



"SMALL TALK"

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CLARKDALE SUSTAINABILITY PARK PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

WHERE: Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge
19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale

WHEN: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 29, 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 27, 6:00 p.m.

Please join Mayor Von Gausig and Town Manager Gayle Mabery to learn about the Clarkdale Sustainability Park concept. A series of public presentations will be ongoing at different dates and times so as many people as possible can attend. There will be a Power Point shown with time afterwards for open discussion of comments and questions. We hope to see you there!

"The core concept of the Park: To produce energy, water and economic vitality with as little environmental impact as is possible today."

For more information, visit our website:
clarkdalesustainabilitypark.org.

Board & Commission Vacancies 2010

Community Volunteers are needed to apply for Board and Commission vacancies. This is your opportunity to be involved in shaping the future of Clarkdale. We are requesting applications for appointment to various Town of Clarkdale Boards and Commissions for the following terms:



- Board of Adjustment – Three expiring terms**
- Design Review Board – Two expiring terms**
- Heritage Conservancy Board – Two expiring terms**
- Library Advisory Board – Three expiring terms**
- Parks and Recreation Commission – Two expiring terms**
- Planning Commission – Two expiring terms**

Completed applications are due by August 15. Applications are available at the Town Administration Building, 39 N. Ninth Street or on our website www.Clarkdale.az.gov. For more information please contact Margie Hardie at 928-639-2441 or Margie.hardie@clarkdale.az.gov.

Clarkdale's Meter Reader—One of a Kind

The Arizona summer heat is still upon us and while some of us are lucky enough to work in the comfort of an air conditioned work environment, the Town of Clarkdale Meter Reader, Ken Rice, is out beating the pavement, swatting away bees, and trying his hardest to



avoid the black widow spiders and rattlesnakes. A meter reader's biggest challenge however, is trying to stay hydrated in the hot summer sun. Ken drinks gallons of water throughout the day and can be seen sporting one of his many spiffy hats for protection.

Many communities have state of the art water meter reading systems but, for now, Clarkdale continues to read most of its meters manually. There are approximately 1,600 active water meters being read each month, and Ken completes this task in a two week time frame. The work is physically strenuous, requiring miles of walking, removing and replacing cast iron meter covers and, under 100 degree +/- temperatures, accurately capturing and recording meter readings.

Ken also finds the time to knock on doors and let residents know if there is a possible leak due to unusually high readings. We are proud to say Ken's efficiency and accuracy would be hard to beat!

Volunteer Position Archive Co-Collection Managers

Do you have any experience or interest in historic preservation? If so, the Town of Clarkdale has a perfect volunteer opportunity for you! The Heritage Conservancy Board is currently seeking applicants for the appointment of two (2) Archive Co-Collection Managers. The appointment of these positions are for a term of one (1) year. The Co-Collection Managers are responsible for the following:



- ◆ working with historical collections
- ◆ safely and efficiently housing these collections
- ◆ adding to the holdings through donation and purchase
- ◆ preparing materials for use in research, exhibition, and loans
- ◆ compiling and maintaining documents which record origin, accession, deaccession, registration
- ◆ loans and any other functions of the archive
- ◆ Collections

Applications are available at: Town Administration Building, 39 N. Ninth St.; or downloaded from the Town's website: www.clarkdale.az.gov/forms.html.



Temporary Closure of Clark Memorial Library

The Clarkdale Library is closing temporarily for renovations beginning August 2nd and will reopen in early October. Having received funds through various grants and generous donations, the Town of Clarkdale is preparing for a major renovation of the Clark Memorial Library. Projects in the renovation will include structural repair, new wall and floor coverings and a new floor design requiring the library to be temporarily closed.

- ◆ During the closure there will be no regular library services available, this includes check-out, check-in, new holds, services by phone and use of the public computers.
- ◆ Items reserved/placed on hold prior to August 2nd will remain in the system to be filled. Patrons will be notified by phone if an item(s) is received and arrangements for pick-up will be made.
- ◆ The book drop will be available only for returning items that were checked out at the Clarkdale Library.

Through the on-line order process patrons may order items on-line at the Yavapai County Library website www.yavapailibrary.org and select any other library in the district as a destination for delivery of items. The Clarkdale library will not be available as a pick-up destination for new holds placed during the closure. The reopening date of the Clark Memorial Library and Open House will be scheduled and announced.

Volunteers are needed to help move all books and furnishings in the library to the Clubhouse for storage during the renovation. We will start this project on August 2. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Margie at 639-2441.

We apologize for the inconvenience to our patrons, but look forward to providing a new and improved library atmosphere to the community.



Town of Clarkdale Website

Information and services available at www.clarkdale.az.gov

- ◆ Clarkdale History
- ◆ Departments
- ◆ Town Meetings
- ◆ Mayor & Council
- ◆ Board & Commissions
- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Town & Zoning Codes
- ◆ General Plan
- ◆ Community News
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- ◆ Photo Gallery
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Press Releases
- ◆ Contacts
- ◆ Links
- ◆ Search
- ◆ Pay Utility Bills



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What a Clarkdale July 4th celebration this year!

It takes a lot of people with loads of energy coming together to set the stage for the community event each year...and this year was no exception. Thank you to all who supported the work of the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce and Town of Clarkdale in making another day of fun and memories.

Speaking of supporters...the Chamber extends a heartfelt thanks to all businesses and individuals who donate to the raffle drawings and silent auctions that help support the efforts of the Chamber and its community projects. Health, body, household, and auto services... jewelry, home décor, books, and art...dining, lodging, train riding, wild animal visiting...are just a few of the prizes that grace our Clarkdale events. We appreciate the donors as well as those who buy the tickets and offer the bids. The Chamber is able to sponsor the August 28th Concert in the Park because of you!

Chamber Coordinator Elizabeth Gerstner is keeping regular hours at the Caboose Visitor Center now with the support of a grant from NACOG. Drop by when the flags are flying and see what's going on. Contact the Chamber at 928.634.9438 or info@clarkdalechamber.com. Membership is open to individuals, families, and businesses. Join in!

Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum

Clarkdale Restoration Commission

Did you know our very own Clark Memorial Clubhouse was the venue for operettas in the early 1980's? The Jerome Civic Light Opera Association presented these operas to raise funds for the Clarkdale Restoration Commission. The Clarkdale Women's Club and local citizens were also involved in the restoration and rehabilitation of the clubhouse, (dedicated in 1926) which served as a focal point for community recreation and cultural enrichment.



Over \$25,000 was raised from February of 1983 through September of 1989 through the efforts of this commission which included Pep Bright, Dorothy Benatz, Janice Benatz, John and Betty Bell, Ed and Dee King, Vesta Northcross, Del Turner, Eleanor Small, and Ken and Pat Watson. Stop in to see the new exhibit in September which features original playbills, costumes, and photos recently donated to the Museum, located at 900 First North St. The museum is open Wednesday-Sunday 10:00 - 1:00.