



"SMALL TALK"

OF THE TOWN

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Board & Commission Members

At the September 22nd Town Council Meeting, new members were appointed to your Boards & Commissions. We congratulate our new members and extend our thanks to each individual for donating their time and energy to the community.

Heritage Conservancy Board

Gerald Wombacher
Isabel Erickson
Drake Meinke
Paul Peck
Jess Valdez

Planning Commission

Amy Bayless
Jorge Olguin
Sarah Voit Vinson
David Puzas
Bill Regner

General Plan Update Committee

Janet Regner
Lew Dodendorf
David Gordon
Ida deBlanc
Jack VanWye
Karen Daniels
Lisa O'Neill
Ruth Wicks

Library Advisory Board

Mary Sue Hill
Elise Rotchford
Roberta Peterson
Margaret Krznarich
Winifred Bohall
John Stevenson

Design Review Board

Charlie Scully
Marsha Foutz
Elaine Sakelarios
Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer
Michelle Hayman

Board of Adjustment

Jack Van Wye
Lee Daniels
Pete Cure
Ted Rabben
Karen Daniels

Parks and Recreation Commission

Barbara Van Wye Bethany Bezdek
Lynda Zanolli Jesse Kennen
Krysta Dehnert



Clarkdale is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct local outreach to improve our Census response rate. The process entails the formation of a Census Complete Count Committee for the purpose of overseeing the development & execution of outreach efforts, publicity regarding the Census process, the importance of Census participation and the confidentiality of all Census data collected.

Town staff will be hosting several outreach events throughout Clarkdale in the spring to help residents learn more and understand what the 2010 Census is all about. If you have any questions regarding the 2010 Census and the role the Town of Clarkdale has as a partner, please contact Normalinda Zuniga, 928-639-2500 or e-mail Normalinda.Zuniga@Clarkdale.az.gov.



Clarkdale Magistrate Court

The Town of Clarkdale Magistrate Court would like to remind residents to always keep the current Vehicle Registration, proof of Insurance and Drivers License in their vehicles at all times. If you are pulled over by an officer, the officer will ask for these and should you not produce them you will be cited for not having them in your possession. Please feel free to contact the court at 649-7730 with questions.

The Court has been extremely busy since the beginning of the year working on clean-up, which means old citations are being pulled for updating. The court receives many calls once the case has been turned over to our FARE Program, which is a part of the Arizona Supreme Court. When a case is in the FARE Program, Licenses are suspended and the person loses their driving privileges. More fees are added to the case, which can make a citation for a Stop Sign violation go from \$177.00 to almost \$300.00 if not paid timely. If you think you have an outstanding citation out of the Clarkdale jurisdiction, call the court or if you have access to a computer you can also look at the Public Access Court System, [www.supreme.state.az.us/public access](http://www.supreme.state.az.us/publicaccess).



HALLOWEEN IS COMING!!!
Saturday, October 31st

The annual costume contest begins at 5 p.m. at the Town Park gazebo with safe trick-or-treating in upper Clarkdale from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Candy donations are greatly appreciated! Parks & Rec is seeking volunteers for the event. Please call 639-2490 to volunteer or for more information.



Public Works Department

BE A ROLE MODEL
SHARE THE ROAD

With the temperatures falling and that crisp feeling of fall in the air, residents of Clarkdale and the Verde Valley, along with visitors, are walking and riding their bikes to the store, work, and many other destinations. However, there are still many cars on the road and as pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists travel those corridors, it is important for each group to be aware of the other and act safely on the way to their destination.

Last year the Town of Clarkdale and other Verde Valley organizations were selected by ADOT to participate in a pilot program funded through the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, a program for pedestrian and bicycle safety awareness. As members of that pilot area, Town Staff worked with other Verde Valley cities and the Verde Valley Cyclist Coalition to develop a new set of materials with the message of the safety campaign is "Be a Role Model - Share the Road".

In addition, we have been selected to continue that awareness campaign this year. So, over the coming weeks you will be hearing radio ads and seeing print ads about how to be more safe as you walk, bike and drive. The safety campaign will include informational flyers, media advertising, utilities billing inserts, and even bumper stickers that help share the message to "Be a Role Model". If your business or organization would like to participate in the marketing for this program, please contact Steve Burroughs at (928) 639-2550 or steve.burroughs@clarkdale.az.gov.

How Can You Be a Role Model?

Be Aware: Always stay focused on the motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians around you. As a pedestrian, you must always be aware of traffic. If you're walking at night, try to wear light colored clothing so that you stand out in motorists' headlights. Most importantly, whenever possible, you should cross at a signalized intersection (with a stop sign or traffic light) or at a crosswalk.

Share the Road and Give Five Feet: Many of you have probably seen the signs to "share the road" and wished that cyclists would get out of your way. In fact, as a motorist in Arizona you are required by state law to give cyclists three feet of room between your car and their bicycle. The safety campaign encourages you to give five feet of room to each other as you share the road. Cyclists, in turn, are required to move out of traffic when reasonable, if they are creating a back-up behind them.

Ride on the Right: Cyclists often think that if they ride facing oncoming traffic they are safer. The rules of the road state you should ride in the direction of traffic - ride on the right - because motorists are checking for other cars and you to be riding with them. Always ride on the right for safety.

Remember to "Be a Role Model - ride on the right and give bicycles at least three feet. It's the Law!"

Clarkdale's Town Clerk's Office

regular elections are held on even numbered ELECTION NEWS

years with a Primary election in March and the General election in May. The next election is March 9, 2010. Clarkdale has held all Vote by Mail elections since March 2000, which must be approved each election year by the Council. In Vote by Mail elections every voter is mailed a ballot. There are NO polling places, however, persons who spoil or lose their ballot, or who do not receive a ballot may contact the Town Clerk for a replacement.

Town Council

Two Council Member seats will be on the March 9, 2010 Primary ballot. Nomination packets will be available from the Town Clerk in mid October and must be returned between November 9th and December 9th.

The Town has a Mayor, Vice Mayor and three Council Members. Each serve staggered 4-year terms. The Mayor is elected, however the Vice Mayor is selected among the members every two years. New members take office the first regular meeting in June.

Home Rule Option (Alternative Expenditure Limitation)

In 1980, Arizona voters approved a tax reform package that, among other things, placed an expenditure limitation on cities and towns. However, this legislation allowed local voters in cities and towns to approve an exception to the state imposed expenditure limitation.

Under a state imposed expenditure limitation, a city or town may only expend a certain amount of funds, regardless of the city or town's revenue or individual needs. The city or town's budget is limited by the state-imposed ceiling.

Under the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option) the city or town may determine its own expenditures based on their city or town budget. With voter approval, the Town shall be limited to the expenditure of estimated available revenues, whether such expenditures are less than, or more than, the state imposed limit.

For cities and towns to use the Home Rule Option, the voters must approve the Option on a ballot. The Home Rule Option, to continue, must be passed by the voters every four years. The Town of Clarkdale voters have approved the Home Rule Option every four years since 1980, therefore the Town currently operates under the Home Rule Option.

If voters approve, the additional expenditure authority will continue to be used for all local budgetary purposes, including emergency services, municipal utilities, parks/historic preservation, cemetery, streets, grants/other funds and other government services. Revenues received from federal, state and local sources will be used to fund such expenditures (the town property tax is limited to the amount prescribed in the Arizona State Constitution).

The Town of Clarkdale will hold Public Hearings on October 13th at 6:00 PM and October 27th at 3:00 PM to take public comment regarding the Home Rule Option. After receiving public comment, the Town Council will decide if the Home Rule Option question should go on the March 9, 2010 ballot. For questions, please contact Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk, (928) 639-2445 or Kathy.Bainbride@clarkdale.az.gov.

