

TALK OF THE TOWN

Gazebo

On Tuesday, November 30, 2004, two members each of the Design Review Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, Heritage Conservancy Board, and one member of the Town Council met to vote on the colors that the gazebo should be painted. Heritage Conservancy Board members gave a brief presentation on the original colors of the gazebo, which were a dark, almost forest, green and white.

After some discussion the volunteer group decided on using the original colors. The skirting, stairs, fascia, and floor will be painted green, while the railing, posts, ceiling, and eaves will be painted white. The painting will be completed as soon as the weather permits.

Join us for the
Gazebo's
Grand Re-opening
in the park on
February 26, 2005
at 10:00 am!!

2005 Verde Valley Relay for Life

**5 p.m. on April 22
to Noon on April 23
At Mingus Union
High School
in Cottonwood**



Relay for Life is a fund-raising event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The relay consists of teams walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep a member on the track at all times during the fifteen hour event. Entertainment will be scheduled throughout the Relay event, and an area is available for overnight camping.

Funds are raised through team sponsorships, donations and the sale of luminarias. The luminarias circle the track, and are lit in recognition of both cancer survivors and those who have lost the battle, helping to strengthen our determination to find a way to eliminate the disease. The majority of funds generated by Verde Valley Relay for Life stay in the local area and are used to supplement treatment and support programs.

Relay for Life provides a special opportunity to recognize those members of our community who have fought the battle with cancer. The first lap of the Relay is the survivor's lap. Those who walk in this lap provide visual proof that hope can survive in the face of a diagnosis of cancer.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ed Middleton at 649-0211.

Town of Clarkdale Cancer Kickers

To join the Town team contact Town Hall at 634-9591.



Fire department

Smoke Detectors

The good news? Over ninety three percent of all homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. The bad news is that one third of them are not working. Make sure your smoke alarms are operating correctly by testing them monthly.

If you don't have a working smoke detector or you need help in changing the battery, PLEASE call the Clarkdale Fire Department at 639-4591. We will be glad to come to your home and install a free smoke detector, replace the battery, or check your home for safety hazards. We are here to serve and protect the citizens of the Town of Clarkdale.



Dinner Theater

The Old Town Players and Clarkdale Parks and Recreation Department present the

Gala Opening
for the production:

Play ON
by Rick Abbot

February 10, 2005
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Performance at 7:30 p.m.
Clarkdale Clubhouse Auditorium

Admission is \$25 per person including dinner
(Chicken Marcela or Pork Tenderloin)
and the performance.

Tickets are available at Clarkdale Town Hall,
890 Main Street, Clarkdale.
Seating is limited.
Proceeds benefit Parks and Recreation.
Call 634-9591 for more information .



Needed: Volunteer Victim Advocates!

When bad things happen to good people, caring community members can make a real difference! Victim Witness Services of the Yavapai County Attorney's Office needs volunteers to serve as victim advocates. Volunteers offer emotional support, court advocacy, and other assistance to crime victims, witnesses, and their families. Victim advocates carry pagers and crisis bags, responding to crime scenes or hospitals. They also accompany victims to court or make statements on their behalf. Volunteers play a vital role in providing crisis intervention and support to victims of crime, including sexual assault, domestic violence, robbery, homicide, and child abuse.



Qualifications: Good listening and people skills. We provide training in crisis intervention and victim's rights. Volunteers must pass a background check. Daytime, evening, and weekend positions are available. For more information contact Victim Witness at (928) 777-7353.

Police department



Stewards Of Public Lands

Since last February a group of volunteers has been cleaning up the Allen Springs road area, west of the Humane Society, which is inside the Clarkdale Town boundaries. The area has remained litter free since April! Several people have been cited for illegal dumping since the clean-up efforts began.

The group then formed the Stewards of Public Lands in partnership with the Clarkdale Police Department and the US Forest Service. This group is made up of concerned citizens from throughout the Verde Valley who are dedicated to keeping our public lands clean and open so we can all continue to enjoy them. Presently the group is concentrating on the Old Hwy 279 and Ogden Ranch Road area south of Cottonwood.

The group continues to grow and is currently looking for additional volunteers in different capacities. In addition to needing volunteers who are able to collect litter, they also need persons to take notes for the meetings and serve on a committee to work toward achieving not-for-profit status. Volunteers are also needed to help the police department patrol these areas for people illegally dumping.

For further information contact Chief Haynie at 634-7240.

Speeding

A friendly reminder: The speed limit in residential areas is twenty-five miles an hour, whether it is posted or not. We continue to have problems with people speeding in some neighborhoods, especially Black Hills Drive and Old Jerome Highway in the Black Hills. We are stopping more residents than usual in this area. We are asking the residents to watch your speed in our neighborhoods. Be especially careful when walkers are present. Our lack of sidewalks force people to walk on the roadway edges. Fines for speeding in residential areas of Clarkdale start at \$135.00 at ten miles per hour over the speed limit and \$5.00 for each additional mile per hour.

Tasers

The Clarkdale Police Department recently added Tasers to its officer's daily equipment. The Taser shoots out probes delivering 50,000 volts, 0.004 amps and 0.36 Jules per pulse. The standard heart defibrillators are greater than 150 to 400 Jules per pulse. The Taser is an Electro-Muscular Disruption system that overwhelms both the sensory and motor nervous system resulting in incapacitation.

Tasers are expensive and the Clarkdale Police Department was able to afford them through the generous donations to the Triple Nine Foundation of several concerned Clarkdale citizens. The Foundation is located in Munds Park near Flagstaff and is made up of citizens from around the state of Arizona who are dedicated to helping insure police departments have equipment they need to get the job done. We are grateful of our citizens in Clarkdale who have always been there for us in making our job safer. Thank You!

If you have questions about Tasers contact Chief Haynie at 634-7240.

PAD and Subdivision Processes

The Planned Area Development (PAD) and the Subdivision Platting processes are now posted on the Town's website at www.clarkdale.az.us. Go to Departments, then the Community Development Department. Handouts are also available at Town Hall, 890 Main Street.



Community Development

The Town has restructured the Planning and Zoning Department to adjust to changes in our community.

The name of the department is now Community Development, which includes Public Works, Building, and Planning .

- Community Development Director Steven Brown works to keep the department equipped to manage current projects and prepare for future demands.
- Building Official Mike Baker handles permit applications, inspections and code enforcement.
- Planning Manager Beth Escobar deals with zoning and development issues and works closely with the Planning Commission, the Design Review board and the Board of Adjustment.
- Planner II Normalinda Zúñiga, works on long-term projects and provides information regarding zoning and land use to the community.
- Administrative Assistant Charlene Stockseth issues building permits, schedules inspections, and organizes the department's board meetings.
- Public Works Manager Steven Burroughs directs Town projects, such as the facilities remodel and the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.
- Administrative Assistant Allyson Waak tracks projects and manages the cemetery.

The Public Works Crew works on upkeep in each area of the town, responds to Public Works emergency situations, addresses concerns from citizens of the Town, and completes special projects. The Crew includes:

- Foreman/Wastewater Operator -Mick McCullough
- Auto Mechanic - Jim Collinsworth
- Street Maintenance - Elpidio Rangel and Tim Wakefield
- Buildings, Pool and Parks Maintenance - Kevin Adams
- Cemetery Operator - Chris Livas
- Custodian - Tom Menges
- Grounds keeper - Ted Rocha



Disaster PLANNING



The public is invited to

participate with town staff in the process of developing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. A model plan helps communities identify potential hazards, and assess the communities' ability to deal with hazardous events, either by reducing the risk or by developing an action plan to follow in case of an event.

Public Meeting
March 10, 2005
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Cottonwood Public
Safety Building

Hazard Mitigation is defined as 'any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards'. Communities that have a state approved Hazard Mitigation Plan will be eligible to apply for federal grant funds.

This project is spearheaded by the Yavapai County Emergency Management Department in conjunction with consulting firm J.E. Fuller, and includes participation from towns, cities, and tribal governments throughout Yavapai County.

For more information contact Planning Manager Beth Escobar, 634-9591, ext. 211

Strategic Planning For 2005



The Clarkdale Town Council and Town Department Heads met in an all-day worksession on Saturday, November 6, 2004 to discuss current issues facing Clarkdale as well as challenges and opportunities that will affect the community over the next three to five years.

The priorities established for 2005 were:

Water

- Acquiring Cottonwood Water Works with the City of Cottonwood.
- Developing the necessary agreements with the City of Cottonwood for the joint operation of the water company.
- Develop ordinances promoting water conservation, i.e. low-flow toilets, native/low water using landscaping requirements, etc.
- Hold public forums to inform residents on the water company acquisition project.

Wastewater

- Finalize the financing package for the construction of a new treatment facility.
- Develop specific timelines for design and construction of the new treatment facility.
- Remove effluent from the mine tailings and complete upgrades to the current wastewater treatment plant to produce a Class B effluent.

Town Staffing

- Complete a Classification and Compensation Study.
- Amend the current town salary schedule as needed to implement the study and remain competitive in the regional job market.
- Support professional development and retention of quality staff.

Fire District

- If the creation of a Fire District is successful, develop a specific action plan to transfer fire protection services to the District.



2nd Annual Clarkdale 5K FUN RUN

**February 12, 2005
7 a.m. at Clarkdale Town Park**

Entry fees

- \$15.00 until February 1st, including T-shirt
- \$10.00 after February 1st
- Late registration at 6 a.m. on 2/12.

Trophies and medallions will be awarded for first, second and third place winners.

Two mountain bikes will be awarded for the Junior first place winners (male & female).

Runner categories are:

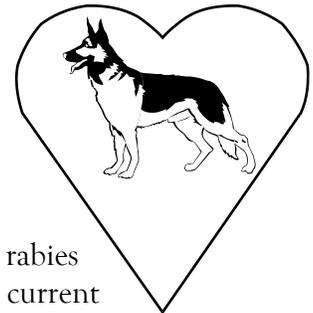
Junior Male and Female (18 and under), Female 19-35, Male 19-35, Male 35-plus and Female 35-plus.

Proceeds benefit Parks and Recreation. Call 634-9591 for more information or to register.



Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are due in January. If you haven't licensed your pet yet, please stop by Town Hall.



Please bring your pets' rabies certificate showing the current vaccination and expiration date. There is a \$5 late fee after January 31st.

Town of Clarkdale



BUS TRIPS!

Dinner Shows

"Dinner" shows are at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Phoenix. Lunch is a buffet with a salad bar.

Guys and Dolls - Sat., April 2

Sound of Music - Sat., June 18

Nunsense - Sat., August 20

Cost: \$40 per person, includes show, lunch, transportation, tax, gratuity

Time: Bus leaves Town Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. All bus trip reservations will be taken at Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Payment is required at the time of reservation.

Tickets are non-refundable. However, if there is a waiting list, we will attempt to sell your ticket for you. If you are unable to come to Town Hall to register during these hours, please call or email Coleen (coleeng@clarkdale.az.us, 634-9591) to make special arrangements.

Children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult. Transportation is by air-conditioned yellow school bus.

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Spring Dances Featuring *Sentimental Journey*

February 26 March 26

7 p.m.

Clarkdale Clubhouse Auditorium

\$5.00 Admission

Refreshments available for purchase.



Sponsored by the Heritage Conservancy Board.

Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

UPCOMING BOOKS

February

Alice in Jeopardy	Ed McBain
Cat's Eyewitness	Rita May Brown
Conviction	Richard N. Patterson
Forgotten Man	Robert Crais
Frankenstein: Prodigal Son	Dean Koontz
Honeymoon	James Patterson
Prince of Fire	Daniel Silva
Real Mother	Judith Michael
Survivor in Death	JD Robb
Suspicion of Rage	Barbara Parker

March

Cold Service	Robert B. Parker
Guide to Aging Well	Dr. Andrew Weil

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clark.htm](http://www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm)



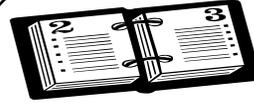
WANTED:

- Volunteer to deliver his/her copy of the Sunday Arizona Republic to the library each Monday. It could be left in the book drop.
- Volunteer with computer skills to do data entry and miscellaneous clerical work. Flexible schedule. Approximately 4 hours per week.
- Volunteer file clerk. Flexible schedule. 2-4 hours per week. Some work could be done at home.

If you are interested in becoming a Clarkdale volunteer, we can match you to the right position for you. Contact Joyce Driscoll, Administrative Services Director, joyced@clarkdale.az.us or 634-9591, or go to our website to download our Volunteer Information form and submit it today!

Library Hours

Mon & Wed 11:00 - 4:00
Tues 1:00 - 6:00
Thur, Fri. & Sat 1:00 - 4:00
Closed Sunday



Town Calendar

ML - Men's Lounge, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
AUD - Auditorium, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
CML - Clark Memorial Library, 39 N. Ninth Street
TH - Town Hall, Conference Room, 890 Main Street
LB - Library Basement, 39 N. Ninth Street

Feb 1 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Feb 3 Library Advisory Board,
9 am, CML
Feb 8 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Feb 12 **5K Fun Run, 7 am, Park**
Feb 14 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, TH
Feb 16 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
Feb 17 Dinner Theater, *Play On*, 6 pm, AUD
Feb 21 Town offices closed, *President's Day*
Feb 22 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Feb 22 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Feb 26 Dance, *Sentimental Journey*,
7 pm, AUD



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Apr 2 Bus trip, *Guys & Dolls*,
9 am, TH

Apr 7 Library Advisory Board,
9 am, CML

Apr 11 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, TH

Apr 12 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML

Apr 18 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML

Apr 20 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML

Apr 21 Dinner Theater, 6 pm, AUD

But Why Bump Off Barnaby

Apr 26 Special Council, 6 pm, ML



Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Important Numbers:

Fire Department, non-emergency: 639-4591
Police Dept., non-emergency: 634-7240 or 634-2921
Cemetery Manager: 634-9591
Clark Memorial Library: 634-9760
Municipal Court: 634-1691
All other business: Town Hall: 634-9591
Fax: 634-0407, TTY: 1-800-367-8939



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You are the Town

By Mayor Doug Von Gausig

Everyone knows what the word “town” means, but lots of us have only a vague idea of what our Town is and how it works. We often refer to “the Town” as if it is a thing separate from its citizens, as if it has a mind of its own, and goals that are different from the goals of the people who live here. My only goal in this article is to propose one idea, and it is: “You are the Town.”

I see the Town in a very simple way. I think of the old Newhart show, the one in which Bob lived in a small town in Vermont. In that unnamed town just about everyone turned out at every town meeting to put in their 2¢ and make sure that their voice was heard. Clarkdale is a little bigger than that town, but the principles are the same. We can all turn out and we can all be heard and we can all make a difference.

As in Newhart’s town, we have a Town Council. The Town Council is a group of 5 citizens in Clarkdale that the townspeople elect to represent them. Each councilperson is chosen by the citizens of the town to make decisions and set policies that keep the town functioning and solvent and that guide the Town’s future. The issues that arise are too numerous and often too complex to ask every citizen what to do every time something comes up, so we rely on our Town Council to do that for us.

The members of the Town Council, by the same

token, can’t handle every situation themselves. They aren’t professional planners, town managers, judges, police officers, firemen, wastewater specialists, etc. They have to hire people to do those jobs on behalf of their citizens. It is these paid employees that citizens often think of as “the Town”, and that the Council usually refers to as “the staff.”

Since the Town Council can’t be expert on and doesn’t have time to study every facet of the Town’s business individually, they also appoint several citizens’ committees to do that for them. These committees are called boards and commissions, and they are the Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Design Review Board, etc. They advise the Council and generally don’t set any town policies, but rather make *recommendations* to the Council. All boards and commissions are made up of volunteers from the community.

So ... the Town Council is a group of 5 volunteers that *you* the citizens ask to run the town. They hire a Town Manager to execute their policies, and the manager hires a staff to help run the day-to-day operations of the Town. Boards and commissions study issues and make recommendations to the council. *You*, the citizens of Clarkdale, elect the members of the Town Council, so in every way *you* are the Town.

