway
<i>Stop by anytime during each event to learn more about the Census &amp; win great prizes!</i>		

## Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC) Schedule

**The Clark Memorial Library has been designated as a (QAC). A Census worker will be available on Saturdays to help you answer your Census questionnaire.**

Dates:	March 20, 27, April 3 & 10
Hours:	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location:	39 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale

## Clarkdale Volunteers - A Community Stepping Forward

It takes a community to run a town or city. And our corps of volunteers have always been instrumental in helping to make that happen. This past year, because of volunteers and sponsorships, we were able to present 7 Concerts in the Park and hold our traditional events: Old Fashioned 4th of July, Halloween on Main Street, Santa comes to Clarkdale and the Annual Library Book Sale. Without this help these events would not have happened. The same is true with other community events and services. We continue to seek that help more than ever if we are to continue with the services and events that have been provided in the past. Please contact our Community Services Department at 639-2460 and talk with Margie, Dawn or Janet about how you can get involved. Clarkdale volunteers are the heart of our community!

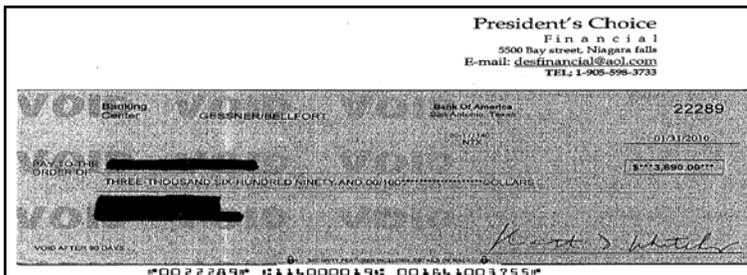
## Clarkdale Police Department

Yet another scam has hit local mail boxes. The letter looks like it comes from President's Choice Financial and it even comes with a check drawn on Bank of America out of Texas. The letter indicates you have won a prize of \$50,000.00 and that you must contact your "Claim Agent" to claim your winnings and to receive further instructions on how to receive your winnings. They will send a fraudulent check for \$3,690.00 to pay for the taxes on the \$50,000.00 to which you would deposit into your account. You are then told to purchase a Western Union or Money Gram and send it to the fictitious Insurance Agent named in the letter. This is the part of the scam where the victim loses whatever money is sent to the fictitious Insurance Agent.

**Here is what to look for in the letter to identify this fraud:**

- ◆ Look at the return address - Niagara is usually where these come from.
- ◆ Insurance agent is outside the United States.
- ◆ Look closely at the check you will see "VOID" in the background.
- ◆ All of the telephone numbers are out of the United States.
- ◆ The E-mail address is usually AOL, Yahoo, G-Mail; genuine companies do not use these email addresses. If it is truly legitimate, large companies have their own web service that has the company name in it.

### SAMPLE OF FRAUDULENT CHECK



**Unlocked vehicles have been the target of many recent thefts. Please lock unattended vehicles. If you need to report an incident call Dispatch right away at 634-2921.** Waiting until later could prevent the police from gathering necessary evidence, catching the perpetrator, or preventing further incidents. Dispatch is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Call Dispatch if:

- You see a stranger in your vehicle
- Someone in the area is acting suspicious
- Stranger lurking around a vacant home
- If your neighbor is gone and there is someone on the property
- You have a theft of property in or around your home
- You have a theft of your car or items in your car

If you experience any type of theft, please do not touch anything, **call Dispatch at (928) 634-2921** and wait for an officer to respond. It is imperative the scene be left as you found it - don't move or clean up anything as evidence may be destroyed. Thank you for helping keep Clarkdale safe!

***THEFT PREVENTION: An open vehicle, house or garage is an invitation for theft. Make it hard for the thief!***

## Mark Your Calendar !

- ◆ March 9 Primary Election
- ◆ March 13 Heritage Dance
- ◆ March 29 Clarkdale Sustainability Park Public Presentation
- ◆ April 1 2010 National Census Day Mailing Deadline
- ◆ April 18-24 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- ◆ April 28 Clarkdale Sustainability Park Public Presentation
- ◆ May 13 Spirit of Clarkdale Deadline
- ◆ May 19 General Election
- ◆ May 27 Clarkdale Sustainability Park Public Presentation

## Utilities Department

### Construction of New Sewer Line

The Town of Clarkdale has contracted with Rocky Construction Co. to install a new sewer main from Old Jerome Highway to the Valley View Cemetery. The contract amount to perform this construction is \$133,809.40. This new sewer main will extend services to areas not presently served by our sewer system and will allow for future development. In addition, the Town of Clarkdale will also be able to automatically dispose of backwash water from our water treatment facility to the sewer collection system, improving system operations and saving us money. Currently, the Town rents a 500 gallon water tank and trailer and must pump and haul the backwash water to the wastewater collection system for ultimate disposal at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant, sometimes making five or more trips in one day.

The project will begin sometime in March 2010 and is expected to be completed by the end of May 2010.

### Trash/Billing Tips:

- ◆ On-line payments need enough time for the bank to physically send a check to the Town - the process is not fully electronic. Customers who pay their bill using their financial institutions' on-line bill pay option should also allow time for the check to be processed and mailed to Clarkdale Utilities.
- ◆ Please do not place your trash or recycle cart over meter boxes.
- ◆ Please do not place your trash and recycle carts so that they are touching each other.