

TALK OF THE TOWN

NOVEMBER 2008

Mayor's Corner

By Doug Von Gausig

Most of you know by now that there is something going on down at the old slag pile and smelter site. Clarkdale Metals, a mining and metals recovery company with headquarters in Nevada, has begun the renovation of the old smelter site and is about to test their new precious metals extraction system on the slag left there since the 50's. Their plan calls for crushing the slag into a fine powder and then using some very high-tech processing which will

reclaim most of the valuable metals left in the slag. They will start the first tests of the machinery used in the process sometime in late September or early October.

When the operation is in full-swing, the company expects to occupy more than 200,000 square feet of industrial buildings and should employ more than 150 people. The entire reclamation effort will probably take about 20 years to complete,

after which the slag pile will be gone forever! In its place, preliminary plans call for some combination of park and industrial uses.

When it's in full production, the company will need additional transportation capacity to haul the processed material away from the site. This material could end up in cement mixes and other products that require inert powders, and there will be a lot of it! The slag pile currently contains more than 20 million tons of slag, and only a tiny portion of this is precious metals and copper. The rest will need to be shipped out to customers in other parts of the

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Dances Featuring *Sentimental Journey*

Oct. 18 & Nov. 22, 2008

Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, 2009

7-10 p.m., \$5.00 Admission

Clarkdale Clubhouse Auditorium



Refreshments available for purchase.
Sponsored by the Heritage Conservancy Board.

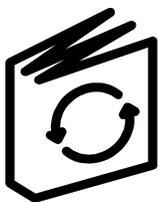


MADE IN CLARDALE 22nd ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Gala Opening
Friday,
December 5
6-9 PM

Showing
Saturday,
December 6
to
Sunday,
December 14
9 to 5

Clark Memorial
Clubhouse



CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY Used Book Sale

December 5, 2008 at 6:00 pm
through December 14, 2008

In the Clubhouse - Enter through the
Made in Clarkdale art show.

Book donations for the sale may be brought
to the library from Nov. 17th to Dec. 2nd.

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Mayor's Corner - "What's Going on?"

country. The most efficient way to ship this amount of material will be by rail, so they are studying ways to increase the current rail capacity to Clarkdale. There may be opportunities to partner with the cement plant and the Verde Central Railroad to increase rail capacity.

Clarkdale Metals also owns most of the industrial land that lies between the smelter site and Cement Plant Road. Their plans are to develop this land in a way that is compatible with its industrial zoning, and may eventually include some commercial uses. One of the first parts of that development should be the construction of an industrial-quality road that connects Broadway near the old Miller Warehouse to Cement Pant Road. This will help avoid heavy use of Broadway and the one-lane bridge that crosses Bitter Creek.

Keep an eye on Clarkdale's Plan-

ning Commission and Town Council agendas if you are interested in this project.

"Clarkdale's General Plan"

Please read the Community General Plan article in this newsletter. It was written by Sherry Bailey, our Community Development Director. Although the plan must, by law, be updated every 10 years, we have decided to start a little early, since we see changes occurring faster than was envisioned during the last General Plan update. We will need people to volunteer to help out on our focus groups and on the plan itself, so please consider contributing your thoughts and expertise to this important process.

Focus groups will start working in late September or October, and the entire process will take about a year to complete.

Talk About the Town

Thank you again to Lampliter Village for hosting the 'Talk About the Town' last month. There were about 20 residents who joined us to talk about a wide variety of topics including: 89A construction; safety of roundabouts; future trails/walkways; new voting precincts; recycling; water rates; drainage issues; General Plan review process; Clarkdale Metals Corporation . . . and that was for starters! We had a great response from those who came, appreciating the opportunity for open conversation with Council and staff which can't take place at Council meetings.

The next Talk About the Town will be held at the Moose Lodge. All Town residents are invited for an informal talk with your Mayor, a Councilmember, the Town Manager and Town staff about any topic that's on your mind. We'll serve the coffee and dessert – you bring the comments, questions and concerns that you have about Clarkdale. We want to hear about them!

Mark your calendar and join us.

Talk About the Town
7:00 pm - November 6
Moose Lodge
1051 S. Broadway
Clarkdale

(enter on Geary Heights Drive)

Please call Janet Perry at 639-2400 if you have any questions, or if you'd like to host a Talk About the Town in your home or place of business.

Past Talk About the Town hosts:

- Verde Canyon Railroad
- Yavapai College
- Alcora Marble
- Lampliter Village

Patio Park Streets Upgrade



The Patio Park area has a new look thanks to a grant from the Arizona Department of Housing.

Fiesta Street after the project.

With the funding from the grant, the Town was able to install ribbon curbing on both sides of Fiesta Street, River Drive, Siesta Street and Broadway (from the railroad tracks through the intersection of Siesta). Once the new curbing was in place, a double layer of chip seal and a protective fog seal coating were added.

The grant also provided for signage upgrades, an ADA accessible

parking area in front of Caballero Park along with additional lighting and road striping throughout.

A note of thanks to the residents of the Patio Park area for their patience and understanding during the project.

Also, a special thank you to Dennis Inman, Public Works Project Manager, along with Elpidio Rangel and Tim Wakefield, Public Works Streets Crew, and Chris Keller for their hard work in making this project a success.

General Plan Update - Focus Groups



A General Plan is a statement of a community's vision for growth and development. It provides guidance and direction on long-range development decisions through a series of goals, policies and related maps. Clarkdale will be starting our General Plan Update process by conducting focus groups over the next few months. Each focus group will have specific issues to research and review along with making recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Town Council. These changes will eventually become part of what guides Clarkdale in the future. WE NEED YOU! Come be a part of the process for deciding Clarkdale's future and how it will look. Please contact the Community Development Department at 639-2500 if you are interested in one or more of the focus groups. For additional information on the focus groups go to www.clarkdale.az.us.

Land Use/ Annexation Policy/ Facilities - The land use element functions as a guide to planners, town staff, the general public, and decision makers as to the ultimate pattern of development for the town at build-out. The land use element has a pivotal role in zoning, subdivision, and public works decisions. The element's objectives and policies provide a long-range context for those short term actions.

Circulation and Transportation The circulation element is an infrastructure plan addressing the circulation of people, goods, energy, water, sewage, storm drainage, and communications.

Open Space - Along with the housing element, the open-space

element has the most detailed statutory intent and, next to land use, is the broadest in scope. The land use element's issues around natural resources, recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty and, to a certain extent, public grounds that are covered by open-space provisions.

Water Resources Element - Water and water resources have moved to the forefront of Clarkdale's priorities. Since purchasing the private water company, Cottonwood and Clarkdale have been in discussion about the status of the existing system and the development of future water resources. This will be the first time that the General Plan has addressed the issues from a water supplier's perspective, and there will be a major learning curve for those who participate.

Environmental Planning - The Environmental Planning element is distinguished by being primarily oriented toward natural resources. One role of the Environmental Planning element is to establish policies that reconcile conflicting demands on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

Cost of Development /Growth Area/CIP & Facilities - State law requires this element to "identify policies and strategies that the municipality will use to require development to pay its fair share toward the cost of additional public service needs generated by new development". This Focus Group will review the issues of the other groups, look at the costs of each element's goals and identify funding mechanisms or issues.

Housing - The housing element

allows local governments to adequately plan to meet their existing and projected housing needs. The most critical decisions regarding housing development occur at the local level within the context of the General Plan. In order for the private sector to adequately address housing needs and demand, local governments must adopt land-use plans and regulatory schemes that provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development for all income groups. **Economic Development** - This new element is not intended to develop a detailed economic development plan for Clarkdale, but to review the work that other organizations have done in this area and to help guide the town in addressing some policy questions and concepts. There is a recognition that Clarkdale does not have a strong housing/jobs balance nor a strong retail tax base. How the town wants to address those issues may well determine how the town addresses all the issues identified in the General Plan.

Community Design - Community Design will be part of the Form Based Codes charge that the Planning Commission is presently examining. They will be identifying districts within the town that they feel would benefit from a form based code approach. They will be conducting design charretts involving property owners and the public at large in the hope of developing specific plans for the identified districts and design criteria based on those plans.

Arsenic in Drinking Water

What does this mean for the users of the Town of Clarkdale water system?



Although we have a waiver from the EPA that allows us until January 23, 2009 to come into compliance with the current arsenic standards, we are still required to notify the public that we are not currently meeting the new 10 ppb standard for the Mt. Gate well. Due to this exceedance, we are required to notify our customers of this fact quarterly. The first notice was sent out in June, 2008 by the City of Cottonwood (as our system operator) and the next notice was sent to system users in September 2008.

This quarterly notification requirement will remain in effect until the Mt. Gate arsenic removal system is operational. Along with the timing for the letter notifying system users, the language used for the letter is mandated by the EPA.

It should be noted that because we currently blend the water (an approved treatment option) from the Haskell Springs Well, (very low arsenic levels of 3 ppb) and the Mt. Gate well (12 ppb) our finished water that we supply to system users is well below the EPA limit of 10 ppb without further treatment. However, this fact does not remove the EPA requirements for user notification.

The start up of the Mt. Gate arsenic removal system is scheduled for the week of October 6, 2008 and we should be fully operational and have collected the necessary performance data by the end of the year. This would make the September notification letter the last letter we will have to send to our customers on this issue.

What should I do? You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g. bottled water). However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

The Town of Clarkdale continues to move forward in its efforts to comply with the new arsenic standard. The Town and its Council take the new arsenic standard very seriously and intend to comply as quickly as possible.

For more information please contact Utility Director Wayne Debrosky at (928) 639-2525 or visit our website at www.clarkdale.az.us.

Tips for the General Election

General Election: November 4, 2008

To request an early ballot, find out what precinct you are in or other voter registration questions, contact Yavapai County Recorder's Office/Voter Registration at

www.co.yavapai.az.us and click on Elections & Voting or call (928-771-3248 or 639-5807).

The last day to request an early ballot is October 24th

The last day to vote early in person is October 31st.

Residents with addresses located South and West of Hwy 89A will now vote at the newly created "**Orchard**" precinct located at the Clarkdale Baptist Church at 1051 Hwy 89A. Residents with addresses located North and East of Hwy 89A will vote at the "**Clarkdale**" precinct located at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse. To view a map showing the two precincts, you may go to www.clarkdale.az.us and look under 2008 Elections or visit Town Hall.

APS Franchise Agreement on Nov 4, 2008 Ballot

The Arizona Public Service Company (APS), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arizona, has presented a Franchise Agreement to the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale for approval.

The current APS Franchise Agreement has been in effect for 25 years. A franchise is granted to public utility corporations for the purpose of allowing the utility to do business within the city or town when a majority of qualified electors voting at an election approves the franchise agreement.

The Town Council has reviewed the Franchise Agreement and finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, welfare and safety of the Town and its citizens.

The question of whether or not the franchise shall be granted to Arizona Public Service Company (APS) will be determined by a majority of "YES" or "NO" votes cast at the general election scheduled on November 4, 2008.

The entire proposed Franchise Agreement will be published in the Verde Independent in the Public Notice Section for five consecutive weeks on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, commencing Sunday, September 28, 2008 and running through Friday, October 31, 2008.

Seasonal Yard Work

The weather is cooler and winter will soon be here. Welcoming in a new season is a good time to get rid of any junk, trash and other stuff that has accumulated but isn't being used any more. Start by recycling everything you can and throwing away unusable items. For things that can be reused, there are resale stores in the area that take usable items and sell them for a charitable cause.

Once everything is separated, organize and cover the things you want to store outside, such as building materials, and firewood and cut the vegetation to six inches or less in height. Snakes, rodents and other pests are less likely to inhabit a well organized, weed free yard. And best of all, your property will look great.

Trash Dumping

We are receiving complaints of trash and rubbish dumping on private and public property. Dumping is not only illegal, it is unsanitary and destroys the look of our Town. You can help by promptly reporting any dumping to the Police, 649-7700, or the Community Development Department, 639-2500.

Please have an address, intersection or some other way to identify the site so that the responder can find the dump area. You do not have to give your name, but without it, we cannot contact you with the results of our investigations.

**Together we can make
Clarkdale a cleaner,
safer place to live.**

By Mike Baker, Building Official

Frequently Asked Questions

When should you call Clarkdale Police Dispatch (928- 634-2921) and when should you call the Administrative office (928-649-7700)?

911

If there is a life threatening situation, call 911 immediately.

Dispatch

If you see something happening or need an officer to take a report, call Dispatch at (928) 634-2921 right away. Waiting until later could prevent the police from gathering necessary evidence, catching the perpetrator, or preventing further incidents.

**Dispatch is available
24 hours a day, 7 days a week,
365 days a year.**

DO NOT CALL the Administrative police number. Calling this number will only delay response time. Clarkdale police officers are dispatched through the Cottonwood Police Department.

Call Dispatch if:

- You see a stranger in your vehicle.
- Someone is shooting off fireworks
- Speeders in the area
- Someone in the area acting suspicious
- Loud noise or party
- Stranger lurking around a vacant home
- If your neighbor is gone and there is someone on the property
- You have had damage to your home, car or other property caused by an individual
- You have a theft of property in or around you home
- You have a theft of your car

or items in your car

- You are a victim of identity theft
- There is a loose dog/Animal Control

If you have had any type of theft, please do not touch anything; call Dispatch at (928) 634-2921 and wait for an officer to respond. It is imperative you leave the scene as you found it - don't move or clean up anything. You may destroy evidence.

Police Administrative Office

The Police Administrative office hours are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Clarkdale Patrol Officers are not normally in the office; they are usually patrolling the streets of Clarkdale. When and if they come into the office, it is to file reports or to do necessary paperwork.

If you need a copy of a report or need to make an appointment with the Chief of Police, Sergeants or patrol officers, please call the Administrative office. It is best to call before you come to the office.

**Call 911 in a life
threatening emergency.
Call (928) 634-2921
for Police help.**

**Trash and recycling
carts must be placed
at least 5 feet away
from utility
meter boxes.**

SANTA is coming to Clarkdale!

Saturday, Dec. 6

11:00 am-1:00 pm



All activities will be in the Men's Lounge in the

Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street. Children of all ages can visit with Santa and have their photo taken, drink hot chocolate with cookies, and create an ornament to hang on the Town's Christmas tree! There is no cost for this special event.

2nd Annual New Year's Eve Event

Celebrate and bring in the New Year at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse at a fun-filled, family-oriented, non-alcoholic, New Year's Eve Event. Entertainment for all ages, including music and dancing. There is an admission fee to attend the New Year's Eve Party .

Tickets are limited and will be available to purchase at Town Hall beginning December 1st .



The annual drop of the lighted copper ball will be in front of the Men's Lounge, at 10:00 p.m. and at midnight. There is no cost to view the ball drops.

FUSION STUDIO ART

Youth Classes

This art class is a 12 week session for ages 6 to 17 years and will be held on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost for one 12 week session is \$100/student. Class will be held in the auditorium of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse. Two sessions are available: Session I: September 30 - December 16. Session II: January 6 - April 7. A variety of techniques and guided lessons in collage, painting, drawing, printmaking, mosaic, art journaling, bookmaking and more. Learn, share and be inspired. This class is for the very beginner to the very creative.

Adult Workshops

The cost for each one day workshop is \$60/participant. A discount is applied for participants who register for all three workshops for a one-time payment of \$165.00 prior to the first workshop. All workshops will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Men's Lounge in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale.

November 15th - Mosaic Mirror - (Registration deadline: Nov. 7). Create a beautiful one of kind mixed media mosaic mirror. Materials included. Supply your own tools: hammer, protective eye wear, and apron . Wear appropriate work clothing. Some of the work may be done outside.

December 13th - Handmade Books - (Registration deadline: Dec. 5). Fold, cut and stitch your way to a one of kind book that you will be able to embellish and personalize in one day. Materials included. Supply your own tools: apron, scissors, ruler, awl and a bone folder.

January 17th - Unique Collage Techniques - (Registration deadline: Jan. 9). This will involve exploring various artistic mediums. Create an artwork of self-expression. This will be a personal and enlightening one

day workshop. Supplies needed: Miscellaneous papers and small found objects, paint (oil or acrylic) and paintbrushes, water color paper or canvas panel no smaller than 16" x 20", and apron.

Register early for these classes as space is limited. To register visit Parks & Recreation office. Registration forms are available online at www.clarkdale.az.us. For questions regarding registration, see contact information below.

For additional information regarding these courses please contact Hillary Gonzales, Instructor, at (928) 301-2588 .

AMERICAN RED CROSS PET FIRST AID

This course teaches participants how to be prepared for emergencies that involve a dog or a cat, and how to protect yourself and the animal from further harm, injury or suffering by using prompt, effective first aid actions and care. This course is beneficial to pet owners, animal regulation personnel, pet groomers, pet rescue organizations, pet sitters, pet store owners/employees and dog handlers. If interested in attending, see contact information below.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS!

November 7, December 5, January 9

Clarkdale-Jerome School Gymnasium

Doors open at 6 pm. Show time is 6:30 pm.

Bring your own blankets or chairs for seating.

Concessions are available to purchase.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Town of Clarkdale is not responsible for any minor left unattended.

All movies scheduled are rated PG. It is up to parental discretion as to determine what is appropriate for young children. For more information, see below.

For more information please visit www.clarkdale.az.us/parks_recreation2.htm or contact Parks & Recreation at (928) 639-2490 or dawn.norman@clarkdale.az.gov.

Verde Canyon Railroad

1-800-320-0718

www.verdecanyonrr.com



Events Schedule

Holiday Parties Available: November-December

Santa Claus Express: Every train day in December prior to Christmas

Eagle Watch In the Canyon: December - March

CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours

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

NEW BOOKS — November

Acheron: Dark-Hunter	Sherrilyn Kenyon
Artic Drift	Clive Cussler
Bodies Left Behind	Jeffrey Deaver
Cross Country	James Patterson
Divine Justice	David Baldacci
Ender In Exile	Orson Scott Card
Just After Sunset	Stephen King
Mercy	Toni Morrison
Salvation in Death	JD Robb
You : Being Beautiful	Michael Roizen
Your Heart Belongs to Me	Dean Koontz



See artwork by Mingus Union High School students in the library mid-late December.

www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm
Online Library Catalog

Clarkdale Heritage Museum

900 1st North Street, Clarkdale, Arizona

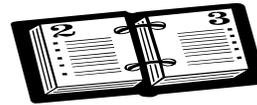
Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10 - 2.



The Museum requests donations of:

- Photos and objects that depict the history of the town.
- A Rocking Chair and Side Table... so community members can come and share their stories with visitors.

Volunteers are needed.



Town Calendar

- AUD - Auditorium, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
CD - Community Dev. Conference Room, 39 N. Ninth St.
CML - Clark Memorial Library, 39 N. Ninth St.
FD - Fire Department, 895 First South Street
ML - Men's Lounge, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
FIN - Finance Conference Room, 890 Main Street
YC - Yavapai College, M137

- Nov 1 **Gala—Women in Black, 6 pm, AUD**
Nov 4 General Election
Nov 6 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
Nov 10 **Town Offices Closed- Veteran's Day**
Nov 11 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Nov 12 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, ML
Nov 12 Design Review Board, 6:30 pm, CML
Nov 19 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML
Nov 22 **Dance, Sentimental Journey, 7-10, AUD**
Nov 25 Special Council, 3 pm, ML
Nov 26 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML
Nov 27-28 **Town Offices closed - Thanksgiving Holiday**
TBA Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Dec 4 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
Dec 5 **Made in Clarkdale Art Show, 6 pm, AUD**
Library Book Sale, 6 pm, AUD
Dec 6 **Meet Santa Claus, 11 am, ML**
Dec 9 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Dec 10 Parks & Recreation, 5:30 pm, ML
Dec 10 Design Review Board, 6:30 pm, CML
Dec 17 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML
Dec 23 Special Council, 3 pm, ML
Dec 24 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML
Dec 25 **Town offices closed - Christmas Holiday**
Dec 31 **New Year's Party, Clark Mem Clubhouse**
TBA Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Jan 1 **Town offices closed - New Years Holiday**
Jan 13 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Jan 14 Parks & Recreation, 5:30 pm, ML
Jan 14 Design Review Board, 6 pm, CML
Jan 17 **Dance, Sentimental Journey, 7-10, AUD**
Jan 19 **Town offices closed - M. L. K. Holiday**
Jan 20 **Inauguration Day**
Jan 21 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML
Jan 27 Special Council, 3 pm, ML
Jan 28 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML
Jan 29 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML

Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change.

Telephone Numbers:

Water, Sewer & Trash Billing: 639-2450
 Water & Sewer Problems: 639-2520
 Fire Department, non-emergency: 639-4591
 Police Dept., non-emergency: 649-7700, 634-2921
 Clark Memorial Library: 639-2480
 Municipal Court: 649-7730
 Cemetery Manager & Public Works: 639-2550
 Community Development: 639-2500
 All other business: Town Hall: 639-2400
 Fax: 639-2409, TTY: 1-800-367-8939



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Fire District News

Clarkdale Fire District

District Election

Since the General Election on November 4, 2008 is the Fire District's first election, all five board seats are on the ballot. The three candidates receiving the first, second and third highest number of votes will be elected to 4-year terms and the two candidates receiving the fourth and fifth highest number of votes will be elected to 2-year terms. Candidates will take office December 1, 2008. The Board will elect a chairman and a clerk from its members. Candidates are: David M. Ahern, Ronald G. Ballatore, Lee Daniels, James E. Elmer, David L. Murphy, Seth T. Murphy, Ronald L. Sauntman, Jr., William C. Snyder and Vic Viarengo. The adoption of a fire code will also be on the ballot.

What fire code do we have now? Currently, the Clarkdale Fire District is under contract with the Town of Clarkdale to enforce their Fire Code. However, the Fire District encompasses an area larger than the Town's limits. For the district areas outside of the town limits, the district must enforce the State Fire Code, which is the 2003 International Fire Code (IFC).

Why should Clarkdale Fire District have its own fire code? It is the District's responsibility to adopt a fire code that would provide continuity district-wide. Adopting the fire code locally allows it to be modified to fit the local community, although it can't be less stringent than the code adopted by the state.

Why the International Fire Code? In Arizona, local fire districts that choose to adopt a fire code are bound by law to adopt only that code which is equal to or more stringent than the State Fire Code, which is the 2003 IFC.

Why a ballot? Arizona state law requires the first adoption of a fire code by a district to be adopted by ballot. Subsequent changes are adopted by ordinance of the fire district board after a public hearing process.

The District anticipates making changes to the fire code to fit Clarkdale's needs and to make it consistent with the Town of Clarkdale's fire code.

What is the impact on the Clarkdale Fire District?

The only time the code affects existing homes or businesses is if modifications are made, such as additions. All new construction will be required to be built in accordance with the District's adopted fire code.

For questions concerning the proposed fire code, please contact Chief Joe Moore at (928) 639-4591 or by email at jmoore@clarkdalefd.org.

Other Fire District News

As of August 31st we have responded to 456 calls, 66 more calls than we received at this time in 2007. Medical emergencies accounted for 248 calls, and of these, 32 required advanced life support services. We had one brush fire, four possible hazardous materials calls, and 2 rescue assignments at the bottom of Sycamore Canyon.

Winter Safety Tips

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke detector; check and clean it monthly.
- Plan and practice a home escape plan.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors if you don't have them.
- Never break a synthetic log apart or burn more than one at a time.
- Never close the fireplace damper with hot ashes in it.
- Make sure ashes are out and cold before setting them outside or in a trash receptacle.

Detailed safety information on a variety of subjects is available at www.clarkdalefd.org and at the fire station at 895 First South Street. Also, please feel free to call us if you have any questions about home fire safety, 639-4591.