



TOWN OF CLARKDALE - A 2012 CENTENNIAL TOWN

“SMALL TALK”

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BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES 2012

Volunteers are needed to apply for Board and Commission vacancies. Now is your chance to make a difference in your community and help guide the future of Clarkdale. We are requesting applications for the following Board and Commission appointments:



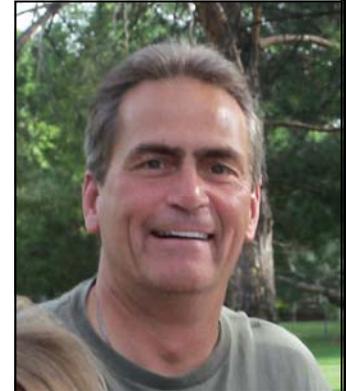
- ◆ **Board of Adjustment – Three (3) terms**
- ◆ **Design Review Board – Two (2) terms**
- ◆ **Library Advisory Board – Three (3) terms**
- ◆ **Parks and Recreation Commission – Two (2) terms**
- ◆ **Planning Commission – Three (3) terms**
- ◆ **Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board – One (1) term**

The only qualification for applicants is that they must reside within the Clarkdale Town Limits. Boards and Commissions usually meet once per month but can meet more or less often depending on Town Business. Please visit: www.clarkdale.az.gov/Boards and Commissions.htm for a detailed description.

Applications are due by August 20, 2012. Applications may be downloaded from the Town's website at www.clarkdale.az.gov/forms.html and are also available at the Administration Building, 39 N. Ninth St. Clarkdale, AZ 86324. Return completed applications to the Clarkdale Administration Building. For information please contact MaryEllen.dunn@clarkdale.az.gov or 928.639.2400.

CLARKDALE POLICE CHIEF RANDY TAYLOR

We are very happy to introduce Randy Taylor and to welcome he and his family to Clarkdale. Randy began full time employment here on August 6th, filling a Chief's seat kept warm this past year by Interim Public Safety Director, John Wintersteen.



Randy comes to us with a 30-year proven record in law enforcement, leadership and community involvement serving most recently as Police Chief in Ellis, KS. Randy is a career police professional and we look forward to our Police Department's continued growth under his guidance.

Randy's wife Denise and son Jordan have also made the move here, and all look forward to settling in and calling Clarkdale their home. Randy expects to be working hard as he gets up to speed in his new position, including meeting folks in the community.

Please take the opportunity to say 'hi' when you see him, or drop by the Police Department and introduce yourself!

PARKS & REC IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS YEAR'S HALLOWEEN EVENT

The 2012 Clarkdale Halloween Event will be on Wednesday, October 31st! We are calling for volunteers, 14 years and older, to help with this special event.

Assignments include:

- * separating and bagging candy (this is done one week prior to the event, date to be determined)
- * delivering candy to residents (9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on 10/31)
- * working road blocks (5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on 10/31)
- * assisting with the costume contest (5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on 10/31)



In addition, the Town is seeking volunteers who reside outside of Upper Clarkdale who would like to assist with handing out candy (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on 10/31) in Upper Clarkdale. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Parks & Recreation at (928) 639-2490 or dawn.norman@clarkdale.az.gov.

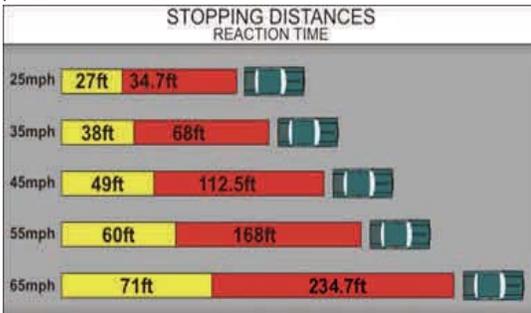
POLICE REPORT TRAFFIC CRASHES INCREASE 50%



Even with the proactive efforts of our officers who conducted 50 traffic stops in June (29 written warnings and 17 citations) there were still three reported property damage traffic collisions, one of which resulted in an injury or death. These are alarming statistics for the first six months of 2012. We have seen an increase of 50% for collisions and an increase of 800% in those that cause injury or death over the same time period in 2011. **By this time last year, there was only one reported collision resulting in injury or death; so far this year, there have been nine.**

What is the cause for the rise in traffic collisions? The two biggest factors appear to be speeding and driver inattention.

The maximum speed on Broadway between Clarkdale and Cottonwood is 50 mph, yet officers made a number of traffic stops in which drivers were going as fast as 65mph; 15 miles above the speed limit. The fine for this offence is \$200. On 89A, where the speed limit is 45 mph, for a driver traveling 20 miles over the speed limit, the fine is \$302. On Black Hills Drive where the speed limit is 25 mph, a driver traveling at 46 mph or higher can expect to receive a criminal citation with a fine starting at \$405.



Under ideal weather conditions, the distance required for a driver to react and stop the average vehicle going 45 mph is about 153 feet. At 65 mph, that time and distance more than doubles.

School is now in session. The Clarkdale Police Department reminds you to please slow down and take the time to watch out for students crossing the street, waiting at their bus stop or walking home. Let's work together to keep our community safe and reverse the rising trend in injury collisions.

? ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY ?

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as making an emergency supply kit and developing a family communications plan, are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency.

However, there are important differences among potential emergencies that will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. Learn more about the potential emergencies that could happen where you live and the appropriate way to respond to them.

In addition, learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local government.

Emergency preparedness is no longer the sole concern of earthquake prone Californians and those who live in the part of the country known as "Tornado Alley." Preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared. Go to www.ready.gov for important information.

Emergency Preparedness - Supply Kit



You may need to survive on your own after an emergency.

This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could receive help in hours, or it might take days. In addition, basic services may be cut off for days, or even a week or longer.

This is a partial list of recommended items to include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ◆ **Water**, one gallon of water per person per day for at

- least three days, for drinking and sanitation;
- ◆ **Food**, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food;
- ◆ Battery-powered or hand crank **radio** and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both;
- ◆ **Flashlight** and extra batteries;
- ◆ **First aid kit**
- ◆ **Whistle** to signal for help;
- ◆ **Dust mask**, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place;
- ◆ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic tie **supplies for personal sanitation**;
- ◆ **Basic hand tools**—wrench or pliers to turn off utilities;
- ◆ **Can opener** for food (if kit contains canned food);
- ◆ **Local maps**;
- ◆ **Cell phone** with chargers, inverter or solar charger.

NEWS FROM THE CLARKDALE HERITAGE SOCIETY & MUSEUM

If you haven't been in to see our newest exhibit on the military people of Clarkdale, you are missing out. Tom Nestor, his workers from the VFW, and Jess Valdez have loaned us fabulous military uniforms, medals, albums, flags, gas masks, and many personal items for viewing.

Photos and personal biographies have been gathered by Mary Lu Estlick over a period of six months from many local families and compiled into one large binder. Plan to stop by and linger awhile.

Mark your calendars for our next fundraiser, September 23, from 2:00 to 5:00 at Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge. We will be honoring local citizens who have made significant contributions to the history of our wonderful town. A short program, introductions, and a question and answer time will be followed by appetizers and beverages and a chance to mingle. Admission is \$20. For information please call 649-1198.

THE STORY LADY RETURNS!

Thursday, August 16th

**Clark Memorial Library
39 N. Ninth St.**

Join Her Every Thursday

11:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

