

TALK OF THE TOWN



BUS TRIPS!

DINNER THEATER

- Camelot*, October 22, 2005, \$45
- Oklahoma*, February 18, 2006, \$45
- Funny Girl*, April 15, 2006, \$45
- Disney's Aladdin Jr.*, May 6, 2006, \$20
- Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, June 24, 2006, \$45

Reservations taken at Town Hall. Payment required at the time of reservation. Tickets are non-refundable. Children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult. Food may be brought onto the bus. The bus leaves the Town Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for Phoenix. The theatre matinees begin at 11:45 a.m. The meal is buffet style. Cost includes transportation, show, dinner, tax and gratuity. Transportation is by yellow air-conditioned school bus.

Free Concerts

Clarkdale Park

Sentimental Journey

"Big Band Sound"
Saturday, September 17th, 6-8 p.m.
Sponsored by Clarkdale/Jerome Lions

Jaun Way y de Vatos Azul

"Latino Blues"
Saturday, September 24th, 6-8 p.m.

Obsidian Blues

"Jammin Blues and rock and Roll"
October 1st, 6-8 p.m.

Bring your family, friends, chairs and dinner for an evening of entertainment.

A 50/50 raffle will be held. Proceeds go to Parks and Recreation, making events like these possible.



No alcohol allowed in Clarkdale Parks

Dances

Featuring
Sentimental Journey

October 22, 7 p.m.

Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium.
\$5.00 per person. Refreshments available.
For 2006 dance dates or pick up a flyer at
Town Hall or go to www.clarkdale.az.us/events.html.



The Community Development Department Has Moved



Planning, Public Works and Building Inspection have moved across the parking lot from Town Hall to the lower floor of the Library building.

Santa Claus is Coming To Town!

On Saturday, December 3rd, at 1:30 p.m. Santa will be in the Clarkdale Town Park. Come drink some hot chocolate, make an ornament for the town tree and get your picture taken with Santa - all free!



Mayor's Corner: Water, Highway 260, and You

There are so many important things going on in and around Clarkdale right now that I just couldn't narrow my focus to one subject. We continue to work on the acquisition of Cottonwood Water Works, the controversial Access Management Plan for SR260 continues to heat up, and we need to talk about board and commission participation.

Let's talk water first.

By now, most of you know that the Town Council has adopted the Asset Purchase Agreement between the water company and the two towns. At the same meeting, the Council also adopted a water rate structure that will be effective when the citizens become the owners of the utility. The rates we chose are called "inverted rates", since the cost per gallon of water increases as the customer uses more water. Every water conservation study has shown that the first and most effective way to decrease water use is to use inverted rates.



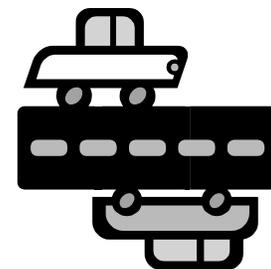
Clarkdale's rates are necessarily higher than Cottonwood's for several logical reasons. Most importantly, our *capital costs*, those expenses that go for wells, pumps, water lines, and improvements to those assets, will be higher *per capita* initially than Cottonwood's. The fact that Clarkdale's will be a smaller system means that the fixed costs of owning and operating the system will be spread over fewer rate payers, so each of those customers will pay slightly higher rates. It's important to understand that the rates we're publishing are initial rates only, and that there could be a time when rates in Clarkdale are more equitable with those in Cottonwood. The Town Council and staff have always felt that the benefits to Clarkdale of owning their own system far outweigh the negative impact of paying rather higher rates. We are looking into ways of reducing the impact, especially on the less fortunate in our community.

There is one big and easy way to minimize your monthly water bill. Since most of the water used in

the Verde Valley is used *outdoors*, that's the place to start. Average water use per household in the Verde Valley is more than 10,000 gallons, but my household of two uses only 2500 to 4000 gallons of water a month *indoors*, and we don't do anything special to conserve water. We don't let the shower run overtime, we turn off the sink water while we're shaving or brushing our teeth, but nothing extraordinary. This tells me that the place to conserve water must start with *landscaping*. Lawns are a major water consumer; non-native trees use a lot, as do some flower gardens. The key to using less water on landscaping is using native plants - they evolved to use much less water. The Town has a recommended plant list and you can get one by visiting the Town's home page at www.clarkdale.az.us. You can also look at more efficient ways to water your landscaping. Drip systems are very efficient, since they put water only where it's needed. Watering timers improve drip systems even more, and an inexpensive "rain switch" on timed systems prevents drippers from coming on if it has rained recently. So if you really want to save water and pay less, look outdoors first.

Let's move on to the SR260 plan.

I represent Clarkdale on the SR260 Access Management Plan committee. That committee's job is to help create a plan that will allow reasonable access as well as some commercial activity along SR260, and at the same time have a safe and efficient traffic corridor between the upper Verde Valley and the freeway. It has been and will remain my position that the fewer access points along SR260, the better the highway will function. While I don't want to open up new forest lands and build a bypass to the freeway, if we cannot reach a reasonable compromise between the State, the landowners, and the municipalities involved, it may come to that. I will continue to press for safety and efficiency above commercial exploitation of that route. If you have thoughts that



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might help me do my job on that panel, please give me a call.

Now, the “you” part.

Clarkdale has lots of wonderful assets. We have great weather (well, OK, 114° is pushing the point a bit!), the Verde River, our Town Park, clean air, low crime, and an incredible view of Mingus Mountain. But Clarkdale’s finest asset by far is the people who live and work here. Clarkdale’s voting turnout is surpassed by no other in the area, and our neighborhoods are clean, friendly and inviting. Attendance at Town Council meetings is really good, and the folks who come generally have thoughtful and important things to say about their community. There is one teeny, tiny thing that Clarkdale’s citizens need to do a little better though. *They need to participate more in their Town government.*

Clarkdale’s boards and commissions are made up of citizen volunteers. They are one of the most important parts of the Town’s government, and their work affects your life and mine. Most of these groups require only a few hours a month of a volunteer’s time. If you have a little time, and you’d like to contribute to Clarkdale’s future, please consider calling Town Hall and volunteering for one of our boards or commissions. The boards and commissions are: The Library Advisory Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Design Review Board, the Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Heritage Conservancy Board, and the Public Safety Retirement Board. Sitting on a board or commission will be one of the most gratifying things you can do and it will get you into our annual volunteer appreciation dinner! I’ll see you there.

So, a lot is happening in Clarkdale. We can all help our Town by conserving water, attending community meetings, and volunteering as board or commission members. The Town is us, its citizens, and we can make a difference!

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Finance Director Carlton Woodruff

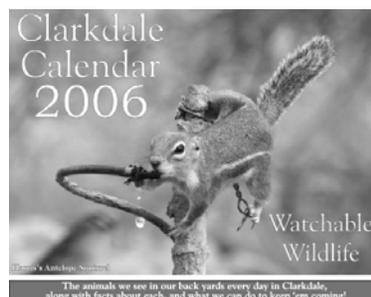
I was born in Prescott, Arizona in February of 1967, and lived in both Prescott and Chino Valley before my family moved to the Ozark Mountains in southern Missouri. I graduated high school in Gainesville, Missouri and attended Southwest Missouri State University where I earned a B.S. in Accounting in 1989.



I lived, for short periods, in Illinois, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, but always felt Arizona was my real home. In 1991, I made the decision to come back home to Arizona. Early that year, I was hired by the Office of the Arizona State Treasurer as a staff accountant. I was with the Treasurer’s Office for just over 14 years and spent the last several serving as Assistant Deputy Treasurer responsible for Accounting Administration and Treasury Management. I resigned from the Treasurer’s Office in July 2005 to accept the position of Finance Director for the Town of Clarkdale, and am looking forward to the challenges and rewards that lie ahead.

My wife and I love the Verde Valley and have spent much of our free time over the last 15 years mountain biking, hiking, and camping in the area. We both feel very fortunate to now be able to make our home here.

2006 Clarkdale Calendar “Watchable Wildlife”

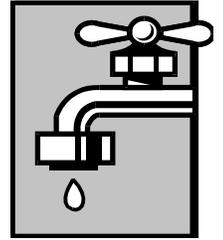


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Learn about the animals we see in our back yards everyday in Clarkdale, along with facts about each and what we can do to keep ‘em coming!

Acquisition of Cottonwood Water Works Nears Completion

By Gayle Mabery, Town Manager



On July 12, 2005 the Clarkdale Town Council and the Cottonwood City Council adopted an Asset Purchase Agreement for the purchase of the Cottonwood Water Works system. On the same night, the Clarkdale Council adopted the water rates that will be used when we own the water company. Those rates are available at the Town Hall, and they are also posted on the Town's website at www.clarkdale.az.us

This acquisition project has taken five years, but the concept of our Town controlling its water supply has been addressed by our Town Councils since 1957. The Town Council and staff recognize that this is a significant step to take, and one that impacts each of our citizens. The decisions that have been made to get us to this point were not made lightly, and there is much work to be done to ensure water availability for our community, improve the existing infrastructure, and upgrade the system to meet fire protection standards. One of the most pressing issues will be to meet the new federal arsenic standards, which will go into effect in January, 2006. In addition, over the next year, the Town Council has asked the staff to develop water conservation programs, and to establish a program that will help qualified low income residents pay their water bills. There is much to be done, but we all know that when we look back on this acquisition, it will stand out as one of the most important events in the Town's history.

One of the biggest questions on everyone's minds seems to be "WHEN?" There are still several things that need to be done before the bonds can be issued and the acquisition can be closed. First, the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) must approve Cottonwood Water Works' application for cancellation of their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N), thereby

approving the sale of the company to the Town of Clarkdale and the City of Cottonwood. The application was transmitted to the ACC on August 9, 2005, and we expect it will take at least 60 days for the application to be reviewed and approved.

Simultaneously, a request is being submitted to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), for their Director's approval to transfer the assets of Cottonwood Water Work's Water Trust Fund to the Town and the City.

Once the ACC and ADWR approvals have been granted, we can begin to sell the bonds that will finance the project. After the bonds are sold, the acquisition can be completed, and ownership will transfer to the municipalities. In an innovative approach, and what is likely the first of its kind in Arizona, the City of Cottonwood will be executing the bond for the purchase and upgrades of the entire Cottonwood Water Works system. The Town of Clarkdale will simultaneously enter an Intergovernmental Agreement that will obligate the Town to pay back Clarkdale's share of the costs of the bond to the City of Cottonwood. Cottonwood's agreement to issue the debt for the system results in benefits to both communities, including lower overall

costs for Clarkdale customers because the City of Cottonwood can receive a better bond rating than can the Town of Clarkdale.

Those parts of the Cottonwood Water Works system that lie within each municipality's boundaries will transfer to that community. Currently, approximately 25% of the customers of the system are in Clarkdale and 75% are in Cottonwood.

Cottonwood Water Works customers in both Clarkdale and Cottonwood can expect to receive a letter as the transfer of ownership nears. The letter will include pertinent information about the acquisition, including the timing of the change of ownership, where bills can be paid and the timing of the implementation of the new rate structures. Information will also be updated on the Town's website, www.clarkdale.az.us.

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In an effort to reduce costs for our customers, the operations and maintenance (O&M) of the Cottonwood and Clarkdale Municipal Water Utilities will be combined for the next five years and the City of Cottonwood will operate them. Clarkdale will retain all control of our system, including policy making and day-to-day decision making, and will contract with Cottonwood to perform O&M functions. For the past several years, Clarkdale and the other Verde Valley communities have actively promoted shared services in these types of settings, and feel that the citizens of our communities benefit from the cost savings. Other examples of shared service agreements include: Cottonwood's contract with Clarkdale for mechanical repair services; Clarkdale's contract with Sedona for Information Technology (IT) services; Jerome's contract with Clarkdale for Magistrate Court Clerk services; and Clarkdale and Jerome's contract with Cottonwood for Police Dispatching services.

Thank You Liberty Run Sponsors!



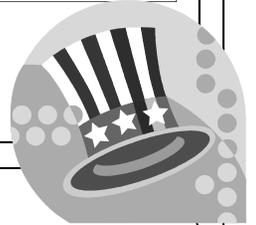
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To view Liberty Run pictures, go to:
[www.clarkdale.az.us/
events.html](http://www.clarkdale.az.us/events.html)

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Thank You Old Fashioned 4th of July Sponsors and Volunteers!

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Cottonwood Community Band
Clarkdale Police Explorers
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Recognize a Town Employee for Cities and Towns Week

Is there a Town employee that has made your day or whose service you really appreciated? On October 16-22 the Town will be celebrating Strong Cities and Towns Week. During this week cities and towns all over Arizona are raising public awareness about municipal services. If you would like a Town employee to be recognized for the service he or she provides, please fill-out the following form and send it in, drop it off, or mail it with your trash or sewer bill. It's as simple as that.

_____ Yes, I would like to recognize a Town employee for
Strong Cities and Towns Week

Name of Employee (s): _____

Comments, reason you want to recognize this person or persons:

Name of person submitting form:

Mail or deliver to:
Town of Clarkdale
890 Main Street
Post Office Box 308
Clarkdale, AZ 86324-0308

2006 Elections

There will be a Primary Election on March 14 and the General Election, if needed, will be on May 16, 2006. Any candidate who receives a majority of all the ballots cast in the Primary election shall be declared to be elected.

Two council seats will be available for this election (Vice Mayor Jerry Wiley and Councilmember Tim Wills' terms are expiring). Both seats are for 4-year terms. Also on the ballot will be the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option). For more information on Home Rule Option, please go to www.clarkdale.az.us/elections.html or pick-up the information at Town Hall.

Other Election News

There are new voter registration requirements due to the implementation of Proposition 200. If this is your first time registering to vote in Arizona, or you have moved from another county in Arizona, your Arizona's Driver's License number or non-operating identification license number issued after 10/1/1996 must be listed on the voter registration form, or you

must provide other documentation. Please read the back of the voter registration form carefully for what you will need to provide. To avoid any delays, please register early! Registration forms are available at Town Hall.

Important Dates

Primary Election

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| November 1 | Candidate packets available |
| November 8 | Public hearing on Home Rule Option (6 p.m. Clark Memorial Clubhouse) |
| November 14 | First date candidates can file |
| November 15 | Public hearing on Home Rule Option (6 p.m. Clark Memorial Clubhouse) |
| December 14 | Deadline for candidates to file
Deadline to submit arguments for publicity pamphlets |
| February 9 | Sample ballots available
Publicity pamphlets available |
| February 13 | Last day to register to vote in Primary |
| March 14 | Election Day |



The council members-elect take office in June. The council members select a Vice Mayor from among themselves.

Clarkdale Heritage Center

P.O. Box 806, Clarkdale, AZ 86324

Accepting donations.

Membership applications available
at Clark Memorial Library.

Library Hours

Mon & Wed 11:00 - 4:00

Tues 1:00 - 6:00

Thur, Fri & Sat 1:00 - 4:00

Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

UPCOMING BOOKS

September

Non-fiction

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| Anansi Boys | Neil Gaiman |
| Bait and Switch | Barbara Ehrenreich |
| Its Called a Breakup | Greg Behren |
| Shame of the Nation | Jonathan Kozol |
| What Remains | Carole Radziwill |

Fiction

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| Angels in the Gloom | Anne Perry |
| At First Sight | Nicholas Sparks |
| Belle Ruin | Martha Grimes |
| Cinderella Hour | Natherine Stone |
| Cinnamon Kiss | Walter Mosely |
| Divide | Nicholas Evans |
| Fiddlers | Ed McBain |





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 Robert Tanenbaum
 Rita Mae Brown
 Candace Bushnell
 E. L. Doctorow
 John Saul
 Catherine Coulter
 Robert B. Parker
 Julie Garwood
 Terry Brooks
 Anne Rivers Siddons
 Ruth Rendell
 Jack Higgins

October

Non-fiction

Age of Anxiety	Haynes Johnson
Between You and Me	Mike Wallace
City of Falling Angels	John Berendt
Crack in the Edge of the World	Simon Winchester
Healthy Aging	Andrew Weil
Home Rules	Nate Berkus
Master Among Men	Doris K. Goodwin
Perricone Weight-Loss Promise	Nicholas Perricone
Phenomenon: Paranormal	Sylvia Browne
Planets	Dava Sobel
700 Sundays	Billy Crystal

Fiction

Blue Smoke	Nora Roberts
Breath of Snow and Ashes	Diana Gabaldon
Camel Club	David Baldacci
Consent to Kill	Vince Flynn
Europe Conspiracy, Book 3	Tim LaHaye
Everything Worth Knowing	Lauren Weisberger
Goodnight Nobody	Jennifer Wiener
Iron Orchid	Stuart Woods
Knife of Dreams, Book 11	Robert Jordan
Lincoln Lawyer	Michael Connelly
Predator: A Scarpetta Novel	Patricia Cornwell
Scorpion's Gate	Richard R. Clarke
Wedding in December	Anita Shreve

November

Fiction

Light from Heaven	Jan Karon
Lighthouse	P.D. James
Ordinary Heroes	Scott Turow

Online Library Catalog:

www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm



TOWN
 CALENDAR

CML - Clark Memorial Library, 39 N. Ninth St.
 TH - Town Hall Conference Room, 890 Main St.
 ML - Men's Lounge, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
 AUD - Auditorium, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
 CD - Community Development Dept, 39 N. Ninth St.

- Sep 1 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Sep 5 Town offices closed, *Labor Day Holiday*
- Sep 12 Parks & Recreation Commission, 1 pm, CD
- Sep 13 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Sep 14 Design Review Board, 7 pm, ML
- Sep 17 *Sentimental Journey*, 6-8 pm, Park
- Sep 19 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Sep 21 Heritage Conservancy Board, 5:15 pm, CML
- Sep 24 *Juan Way de Vatos y Azul*, 6-8 pm, Park
- Sep 27 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
- Sep 28 Board of Adjustment, 7 pm, ML

- Oct 1 *Obsidian Blues*, 6-8 pm, Park
- Oct 6 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Oct 10 Parks & Recreation Commission, 1 pm, CD
- Oct 11 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 12 Design Review Board, 7pm, ML
- Oct 17 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 19 Heritage Conservancy Board, 5:15 pm, CML
- Oct 22 Bus Trip, *Camelot*
- Oct 22 Dance, *Sentimental Journey*, 7-10 pm, AUD
- Oct 25 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 26 Board of adjustment, 7 pm, ML

- Nov 3 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
- Nov 8 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Nov 9 Design Review Board, 7 pm, ML
- Nov 11 Town offices closed, *Veterans Day Holiday*
- Nov 14 Parks & Recreation Commission, 1 pm, CD
- Nov 15 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
- Nov 16 Heritage Conservancy Board, 5:15 pm, CML
- Nov 21 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Nov 23 board of Adjustment, 7 pm, ML
- Nov 24-25 Town offices closed, *Thanksgiving*

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-
 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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Police Department

By Pat Haynie, Police Chief



National Night Out

I would like to thank all who participated in National Night Out. Seeing so many of you visiting, eating together and having fun in the swimming pool makes one realize that we live in a special community. I appreciate the support the Police Department continues to get from our citizens.

As residents of your neighborhoods, be vigilant about things that do not appear right in your area and contacting us. You are the eyes and ears of our Town; we cannot be every where at once. We continue to work on drug situations and vehicle burglaries, making arrests this past year that have slowed a lot of this activity down in neighborhoods where residents have been most proactive.

Police Procedures

People are being misinformed by watching shows such as CSI, Law and Order, and COPS. Expecting local police to respond in ways we have seen on TV is unrealistic. In twenty-three years of Law Enforcement the quickest I have ever been able to get DNA results was three months. We don't have all the neat sprays and gadgets that miraculously bring finger prints up or that can determine human blood in an instant. I cannot even submit DNA to the DPS Lab without County Attorney approval.

Please have patience with the police department and continue to call us with information so we can work with you in clearing up a problem.

Dispatching and Phone Calls

As you may know, Clarkdale Police Officers are dispatched through Cottonwood Dispatch Center. Being a small department, this helps keep our costs down. If you need to talk with an officer or report a crime, call the dispatch number of 634-2921. Our office phone, 634-7240, is normally only answered between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Of course, in an emergency call 911.

Speeding in Neighborhoods

Speeding continues to be a problem in neighborhoods. Through a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety we were able to purchase two used cars that are being equipped for traffic enforcement. We plan to have officers using these cars in all neighborhoods soon to help battle this continued problem. Please slow down, kids are playing and people are out walking.



School is in session

We will be adopting a zero tolerance for speeding in the school zone on Main Street. Parents dropping off students at school should not block Main Street in the process; you can be issued a citation for this. It is against Arizona law to drop students off across the street from a school; this is common sense in order to keep your child safe. Keep in mind you must stop for a school bus that has flashing red lights and a stop sign out on the driver's side when it is picking up or dropping off students, regardless if you are coming up behind the bus or approaching it from the opposing lane.

Seat Belts

Seat belts save lives and help you keep control of a vehicle in the event of an accident. At a speed as slow as thirty-five miles per hour, a baby weighing fifteen pounds will suddenly weigh three hundred and fifty pounds. How many of you can hold that much weight? A hundred-and-fifty pound person will suddenly weigh close to three thousand pounds. Think of that much pressure on your chest suddenly from a steering wheel.



People typically move three different directions during the process of an average accident. The seat belt holds you in place, reducing the force of these three movements, allowing you to continue to try to maintain control of your vehicle. The data speaks for itself, seat belts save lives!