

“ALTHOUGH THE WORLD IS FULL OF SUFFERING, IT IS ALSO FULL OF THE OVERCOMING OF IT”
HELEN KELLER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ All Community Meetings and Events are cancelled or postponed till after April 30, 2020.
- ❖ We will continue to monitor the CDC guidelines and act accordingly.
- ❖ April 14, 2020 – Town Council Candidate Orientation, via Zoom Meeting, 3:30 – 5:30 pm
- ❖ April 14, 2020 – Town Council Meeting, via Zoom Meeting, 6:00 pm
- ❖ April 30, 2020 – Town Council Budget Meeting, 8:30 – 5:00 pm, Location TBD
- ❖ May 1, 2020 - Town Council Budget Meeting, 8:30 – 12:00 pm, Location TBD

Town Manager –

Town offices will be closed until April 30th to the public.

While most employees are working remotely, everyone has done an excellent job at keeping business running. Staff has found ways to use technology to stay informed and continue to meet with others.

Essential personnel are continuing to report to work. Employees are doing a fabulous job at keeping their chins up during these trying times.

I want to say thank you to all the employees for being flexible and professional during this event. You continue to show up when necessary, make things happen and get the job done. We all know things will be behind for a while, but we will all be back in the offices soon and collaborating with one another again. Till then, keep the drive and great work up.

ASU Project –

The entire Arizona State University has been closed. Students continue to work remotely and are giving it their best to keep our project on pace. Myself and Ruth Mayday have Zoom Meetings with the Project Cities Coordinator to assist with meeting timelines and deliverables.

UVSP –

Freeport has suspended some remediation projects, Clarkdale is NOT one of those projects. Due to the recent events with the COVID-19 virus and the economy, the program will be taking a much slower approach. There will be only one (1) crew working in the town. This is much less than Freeport had originally planned for, but they are committed to keeping the remediation project moving.

Inaugural Clarkdale Civic Academy -

Like everything else, this program has been postponed till later this year. All delegates have been informed of the delay. We look forward to getting this program started in the Fall. However, we are still accepting applications.

Town of Clarkdale Website –

Several of the staff have made some significant changes to the website. All of this has been in an effort to provide valuable resources to the staff and public. Mike Gray is working on a dedicated page to the COVID- 19 virus. This page will be full of resources for residents, employees, restaurants and health. This will provide a one stop shop for anyone looking for answers or information. A big shout out to him, because this is a huge undertaking.

Annie Oddonetto has created an Employee Portal on the Human Resources page. Employees can log in and find forms and current job information. This page has the Emergency Sick Leave Policy and other forms. Please check it out.

Upcoming Agenda Items:

- 4/14/20 – New Council Candidate Orientation, 3:30 to 5:30 pm prior to the Council meeting via Zoom
- 4/14/20 – Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation
- 4/14/20 – Proclamation Declaring April 2020 as Water Awareness Month
- 4/14/20 – Proclamation Declaring April 19 – April 25, 2020 as Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 4/14/20 – Resolution Adopting a Fair Housing Policy
- 4/14/20 – “Arizona Gives Day” Proclamation
- 4/14/20 – Public Hearing Regarding Setting Sales Tax on Food For Home Consumption
- 4/14/20 – An Ordinance of the Town of Clarkdale, AZ, Setting the Sales Tax on Food For Home Consumption
- 4/14/20 – Resolution for the Acceptance of an Irrevocable Offer of Dedication of Copper Penny Park

FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Budget meetings will take place April 30, 2020, from 8:30 to 5:00 pm and May 1, 2020, from 8:30 to 12 pm.
- Kathy Cwiok has worked on the FY 20-21 budget and aligning anticipated revenues. As you can imagine, this has been a daunting task with the recent decline in revenue. We will be looking at ways to reduce our spending. We continue to make decisions on this year's budget as well.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parks and Recreation Event, Program and Activity Reports –

- Pickleball – New equipment has arrived and has been secured in the storage box at Centerville Park, however, we have opted to not allow use of the equipment until after we are out of the woods with Coronavirus. Staff cannot sanitize the equipment after every use and during this time where folks are required to “stay at home” we don't feel it is right to promote something that takes them out.

Verde River @ Clarkdale -

- There will be a delay in permitting for Adventure Encounter until such time they can provide the appropriate insurance policy documents naming the Town as additional insured.
- New signage has arrived to replace the sun damaged signs at Lower TAPCO RAP. Public Works staff will be installing when they have time.

Parks and Recreation Commission Updates -

- PRC meets next Wednesday, April 8th at 5 pm via Zoom. Agenda items will include Parks & Recreation Strategic Planning and General Plan Work Session.

Special Events Updates –

- Staff received a request this week to postpone the Verde Valley Wine Festival that was scheduled for May 9th to Saturday, November 7th. There were no other events scheduled for that date so the request was honored. The organizers have decided to remove the “glamping” component of the event with this new scheduled date.

Facility Rental Updates –

- The 250-attendee wedding scheduled for April 25th has been rescheduled to October 24th.
- Approved new application for wedding in January 2020.

Department/Project Report Topics -

- Staff created an art challenge for kids in grades K-12.

Social Media –

Social Media Outreach This Week:

Facebook:

Covid-19 not detected in drinking-water
 Doug Ducey Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected Post
 Notice of Intention to Set Local Sales Tax
 Census Day Post with links to TOC Website
 Everyone Counts in Clarkdale Art Contest Post
 Clarkdale Jerome School closure through end of year post
 COVID - 19 Designated Page on Clarkdale Website - Resources and Information Available

Twitter:

Libraries update
 Stay Home, Healthy, Connected
 Notice of intention to set Local Sales Tax
 Census 2020
 Clarkdale Jerome School closure through end of year post

Instagram:

Stay Home, Healthy, Connected
 Notice of intention to set local sales tax
 Census 2020 Info and link to website
 Clarkdale Jerome School closure through end of year post



Other Social Media Related: Updated address, email addresses and “about” info on Town of Clarkdale and Police Department pages

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
UPDATES**

- Planning Commission – CANCELLED
- Design Review Board – CANCELLED
- Code Enforcement – Drainage from Hopi to Zuni drive was received and a property owner notified.
- Tuzigoot Road - Justin Vitarelli, guy with buses & vehicles along Tuzigoot Road, is driving cross-country. He has contacted someone in Cottonwood about storing vehicles until his site is ready for use.
- Staff has participated in webinars for the Small Business Associations. This is to assist as a resource to our businesses.
- Ruth Mayday has taken this down time to work on Standard Operating Procedures for Community Development.
- As mentioned earlier, Mike Gray has been working on a dedicated page for COVID-19. This will be a resource oriented page.

Weekly Report

ITEM	DETAILS	FEE
BUILDING PERMITS	092635 - SOLAR / 1490 LEMAR LN	\$50.00
	092582 - REMODEL / 2760 WINDMILL LN	\$2,797.20
		\$2,847.20

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Major incidents reported to the department for the week of 3/25 through 3/31/20:

- 3/25/20 – Officer Guth located a suspect and cited him for DUI drugs, possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia.
- 3/25/20 - Officer Guth issued a juvenile referral for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. 3/21/20 - SRO Brundridge responded to a drowning call in Lower Clarkdale. Officer Godina, Sgt. Smith and Chief Taylor assisted.
- 3/27/20 - Officer Godina responded to a water main break in Patio Town. Public Works responded.
- 3/30/20 - Officer Loman responded to a Fire in the shed behind the Elks Lodge. Fire was put out by Verde Valley Fire.

Total Calls	31
Calls Criminal in Nature	5
Traffic Stops	3
Citations	1
Warnings	0
Citations – non-traffic	1
Requests for Citizen Assistance	5
Animal Problems	1
Requests by Other Agencies for Assistance	6
Responses to Calls at the RAPs	0
Domestic Violence Calls	0

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES UPDATES

- The speed trailer sign has been operational and collecting data. We reviewed a weeks' worth of data from the speed sign in a stealth mode. There was no major change in driver behavior. However, the average speed did go up from 17 mph to 21 mph.

Water Main Breaks, Leaks & Misc. Call-Outs

- There were several water leaks last week in lower Clarkdale and Patio Park.

