

# TALK OF THE TOWN



## Free Concerts in Clarkdale Park

Danny Rhodes & the  
Messengers  
"Roots Blues, Rock/Roll"  
Saturday, September 29, 6-8 pm

Major Lingo  
"International Rock and Roll"  
Saturday, October 6, 6-8 pm

Bring your family, friends, and lawn chair for an evening of entertainment. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Proceeds to benefit Parks and Recreation. No alcohol in the park.

Sponsors Still Needed.

Vendors wanted.



## Halloween Event

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Annual Costume Contest

5:30 p.m. at the Clarkdale Town Park Gazebo.



Four age group divisions: 0-4 years, 5-8 years,  
9-12 years, and 13 years and older.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three entries  
in each age group division; \$30 for first place,  
\$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place.

After the costume contest,  
gather your goblins and princesses to hit the streets  
of upper Clarkdale for some fun and safe trick-or-treating.

Last year the residents of upper Clarkdale served over 1,300 trick-or-treaters. With the number of trick-or-treaters increasing every year the Town of Clarkdale tries to help these residents by providing additional candy to distribute to the children throughout the evening.

The Town of Clarkdale is accepting candy and monetary donations in order to provide the large quantities of candy needed. The Town greatly appreciates your donations in helping to provide a safe and memorable evening for the Verde Valley's ghosts and goblins. Donations may be dropped off at Town Hall.

For information please contact Dawn Norman, Parks and Recreation, by email, [dawnn@clarkdale.az.us](mailto:dawnn@clarkdale.az.us), or call (928) 634-9591.

## Fall Dances Featuring *Sentimental Journey*

October 20 & November 17, 2007

7 p.m. in the Clarkdale Clubhouse Auditorium

\$5.00 Admission. Refreshments available for purchase.

Sponsored by the Heritage Conservancy Board.



# Police Explorer Annual Summer Academy

Clarkdale Police Department hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Police Explorer Academy



Josh Sims overcomes his fears, walking across this beam, almost 30 feet above the ground.



Mary Stine shows off her self defense moves.



Chief Haynie turns over the leadership to the Police Explorers during a team building exercise at NAU's Challenge Course.

Members of the Clarkdale Police Department's Explorer program recently completed a week long police style academy, learning first hand what it is like to attend a police academy. The days were long, up to thirteen hours, as well as both physically and mentally demanding. The Explorer program is for youth between the ages of fourteen and twenty who are interested in learning about law enforcement. The program runs year round.

Officers from the Clarkdale



Will Watson writes down some vehicle information while investigating a traffic collision.



and Cottonwood Police Departments lent their years of training and experience to the program by teaching subjects such as basic criminal investigations, DUI laws and enforcement, traffic laws, self defense, report writing, traffic stops, crime scene investigations and others topics.

The Explorers also traveled to Northern Arizona University to participate in the Outdoor Challenge Course. Facilitators lead group exercises in team building and goal setting, challenging the members to work outside of their comfort zones.

They finished the day long trip by working on the high ropes challenge. Working about thirty feet off the ground and strapped in on a belay line, each member completed a series of physically demanding and difficult challenges.

This year they also got to feel how driving under the influence of alcohol affects



Randin Ley feels the affects of being "under the influence."

their motor skills. Wearing specially designed goggles from "Fatal Vision", experienced police officers put the Explorers through a variety of Field Sobriety Tests.

They wrapped up their week by participating in a variety of scenarios designed to simulate the types of calls that police officers handle on a daily basis. Working in two-person teams, the Explorers performed traffic stops, building searches, as well as handled disturbance and domestic violence calls, putting their training and skills to the test.



## Police Department

The Clarkdale Police Department just completed it's first series of neighborhood "**Block Parties.**" Over the past year the police department held ten events in various neighborhoods and had over 650 people participate. During the events we cooked hot dogs and hamburgers and had small neighborhood picnics. These events are a great way for area residents to get to know both their neighborhood officer and other officers of the department as well. In addition, we provided information on personal and community safety, Block Watch and distributed surveys about community concerns.

The "Block Parties" are an extension of National Night Out which is held in communities throughout the United States in August. . Our special thanks go out to each of our residents who attended the event in their neighborhood, and we would like to take this opportunity to extend a special invitation to each of you to attend upcoming events in your neighborhoods. We encourage you to get to know each of the officers of this department.

All of the officers of the Clarkdale Police Department are truly honored to have the opportunity to serve our community. We take pride in Clarkdale and our relationships with it's residents. Our thanks to you for the opportunity to be a part of what makes Clarkdale a safe community.

Remember, **school is in session** for many of our young community members. Please be mindful of children traveling to and from school, stop for school busses picking up or dropping off students and remember that the posted speed in a school zone is 15 MPH. For the safety of our students, required stops for school busses and speeds in school zones will be strictly enforced.

For more information about National Night Out in Clarkdale, upcoming Neighborhood Block Parties, the Neighborhood Officer Program or any concerns you have for your community, please contact any Clarkdale Officer. You can also access information on the Town of Clarkdale website at: [www.clarkdale.az.us](http://www.clarkdale.az.us) and following the link to the police department page or by calling our administrative office number: 634-7240.

## Drought Plan Update

We have had three months of observing Water Strategy Level One "WATER ALERT" - which outlines limited watering days and times. The Public Works Crew has been working with the public on drought education. We have been using a two man team to cover the greater Clarkdale area and to date they have encountered only a few residences watering on wrong days or using water at wrong times of the day.

Residents' concern for water conservation and participation in the Town's efforts has been superior. Residents have taken an active approach in notifying the Town of possible water violations and leaks needing immediate attention.

After finishing the first year of the Drought Plan, the Town is now pursuing long term water management . This is achieved by participating with other cities and towns to monitor water use and help determine how communities can lessen the effect of drought.

This also includes the Town's researching estimated water reuse from the proposed wastewater plant. The proper use of reclaimed water would provide the most benefit to the community.

The residents' consistent wise use of this natural resource helps guarantee a continued supply of water for the community.

For further information please call the Public Works Department 649-3538

### Verde Canyon Railroad

800-320-0718

[www.verdecanyonrr.com](http://www.verdecanyonrr.com)

#### Throw Granny & Grandpa on the Train

September 9

#### Fall Colors Tours

October - November

#### Ales on Rails Octoberfest Beer Garden

October 6 - 28

#### Haunted Halloween Express

October 31

#### Holiday Parties Available

November - December

#### Santa Clause Express

December 1-23



## Have you ever visited [www.clarkdale.az.us](http://www.clarkdale.az.us)?

This is the address of the Town of Clarkdale's official website, created to provide our residents with information on all facets of the town government.

At your leisure, visit our website - read the history of Clarkdale, visit the Community Events page or check on the current dates and times of the Council, Board and Commission meetings.

The Home Page of the website has links to information on the following topics:

- **Mayor and Council**
- **Town/Zoning Codes**
- **Election Information**
- **Forms & Contacts**
- **Projects & Notices**
- **Clarkdale's History**
- **Neighborhood News**
- **Town Meetings**
- **Departments**
- **Newsletters**
- **Volunteering**
- **General Plan**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Employment**

Please email  
your  
comments  
and  
suggestions  
about the  
website to

Margie Hardie at  
[townhall@clarkdale.az.us](mailto:townhall@clarkdale.az.us)



## Clarkdale Fire District

**The Fire District.** In the February issue of the Talk of the Town we reported that the Fire Department was becoming a separate government agency, the Clarkdale Fire District. Interim Fire Chief Don Eberle was appointed as the first District Fire Chief on February 1, 2007. Chief Eberle was formerly the Chief of the Verde Valley Fire District. He brings a great deal of knowledge and over 40 years of experience to the District.

As of July 1, 2007 the Fire District has been operating independently from the Town of Clarkdale. However, the District still enjoys a close working relationship with the Town staff.

The Town Council has transferred assets to the District, including fire engines, the Centerville Fire Station, fire fighting and emergency medical equipment and supplies. It is important to note that the Town did not require payment from the District for these assets. Therefore, taxpayers are not paying for assets already paid for by the taxpayers.

Additional emergency personnel have been hired to help improve the delivery of emergency services to the community. To accommodate the staff some remodeling has been done to Station 21, located at 895 First South Street.

**Fire Season/Burn Permits.** Due to the monsoon season, the fire restrictions on open burning were lifted last month. Burn permits are now available at Station #21, 895 First South Street. The cost is \$5.00 for a 30-day permit.

The moisture has brought new growth of vegetation that may be a problem later in the season. Locally, fire activity has been light and to date there have not been any significant wildland fires in the Verde Valley. However, we must still be mindful of the threat of fires and maintain a defensible space around our properties. We are happy to help property owners with developing a defensible space plan. Interested persons may contact us at 639-4591.

**Secure Key Lock Boxes.** The Sedona -Verde Valley Association of Realtors is sponsoring a program where a special key box can be installed on your home. Inside the box would be your house key. This is a heavy duty secure lock box. Only fire departments have the special key to gain access to your house key in order to gain entry during an emergency.

The cost of the lock box depends on your income level. For further information please call the Association's office at 282-5409. Or call the lock box coordinator, Ann Ziller, at 282-5409. There are currently 12 lock boxes ready to be installed in the Town of Clarkdale.

**The Clarkdale Fire District offers  
CPR and First Aid classes on a monthly basis.  
Please call the District at 639-4591 to sign-up!**

By Fire Chief Don Eberle



## *The Town of Clarkdale Needs You!!!*

New resident, do you want to become involved, want to make a difference, desire to help guide the future of Clarkdale? Young, old or middle aged, man or woman, married, single or significant other, it does not matter. Are you a resident of the Town of Clarkdale? That is the only requirement needed to apply .

The Town Clerk's Office is now accepting applications to serve on various Town Boards and Commissions. Applications can be picked up at Town Hall or by visiting the Town website at [http://www.clarkdale.az.us/forms\\_and\\_documents/boardcomm2004.pdf](http://www.clarkdale.az.us/forms_and_documents/boardcomm2004.pdf) for a PDF page you can print. For questions please contact Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk, at 634-9591 or [waltg@clarkdale.az.us](mailto:waltg@clarkdale.az.us).

Appointments are for one or two year terms ending September 30. Review the Board and Commission descriptions below, fill out your application and get it to the Town Clerk.

The **Board of Adjustment** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. The board is a quasi judicial body with 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.

The **Design Review Board** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. The board reviews the exterior of proposed new buildings and alterations to buildings. Also reviews major development or redevelopments to assure they are compatible with the surrounding environment, preserving and protecting the integrity of the Town.

The **Heritage Conservancy Board** meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM. This board advises the Council and staff regarding the preservation, conservation, and promotion of natural, cultural and historical resources.

The **Library Advisory Board** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM. In addition to the meetings, members participate in two fundraising events for the Library: the Fourth of July ice cream social and the December book sale.

The **Parks and Recreation Commission** meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 PM. The commission is an advisory body to the Council on park development. Members also participate in July 4th, Halloween and Christmas events.

The **Planning Commission** meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. The commission reviews all long-term plans for the Town, including the General Plan, specific plans and rezoning. It also reviews developments and application for preliminary plats.

By Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**

### **Spirit of Clarkdale Awards Deadline October 1, 2007**

The Clarkdale Town Council recently established a Spirit of Clarkdale Awards Program which provides recognition for Clarkdale home and business owners, residents and other individuals who have undertaken projects or actions that enhance the "Spirit of Clarkdale".

Award categories are:

- Beautification
- Neighborhood Programs/  
Events/Projects
- Community Volunteerism

The Town is accepting nominations for those deserving individuals that we should recognize as a community for their efforts to make Clarkdale a better place to live.

Nomination forms and category descriptions may be picked up at Town Hall or found on the Town Website Home Page at: <http://www.clarkdale.az.us/>

Awards will be made by the Town Council after review by the Spirit of Clarkdale Awards Review Committee.

**Submit nominations to Town Hall  
by October 1, 2007.**

If you are interested in serving on the Spirit of Clarkdale Awards Committee or would like more information on nominating a person or project for an award, please contact Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk at the Clarkdale Town Hall, 928-634-9591, or email at [waltg@clarkdale.az.us](mailto:waltg@clarkdale.az.us).

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CLARKDALE!

July 4, 2007 stands as Clarkdale's biggest and best Independence Day event ever! There were record numbers of people who attended the traditional Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities and joined in celebrating the Town's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation. (Estimates of over 1300 people in attendance and 700 breakfasts served by the Police Department and Fire District!)

It was very fitting to honor the act of independence taken by Clarkdale citizens 50 years ago on a day that we celebrate the independence of our Nation. As part of the festivities, we were proud to pay tribute to the sixty-eight residents who have stepped up to serve their community as an elected official since the Town was incorporated on July 1, 1957. We were privileged to host nineteen of these dignitaries and personally thank them for their service to Clarkdale. Part of our tribute included the unveiling of a new Town of Clarkdale flag and a new Elected Officials plaque (pictured below), both of which are now on display in Town Hall.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration would not have been such a grand success without the participation of Town employees, residents and businesses working together. It was a truly memorable day in the park for everyone and the community spirit was genuine and unmistakable. At the time of this newsletter printing, a video recording of the events is in the works and we plan to have that available for purchase at Town Hall. Any proceeds from these sales will go toward celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Clarkdale's founding coming up in 2012.

Stay tuned for news about the next scheduled 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event which will be an Open House hosted by the Clarkdale Fire District. This will be taking place in the Fall (the date is yet to be announced). Up to date information about this, and all Town events, is available on our website:

[http://  
clarkdale.az.us](http://clarkdale.az.us).

By Janet Perry,  
Assistant to the  
Town Manager  
and  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Committee  
Coordinator



## Budget Highlights: Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Costs continue to rise for fiscal year 2007-2008, but at a lower rate than in previous years. For example, Employee health insurance costs are increasing 4-9% as compared to 12-16% in previous years. Also, employee retirement costs will go from 9.1% to 9.6%.

Twelve **new positions** were funded in this budget cycle. Some positions are fully funded and some are partially funded and will not be hired for several months after the beginning of the fiscal year. Town building facilities are quickly approaching capacity. Temporary office space will be brought into the Town Complex this coming budget year to help with space shortages.

**Capital Project** funds will be used during the fiscal year 2007-2008. This Capital Project funding comes from monies set aside for capital outlay and one time expenditures. Items in this budget include, renovating the Selna Ball Field, repair of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Dorothy Benatz Trail, police vehicles, repair of the Ladies Lounge, fire sprinklers in the auditorium, and upgrading the Town of Clarkdale's ICT systems.

A new **wastewater treatment facility** is also budgeted to begin construction in the year 2007-2008. This facility has been in the planning and design stages for several years and will be a great improvement to the Town's wastewater treatment needs.

Also, the Clarkdale Fire Department has become the **Clarkdale Fire District**. They are now an independent governmental entity and will have an independent budget process. The financial conversion process has already begun, and will continue through the next budget year.

By Carlton Woodruff, Finance Director

Go to [www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm](http://www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm)  
for the online  
library catalog.

## Library

### September

47th Samurai  
Agnes and the Hitman  
Art Thief  
Bone Garden  
Choice  
Dark of the Moon  
Dark Possession  
Heartsick  
Sweet Revenge  
Time to Lead  
You've Been Warned

Stephen Hunter  
Jennifer Crusie  
Noah Charney  
Tess Gerritsen  
Nicholas Sparks  
John Sandford  
Christine Feehan  
Chelsea Cain  
Diane M. Davidson  
Wesley K. Clark  
James Patterson

### October

Abstinence Teacher  
Almost Moon  
Amazing Grace  
Be the Pack Leader  
Become a Better You  
Bridge of Sighs  
Christmas Beginning  
Christmas Promise  
Exit Ghost  
Ghost  
Gift  
Giving: How Each Can Change the World Bill Clinton  
Home to the Holly Springs  
If Democrats had Any Brains  
Kids are Americans Too  
Lick of Frost  
Mark's Story  
Now and Then  
Pandora's Daughter  
Protect and Defend  
Where Angels Go  
World Without End

Tom Perrotta  
Alice Sebold  
Danielle Steel  
Cesar Millan  
Joel Osteen  
Richard Russo  
Anne Perry  
Donna Vanliere  
Philip Roth  
Robert Harris  
Richard Paul Evans  
Jan Karon  
Ann Coulter  
Bill O'Reilly  
Laurell Hamilton  
Tim Lahaye  
Robert B. Parker  
Iris Johansen  
Vince Flynn  
Debbie Macomber  
Ken Follet

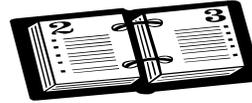
### November

Can't Take My Eyes Off of You  
Chase  
Creation in Death  
Darkest Evening of the Year  
Double Cross  
Everlasting  
Heir  
Race  
Stone Cold

Judith McNaught  
Clive Cussler  
Nora Roberts  
Dean Koontz  
James Patterson  
Kathleen Woodiwiss  
Barbara Taylor Bradford  
Richard North Patterson  
David Baldacci

### 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 St.  
TH - Town Hall, Conference Room, 890 Main Street  
YC - Yavapai College, M137  
CJSL - Clarkdale-Jerome School Library  
CD - Community Development Conference Room, 39 N. Ninth

- Sept 3 Town offices closed, **Labor Day**  
Sept 4 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm TH  
Sept 6 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML  
Sept 7 Play, **Social Security**, 6 pm, AUD  
Sept 11 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML  
Sept 12 Design Review Board, 6:00 pm, ML  
Sept 15 **Sentimental Journey**, 6-8 pm, Park  
Sept 17 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML  
Sept 18 Special Council, 6 pm, ML  
Sept 19 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML  
Sept 26 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML  
Sept 29 **Danny Rhodes & the Messengers**,  
6-8, Concert in the Park
- Oct 1 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, TH  
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Oct 9 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML  
Oct 10 Design Review Board, 6:00 pm, ML  
Oct 15 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML  
Oct 17 Heritage Conservancy 4 pm, CML  
Oct 20 Dance, **Sentimental Journey**, 7-10, AUD  
Oct 23 Special Council, 6 pm, ML  
Oct 24 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML
- Nov 1 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML  
Nov 2 Play—**Have a Nice Day**, 6 pm, AUD  
Nov 5 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, TH  
Nov 13 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML  
Nov 14 Design Review Board, 6:00 pm, ML  
Nov 17 Dance, **Sentimental Journey**, 7-10, AUD  
Nov 19 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML  
Nov 21 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML  
Nov 22-23 Town Offices closed -  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Nov 27 Special Council, 6 pm, ML  
Nov 28 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML  
Nov 29 Gala—**Xmas Pageant**, 6 pm, AUD

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  
Clark Memorial Library: 634-9760  
Municipal Court: 634-1691  
Cemetery Manager, Public Works and  
Community Development: 649-3538  
All other business: Town Hall: 634-9591  
Fax: 634-0407, TTY: 1-800-367-8939



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## New Water-Related Ordinances



When our town bought our part of Cottonwood Water Works, one of our primary goals was to have some control over the future of our community's water resources. We all knew then that water had become one of the most important factors in our town's growth, economy and quality of life. Before we owned the water company, we had no legal way to assure our town of sufficient supplies, nor could we effectively protect the water resources we had for our future generations. That has all changed.

The way we will exercise our new rights will be by creating an entirely new set of water ordinances. These ordinances will define the benefits of owning the water company. Issues like water conservation, control and acquisition of new water resources, protection of existing supplies, use of reclaimed water, water recycling, and recharging our aquifers will be addressed by the new policies.

There are two groups working as fast as they can on this project. One group, consisting of the town's engineer, our utility and public works staff, and town management, are working alongside representatives from the City of Cottonwood to define the **immediate, short-term goals and policies**. Things like conservation policies, reclaimed water use, and ordinance enforcement provisions will be their job.

The other group consists of myself, Cottonwood's Mayor, Diane Joens, our Town Manager, Gayle Mabery, and Cottonwood's Assistant City Manager, Bob Hardy. We will focus more on the **long-term strategic goals of our water policies**. Our committee will be discussing, researching, and suggesting ways to assure that we have sufficient water supplies to serve our citizens for the future, and that our current supplies will be protected from any threat. We'll work on regulations that will help define when we have sufficient water to allow new construction, as well as the legal issues of ownership and regulation of our water supplies. We will think about our future goals for the water utility and we will work on ways to achieve those goals.

We believe that it is very important to work with the City of Cottonwood on these projects. If we work together now, we will have fewer conflicts in the future, and our citizens will be treated more equitably. Luckily both our towns are committed to this strategy and are cooperating fully.

The Clarkdale Town Council will be getting regular updates from both committees in future council meetings, and we would appreciate hearing your thoughts. If you have an idea that might help us assure we have safe, sufficient, affordable water in the future, please give one of the councilors a call or let the Town Hall staff know. Better yet, attend the council meetings where we'll be addressing these ordinances and let us know in person. With your help, we'll be able to see that Clarkdale will have plenty of water today and tomorrow.

By Mayor Doug Von Gausig