

Talk of the Town

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The Mayor's Corner

By: Mayor Doug Von Gausig

At the July 13th town council meeting, we discussed a problem that all governmental organizations have, which is the “disconnect” between the citizens and their government. The goal of the town council and staff is to do a much better job of letting you know what’s happening, why it’s happening and, hopefully, getting you a bit more involved in your town’s government. Of course, we’ll need your help and participation to get there.

We discussed holding monthly neighborhood meetings with the public, the mayor, town staff, and a council member. These would rotate from neighborhood to neighborhood each month, and would be informal so we could hear your concerns and discuss your questions in a comfortable setting.

We also talked about radio shows, newspaper columns, electronic billboards and neighborhood kiosks that would display town information and be maintained by volunteers from those neighborhoods. We discussed ways that the town’s website and e-mail communications could be improved to bring us all a little closer. Some of these great ideas will eventually be part of Clarkdale’s communications with the people we serve. Here are a few things you can do to help out:

- Write us with your ideas. Email addresses are found on the back of this newsletter or go to the town website at www.clarkdale.az.us/council.html. You can also drop off a note to any of us at Town Hall.
- Come to the next town council meeting and let us know how we might serve you better. We’ll be taking this issue up again at our August 10th meeting.
- Call Town Hall at 634-9591 and volunteer to help in any way you can. Your hour or two a week can make a real difference! We need people experienced in communications, art, layout, website development and every other aspect of publicity.

We at Town Hall are all committed to helping you understand what we do and why we do it, and your participation can only help.

Thanks for reading!

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BACK TO SCHOOL

By: Sharon Driver, Fire Dept. Educator

It’s almost here! A new school year. Clarkdale Fire Dept is excited to be bringing **Risk Watch** back to the classroom for grades K-3. We will also be starting the Firepal program with the students. Each shift firefighter will “adopt” a class and spend time with them throughout the year.

Don’t forget: if you bike to school, WEAR A HELMET. If you bus to school, STAY IN YOUR SEAT. If you walk to school, STAY IN THE CROSSWALK.

Have a great year and we’ll see you in the cafeteria!





Pamper Your Pets

Stephen Smith, Animal Control Officer

Summer is here and our four legged friends are feeling the heat just like we are! Provide your pet with plenty of fresh water and shade, and don't over exert them. A small plastic child's pool can be provided as a cost effective way for your dog to cool off, and most dogs will utilize it.

We all know you should never leave a child unattended in a hot car, but many people still leave their pets in the car! This should not be done during the summer months. Even with the windows cracked, temperatures can reach critical levels in minutes, causing heat stroke, brain damage or death, and while providing water for the pet is beneficial, it may not prevent your pet from suffering.



During the summer months, rabies is active. Avoid stray or wild animals, and keep your pets secured at home or leashed. All dogs over four months of age are required to be vaccinated for rabies and licensed. Keeping the tags secured on your dog will insure your pet a safe return home; should they get lost.

West Nile Virus Has Arrived In Arizona



Taking some simple precautions can help keep your family and pets safe. West Nile virus is primarily transmitted to humans by mosquitoes, so eliminate, or frequently change standing water around the home where mosquitoes might reproduce, wear long sleeve clothing, and or use a mosquito repellent. Some symptoms of West Nile virus are: High fever, neck stiffness, body aches, swollen glands, disorientation, headaches, and encephalitis or inflammation of the brain. The majority of people who become infected with West Nile virus (approximately 80%) will not have any symptoms at all, and will improve on their own. People over fifty, and young children are at greatest risk.

Birds are carriers of the virus, and you should report any fresh deceased raptors, sparrows, crows, jays, ravens, magpies or other birds in your area to the department of health services, or the Clarkdale animal control department. Due to



the many other diseases killing Pigeons and doves, these do not need to be reported. Horses are susceptible to West Nile virus, but there is a vaccine available. See your local veterinarian for more information. Dogs are not known to get West Nile virus, and there has only been one reported case of an infected cat.



For more information on West Nile virus, visit the AZ Department of health services West Nile virus hot line at 1-800-314-9243 or log on at www.westnileaz.com. Call Clarkdale animal control at 634-7240 (office) or 634-2921 (dispatch).

Volunteer and Reserve Firefighter Recruitment

By Don Eberle, Fire Chief

The Town of Clarkdale Fire Department is presently recruiting for volunteer and reserve firefighters. Interested candidates must be 18 years of age, in good physical condition, and able to successfully pass a written exam, physical agility evaluation, medical physical, criminal background check, and have a good driving record.

Reserve candidates will be eligible for shift coverage only if they possess certification as a Firefighter I & II, Haz-Mat First Responder, and EMT-Basic.

Volunteer firefighter candidates will be trained to assist in emergency and non-emergency activities, with the exception of shift coverage.

All candidates must complete a Town of Clarkdale Application, which are available at Town Hall or the Fire Station.



Highway 89A Public Announcement for Environmental Documentation

By: Alison Pujari, Public Works Director

As part of the continuing effort for highway improvements on State Route 89A between Black Hills Drive and Cement Plant Road in Cottonwood and Clarkdale, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is now proceeding with the environmental analysis process for the project.

ADOT recently mailed letters to all persons who have participated in the public participation process. The letter was to be mailed on July 8 and the comment period will end August 16 (making the comment period around 43 days long). According to ADOT, the purpose of the analysis is to identify existing conditions and environmental issues regarding the physical, natural, and socioeconomic elements of the project area.



They are seeking comments on how this project might affect those issues and are requested as part of the environmental process. In the letter, ADOT proposes to widen the existing section of SR 89A to four-lanes with a raised median and five roundabouts. The letter notes that ADOT is also considering alternatives to this proposed action including a five-lane urban roadway with and without a raised median, traffic signals, or left turn lanes.

Suggestions from the public are encouraged and will be addressed as part of the project. A draft document should be available for public comment by early 2005. Comments on the draft will be incorporated into a final document and a formal public hearing will be held.

For additional information or to send comments, contact:

Jill Harris,
Logan Simpson Design Inc.,
51 West Third Street, Suite 450,
Tempe, AZ 85281,
480-967-1343.

Fire District Formation Marches On

By: Beth Escobar, Fire District Volunteer

The Clarkdale Fire District Organizing Board continues to gather signatures in support of the Fire District formation. About two thirds of the necessary number of register voter signatures and one half of the property owners have been obtained. Efforts to gather all of the required signatures will continue throughout the summer and fall in an effort to meet the March 2005 deadline. Organizing Board members and volunteers will have petitions available at events around town such as the National Night Out and Summer Concerts.

Neighborhood meetings where people have a chance to meet the Organizing Board members and discuss the Fire District will begin again in late August.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to help gather signatures, call Beth Escobar, Volunteer Fire District Formation Coordinator, at 649-0588.



Update on Town Facilities

Renovation in the following town buildings should be completed by September 15th:

Heritage Conservancy Building:

Library/Community Development Building:

Office space for Planning and Zoning and Public Works.

Renovation in the following building should be completed by October 15th:

Police/Court Building:

Squad Room
Evidence Room
Administrative Entrance
Updated
Chief of Police Office



Water Company Acquisition Project Update

By: Town Manager Gayle Mabery

Clarkdale residents have been dealing with water shortages in our community since the summer of 2000. Just before our residents were officially notified that our community faced a water shortage that first summer, the Town of Clarkdale and the City of Cottonwood began exploring the possibility of acquiring several local water companies. From the beginning, both communities acknowledged that there were many benefits to a single, publicly owned system. Among other things, the following benefits have been widely discussed:

- For Clarkdale, the need to develop additional water supplies for our community was paramount, then and now.
- In addition to the need to develop additional water supplies, there was a need to acquire water rights, which are instrumental in building a water portfolio for the community.
- There was a strong desire to develop a water system that would provide for fire protection in the community.
- Acknowledging that water resources don't follow incorporated boundaries, there was a desire to approach the management of water resources on a regional basis. This regional approach would also promote the ability to link the systems, and move water from one part of the region to another in response to water demands or shortages, if necessary.
- Municipal ownership of the water utility would enhance our community's ability to be credited for the use of reclaimed water for recharge and/or reuse projects.
- There was a strong desire for a unified approach to water conservation and for the communities to have more authority to manage growth patterns based on water issues.
- Both communities also strongly desired to establish a tiered rate system, which includes a user fee that increases based on the users water consumption. Tiered rate systems are often used as a strong component of a water conservation program.
- By Arizona state law, only after our town owns a water company can we make planning decisions based on water availability and pass substantive water

conservation ordinances.

The first step in the process was the completion of an extensive engineering and financial analysis of the systems under consideration. Once we had a thorough understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of each system, a consulting engineer modeled the systems to determine if the four systems, which currently operate independently, could be interconnected to serve as a regional system. That study showed that we could connect and operate the systems as one regional unit and it identified the upgrades that would be necessary for each individual system.

Four and one-half years after initial discussions began, purchase agreements with three of the private companies have been secured. Although the communities would like to have secured the purchase of all the companies at the same time, we were unable to reach agreement with Cottonwood Water Works. In May 2004, Clarkdale and Cottonwood announced that tentative purchase agreements had been secured with the Verde Santa Fe, Clemenceau and Cordes Lakes water companies. Negotiations continue with Cottonwood Water Works, but so far no agreement has been reached. Cottonwood Water works is the only company of the four that serves customers in Clarkdale.

In order to move forward with the acquisition of the three other companies, and to outline the commitment of the Town of Clarkdale and the City of Cottonwood towards the acquisition of Cottonwood Water Works, our two communities have adopted a Memorandum of Agreement which outlines our goal of working together in the final acquisition of Cottonwood Water Works. Under the agreement, Cottonwood was to proceed with the purchase of the assets of the Verde Santa Fe, Clemenceau and Cordes Lakes water companies. Clarkdale's proportionate ownership in those three systems will be established and paid for during Clarkdale's financing of the acquisition of the Cottonwood Water Works System. The full text of the agreement is listed on our website at www.clarkdale.az.us

Cottonwood's efforts to move forward on these three purchases brought the issue of water rates to the forefront. While we have always acknowledged that water user rates would increase upon the acquisitions, specific rates could not be developed until we knew actual purchase prices and just what improvements would be necessary.

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After a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, the Cottonwood City Council adopted a resolution establishing system fees and rates for the three systems that they are purchasing. The water rates that were adopted by the Cottonwood City Council will allow an aggressive capital improvement program which includes development of new water resources, new water storage facilities and fire flow improvements. The new rates also reflect the costs of promoting a water conservation program, water rights acquisition projects and debt service. A complete chart of the adopted rates is available on Cottonwood's website at www.ci.cottonwood.az.us

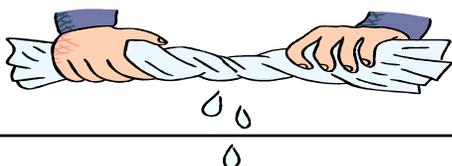
While Clarkdale residents are not currently affected by the Cottonwood rates, our citizens should assume that the purchase of Cottonwood Water Works would lead to a rate structure similar to theirs. Since Cottonwood Water Works has not had a rate increase in nearly twenty years, and has the lowest water rates of any private company in the Verde Valley, Cottonwood Water Works customers will probably see a greater increase in their rates than the customers of the other three water companies.

Although the rate structure will most likely vary once Cottonwood Water Works is acquired, the following is an **example** of how the rate structure for Cottonwood's new municipal water system would affect the average water user if it were applied in Clarkdale. The average residential water use in the Verde Valley is 11,000 gallons per month.

**Current Rate Structure
of Cottonwood Water Works**

(according to 2003 Survey by the Water
Infrastructure Finance Authority)

Base User Rate Per Billing Period	
For 5/8" water meter per month (includes first 1,000 gallons used) :	\$ 8.85
Volume Rates Per Thousand Gallons Per Billing Period:	
10,000 gallons @ \$1.15 per 1,000	\$11.50
State Sales Tax (5.6%)	\$ 1.14
County Sales Tax (.75 %)	\$.16
Town Sales Tax (2.25%)	<u>\$.46</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$22.11</u>



**Water Service Rates Adopted for the
Clemenceau, Cordes Lakes and Verde Sante Fe
Customers Who Will be Combined Under
Cottonwood's New Municipal Water Company**

Base User Rate Per Billing Period	
For 5/8" water meter per month (includes first 1,000 gallons used) :	\$17.00
Volume Rates Per Thousand Gallons Per Billing Period	
Block 1 (1,001-10,000 gal) is \$2.90/1,000 9,000 gallons @ \$2.90 per 1,000	\$26.10
Block 2 (10,001-20,000 gal) is \$4.06/1,000 1,000 gallons @ \$4.06 per 1,000	\$ 4.06
Block 3 (>20,001 gal) is \$5.68/1,000	
Water Resource Development	
Per Billing Period	\$ 4.00
Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee	
Per Billing Period	\$.32
Gila River Adjudication Per Billing Period	\$.41
Water Conservation Program	
Per Billing Period	<u>\$ 25</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$52.15</u>

It should be noted that there are sales tax charges that are paid under the private water company fee structure. Although there will be no sales tax charges under the municipal structure, the municipality will receive a franchise fee from the water utility. That fee is already included in the Base User Rate, and is not called out separately.

With the rate comparison in mind, many citizens and the Town Council continue to reflect on the benefits that are provided under municipal ownership, and whether those benefits outweigh what will be a noticeable increase in water rates.

Achieving the desired results will undoubtedly lead to increased water rates in our region, and the rates will likely have to be studied and adjusted on a frequent (perhaps annual) basis. Community input will be an important part of this process. We've already heard from citizens on the possibility of reducing the base costs for very low water users, an idea that merits additional study. We encourage all Clarkdale citizens to become more educated on this issue, to talk to their elected Council Members, and to take an active part in voicing their opinions with regard to the future of water resources in Clarkdale.

Town of Clarkdale
Summer Concert Series 2004
 By Katie Cannon, Parks and Recreation

Saturday, September 11, 6 - 8 p.m.
 "Sentimental Journey"
 Big Band tunes

Saturday, September 25, 6 - 8 p.m.
 "Juan Whey y de Vatos y Azul"
 Latino Blues & Rock

Saturday, October 2, 6 - 8 p.m.
 "Johnny Lingo Trio"
 Folk & Pop Standards

Saturday, October 9, 6 - 8 p.m.
 "Danny Rhodes & the Messengers"
 Great entertainment from a local favorite



Bring your friends, your family, food and lawn chairs
 for a great evening of FREE! entertainment.

All concerts are in Clarkdale Town Park
 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Sponsor a Concert

Concerts are only possible with the help of financial partners. Each concert costs between \$400 and \$750, with some bands helping with a discount.

In the past, the Town has enjoyed many concerts, thanks to the generous donations of the businesses and citizens of Clarkdale.



Sponsors for concerts are still needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Katie at Town Hall, 634-9591. Sponsors are recognized in all advertising for the event.

2004 Theatre Productions

Playing Doctor: by William Van Zandt & Jane Milmore, Director - Jeffrey Steed, Assistant - Bobbie Davis

Performances:
 Sept. 9 (Gala Opening) 6 p.m.
 Sept. 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 7 p.m.
 Sept. 12, 19 2 p.m.

The Odd Couple (female version): by Neil Simon, Director - Steve Fettkether

Performances:
 Nov. 4 (Gala Opening) 6 p.m.
 Nov. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 7 p.m.
 Nov. 7, 14 2 p.m.

Theatre Location: The historic Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona (behind Town Hall).

Gala Opening - Includes dinner and the show

Admission \$30.00

Tickets for the Gala Openings are only available prior to the performance at Clarkdale Town Hall, 890 Main Street, Clarkdale. For more information, call 634-9591 or 639-0538. Seating is limited. Proceeds benefit the Parks & Recreation Department.

Single Performance

Adult Admission \$8.00
 Seniors \$6.00
 Students \$4.00



Tickets for performances (except Galas) are only available at the door before each performance (30 minutes before curtain time).



Explorer Post #7035

Pat Haynie - Chief of Police
Officer Robert Church - Explorer Advisor
Officer Nicole Florisi - LEED Advisor

Young adults, ages 14-20,
are you interested in learning about what a
career in law enforcement might be like?

Do you want to make a difference in your community by participating in such events as: bike safety rodeos, providing traffic control for special events, learning first aid, fingerprinting children and going on patrol with a police officer? Do you want to challenge yourself mentally and physically by going to a week long police style academy or compete in competitions as a team against others, demonstrating your newly acquired knowledge and skills?

Then check out the opportunities that are available as a member of the Clarkdale Police Explorers: working as part of a team, learning what it takes to become a police officer, participating in meaningful community service projects and learning self-discipline. You will learn about and practice such ideals as Duty, Honor, Integrity and Commitment.

**For youth 11-13, there is the Clarkdale Police
"Law Enforcement Education and Development"
(LEED) program.**

This is primarily a character development program designed to give youth the skills they need to succeed in life by instilling such ideals as Respect, Courage, Responsibility and Citizenship. Members have the opportunity to see police officers as positive roles models and work along side the Explorers during community events. Individual responsibility and teamwork are the foundation for success, no matter what you do in life.

For more information about these exciting programs, please contact Officer Church or Officer Florisi at the Clarkdale Police Department, 634-7240. During the school year you can contact Officer Church at the Clarkdale - Jerome School at 634-5035. Both groups meet at the Clarkdale - Jerome School on Tuesday nights, LEEDs from 5 to 7 p.m. and Explorers from 6 to 8 p.m.

49 N. 9TH Street, Clarkdale, AZ 86324
928-634-7240 ClarkdalePD735@hotmail.com

*"Things do not change; we change." -
Henry David Thoreau*

Downtown Revitalization Project Update

By: Alison Pujari, Public Works Director

Three bids were submitted in response to the advertisement on July 7th. All of the bids were higher than expected. The total price of the apparent low bid and the construction administration exceeds the amount of the grants.

The project is being funded by two Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) Grants through the Arizona Department of Transportation and by the Yavapai County ½ cent sales tax program for Regional Road Projects.

Town Staff is currently exploring options to proceed with the project. Construction will be delayed at least one month to mid-September and it will last thirteen weeks.



The project will span two blocks on Main Street, from Ninth to Eleventh. The drawings of the project consist of:

- Cement Pavers at the intersections.
- Street Trees/Landscaping
- Bicycle Racks
- Pedestrian Lighting
- Benches
- Widened Sidewalks

There will be various projects taking place at once, so we apologize for any inconvenience this may create to the public throughout this process.

Additional information will be published in the Verde Independent and on the Town website as it is available. Please contact the Public Works Department at 634-9591 Ext. 210.



Town of Clarkdale BUS TRIPS!

All bus trip reservations will be taken at Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F. If you are unable to come to Town Hall to make reservations 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.

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Fees include the ticket into the event and transportation. 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.

For baseball games, lunch is on your own. You are welcome to bring food onto the bus. However there are limitations on what may be brought into Bank One Ballpark. Transportation is by yellow air-conditioned school bus.

Baseball Games

Sunday, August 8th -Atlanta Braves
Sunday, Sept. 12th - San Francisco Giants

Seats are lower level. Handicapped accommodations available.

Cost: \$25 per person, includes transportation and event ticket.
Time: Bus leaves the town hall parking lot at 10:30 am. for the 1:35 pm games.

Pool Hours

August 5th -31st the pool will be open from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays and noon to 6:30 on weekends.

Messages From Your Police Department

By Chief Patrick C. Haynie



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 3rd
At the pool from 6-8 p.m.

The Clarkdale Police Department is looking forward to spending an evening with the citizens of Clarkdale. This year we hope to have tables set up with your neighborhood officers so you can get to know them on a more personal level. The Clarkdale Explorers are going to be on hand helping with this event.



Many thanks to the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce, the Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club, Verde Canyon Railroad, the Town of Clarkdale and Yavapai Broadcasting for their support of this event.



Remember that **Clarkdale/Jerome School** will be starting on August 11th. School busses will be out and about. The law requires you to stop when a bus is picking up or dropping off students, regardless if you are in the same lane as the bus or in the opposing lane. This is a major problem on Black Hills Drive. The entire school zone in front of the Clarkdale/Jerome School is fifteen miles per hour while school is in session. This will be strictly enforced, with no allowances. At times this area can be highly congested, so please be careful when driving there.

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Time to Apply For Town Board and Commission Appointments

The Town Council will be making appointments to all the Town Boards and Commissions in August. These appointments are for two year terms. Meetings are held once a month unless otherwise noted below. Special meetings may be held from time to time and members may assist with special events each year.

Citizens interested in serving on one of these boards should submit an application by August 13th.

Applications are available at Town Hall and online at www.clarkdale.az.us/forms.html.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board reviews the exterior design of proposed new buildings, proposed alterations to buildings, excluding single family residences, and major development or redevelopment projects to assure that they are compatible with the surrounding environment and to preserve and protect the integrity and character of the Town. The Board meets on an as-needed basis.



Heritage Conservancy Board

The Heritage Conservancy Board advises the Council and staff regarding the preservation, conservation, and promotion of natural, cultural and historical resources.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board advises the Council and

staff regarding the Clark Memorial Library operations and decisions.

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the Town Council on park development, recreational activities, programming, and community services.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission reviews all long-range plans for the Town, including the General Plan, specific plans, and rezoning. It also bears the primary responsibility for the initial review of larger developments, including applications for preliminary plats. Furthermore the Commission makes recommendations to the Town Council on planning policies.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment is a judicial body which has powers and duties prescribed by law and ordinance including: 1) To hear and decide appeals to administrative decisions; 2) To interpret the boundaries of zoning districts; 3) To hear and decide variances; 4) To permit the extension of nonconforming uses. This board meets only as needed, usually only a couple times a year.

Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board oversees the retirement pension fund for the Town's police officers. This Board consists of the Mayor, two citizens and two police personnel. This board meets only as needed, usually once a year.

Everyone is invited to participate in a private citizens group which meets one Monday a month to discuss Clarkdale water issues.

Contact the group at 634-9450
or at ebauer@commspeed.net.



Verde Valley Humane Society

Post Office Box 1429
1502 W. Mingus
Cottonwood, AZ 86326
(928) 634-7387
vvhs@wildapache.net

STOP LITTERING!
Please spay or neuter your pet!

Community Information and Referral

24-Hour Help line 1-800-352-3792

Public Hearing
Increase in Wastewater User Fees
August 10, 2004, 6:00 p.m.
Men's Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse

Sewer User Fees
For Fiscal Year 2004-05

In March 2004, the Town Staff prepared a comprehensive Wastewater Fee Study to analyze current and future wastewater rates for the Town. This study was completed as part of the Town's obligation to develop a financial plan that accommodates the Town's growth demands and anticipates improvements to the wastewater system to assure that it meets the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ's) Water Quality Standards.

In order to meet ADEQ's Water Quality Standards, the existing Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) must be upgraded and a new effluent line must be constructed to deliver effluent to a new location (not on the Phelps Dodge mill tailings where we currently dispose of effluent). To meet current environmental standards, our plant must produce "Class B" effluent. We currently produce "Class C", which is lower than the required quality. The cost of the upgrades to the existing WWTF is estimated to be \$390,000.00. The town was fortunate to receive a grant through the State's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in the amount of \$350,000.00. This grant award will offset the costs of the project, which, in turn, results in a savings to the users of the system.

Additionally, through negotiations in a Development Agreement, Phelps Dodge has agreed to pay for half of the cost associated with extending the effluent line to an alternate location. The town anticipates funding the remainder of the cost of this project through a low-interest loan.

The existing wastewater user fee was enacted in 1998. At that time, the wastewater revenues were not covering the system costs. The current \$16.80 fee was enacted with the anticipation that we would break even in the wastewater fund after four years. We met that four-year goal, but find that the \$16.80 fee must

be increased in order to cover current costs and the costs that will be associated with the upgrade of the plant.

The majority of the proposed increase in user fees is attributed to increased operating and maintenance costs of the upgraded WWTF and the new effluent disposal system. The upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility and the new effluent line should be completed in early 2005. The increased fee DOES NOT include costs for the payment of the loan that will be secured to finance the capital project of constructing the effluent line to a new location. When we have final costs on that component, the Council will need to determine whether to fund those costs through an additional user fee increase or through the revenues generated by the 1% Construction Related Sales Tax that was approved in June 2004 and will be effective September 2004.

The recommended new wastewater fee is \$19.80 per month for Residential Users and that plus \$1.90 per 1000 gallons of water used in excess of 5000 gallons per month for commercial/industrial users.

Staff also recommended an independent development fee study be performed in order to balance the projected collection system extension costs with the current development fees. We have applied for and been awarded a grant through the State's Water Infrastructure Authority (WIFA) for technical assistance to perform this study.

The town council adopted a Notice of Intent to Increase Wastewater Fees at their meeting on July 13, 2004 and the Notice of Intent has been published in the newspaper. A Public Hearing will be held on August 10, 2004 with regard to the proposed Increase in Wastewater User Fees.

The Council may adopt the proposed rates by a resolution that will be considered on August 24, 2004. If adopted, the increase in rates becomes effective 30 days after the adoption of the resolution (September 24, 2004).



Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken, Library Manager

NEW BOOKS

August

Four Souls	Louise Erdrich
Girl Next Door	Patricia MacDonald
Hanging in the Hotel	Simon Brett
High Country Fall	Margaret Maron
Jane Austen Book Club	Karen Joy Fowler
Lost Souls	Michael Collins
Murder List	Julie Garwood
Outlaw Sea	Wm Lanegwiesche
R is for Ricochet	Sue Grafton
Retirement for Two	Maryanne Vendervelde
Rule of Four	Ian Caldwell
Savvy Senior	Jim Miller
Shadow Divers	Robert Kurson
Shark Tank	Tom O'Neill
Society	Michael Palmer
South Beach Diet	Arthur Agatston

September

Blind Alley	Iris Johansen
Coal Tattoo	Silas House
Falls	Joyce Carol Oates
Harbor	Lorraine Adams
Love Wife	Jen Gish
Shoulder the Sky	Anne Perry

October

Any Place I Hang My Hat	Susan Isaacs
Barefoot in Paris	Ina Garten
Christmas Visitor	Anne Perry
In the Night Room	Peter Straub
Redbird Christmas	Fanny Flagg
To the Last Man	Jeff Shaara

Our apologies for any inconvenience to you in using the library during the remodeling downstairs.

The Library needs volunteers to organize and conduct preschool story hours (days and hours to be determined).



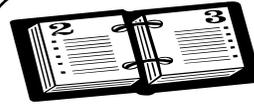
Library Hours

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

- Aug 3 National Night Out, 6-8 pm, Pool
- Aug 5 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Aug 8 Bus Trip - *Atlanta Braves*
- Aug 9 Parks & Recreation, 6 pm, TH
- Aug 10 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Aug 11 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
- Aug 16 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Aug 24 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
- Aug 25 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, LB
- Sept 2 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Sept 6 Town offices closed, **Labor Day**
- Sept 8 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
- Sept 9 Play Gala - *Playing Doctor*, 6 pm, AUD
- Sept 11 *Sentimental Journey*, 6-8 pm, Park
- Sept 12 Bus Trip - *San Francisco Giants*
- Sept 13 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, TH
- Sept 14 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 20 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 22 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
- Sept 25 *Juan Whey de Vatos y Azul*, 6-8 pm, Park
- Sept 28 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 2 *Johnny Lingo Trio*, 6-8 pm, Park
- Oct 7 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Oct 11 Parks & Recreation, 6 pm, TH
- Oct 12 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 13 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
- Oct 16 *Danny Rhodes & the Messengers*, 6-8 pm, Park
- Oct 18 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 23 Dance, *Sentimental Journey*, 7-10 pm, AUD
- Oct 26 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 27 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
- Nov 4 Play Gala - *The Odd Couple*, 6 pm, AUD

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Online Library Catalog from your home:
www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm

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
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Staff News

Maria Contreras is now at the Court and Town Hall.

Lisa Christiansen, Grants Administrator, is now Lisa Elliott



Gazebo Project Update



The Gazebo Refurbishment Project is ready to begin its construction phase.

International Environmental Corporation (IEC), Tempe, completed the Lead-Based Paint (LBP) abatement. The ceiling and post structures were completely scraped to a bare wood surface. The skirting, floor, staircase, and roof sections were removed and disposed of in a facility approved to accept LBP contaminated material. The contaminated soil has been removed from around the Gazebo as well. The Town has received the Clearance Certification.

Construction is expected to proceed on the following schedule:

- Advertise for bids - July 14, 2004
- Mandatory Pre-bid Conference - July 28, 2004
- Open Bids - August 11, 2004
- Award Contract - Late August 2004
- Begin Construction - Early September 2004
- Construction Complete - October 2004

Over \$36,000.00 in donated funds has been received to date and the project is expected to cost between \$33,000.00 and \$43,000.00.

For additional project information or to donate additional funds, please contact the Public Works Department on 928-634-9591.